

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE YORK AREA, ENGLAND

LOCATION: York is located in the county of North Yorkshire in northeastern England. The city is situated on both banks of the River Ouse. York is the cultural center of northern England, and enjoys essentially the same status as London in southern England. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:02	9:44	11:49	14:00	15:57	17:03	16:35	14:53	12:47	10:37	8:39	7:31
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:18	2:07	3:12	4:43	6:05	6:23	5:36	5:05	4:05	2:49	1:35	1:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	32%	38%	39%	37%	40%	34%	34%	45%	39%	38%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	23°	24°	26°	30°	34°	41°	46°	44°	39°	32°	29°	25°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	35°	36°	40°	44°	50°	54°	53°	49°	44°	39°	36°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43°	45°	49°	55°	61°	67°	70°	69°	64°	56°	49°	44°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	55°	61°	66°	74°	80°	81°	79°	75°	66°	58°	54°
FROSTY MORNINGS	51%	46%	27%	21%	4%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	22%	32%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	70%	57%	58%	51%	52%	56%	56%	64%	67%	71%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	44°	42°	42°	44°	48°	54°	56°	58°	56°	53°	49°	47°
DRY DAYS	44%	47%	58%	55%	57%	55%	55%	56%	56%	50%	43%	46%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	81%	82%	78%	79%	78%	78%	78%	78%	74%	72%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.29	0.25	0.27	0.32	0.34	0.40	0.41	0.31	0.39	0.38	0.34
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.9"	5.2"	1.9"	1.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.0"	1.6"
SNOWY DAYS	14%	17%	5%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	1%	1%	2%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	22%	19%	17%	10%	10%	5%	8%	15%	17%	21%	21%	25%

COMMENTS: The prevailing winds are out of the west, and the air that they bring is strongly influenced by the waters of the North Atlantic and Irish Sea over which they pass. This marine air keeps the area from getting as cold as its latitude (the same as Labrador) would suggest. It also brings a great deal of moisture to the York area. Some sort of moisture--be it rain, snow, drizzle, wet fog, or whatever--is occurring on a third of the hours of the year. The long midsummer days are made even longer by the addition of about an hour of twilight after sunset in the evening, and another hour before sunrise in the morning. During midwinter, on the other hand, you will be lucky to see the sun at all. Half the days are too cloudy to permit even a few minutes of sunshine. When it does shine, York's latitude ensures that it will be only a few degrees above the horizon--even at local noon.