

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TEGUCIGALPA AREA, HONDURAS

LOCATION: Tegucigalpa is the capital and primate city of Honduras. The city lies in the upper valley of the Choluteco River, between two ranges of volcanic mountains. Elevations are around 3,300 feet above sea level in the city, and twice that in the nearby mountains.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:24	11:41	12:03	12:27	12:47	12:57	12:53	12:36	12:14	11:50	11:30	11:19
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:46	7:55	8:39	8:12	7:08	5:46	6:42	6:56	6:08	6:15	6:21	6:28
AREA OF BLUE SKY	46%	52%	56%	48%	34%	25%	27%	28%	24%	28%	36%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	49°	51°	53°	57°	60°	61°	60°	59°	60°	58°	54°	51°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	58°	58°	60°	63°	65°	65°	64°	64°	64°	64°	62°	59°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	78°	81°	85°	86°	86°	83°	82°	83°	83°	81°	79°	77°
HIGH FOR MONTH	85°	88°	92°	92°	91°	88°	86°	88°	87°	85°	84°	84°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	1%	14%	18%	10%	3%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	49%	44%	39%	39%	47%	55%	52%	52%	55%	58%	57%	55%
DRY DAYS	84%	86%	92%	88%	66%	45%	53%	52%	39%	52%	70%	76%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	98%	97%	93%	76%	65%	75%	74%	60%	71%	85%	96%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.24	0.94	1.03	0.54	0.57	1.19	0.78	0.26	0.07
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	3%	15%	33%	35%	18%	22%	31%	14%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	29%	33%	39%	50%	50%	42%	43%	43%	46%	36%	33%	30%

COMMENTS: Tegucigalpa has an upland version of the tropical wet-and-dry climate. Its elevations keeps temperatures from rising as high as in similar latitudes at sea level. Its tropical location ensures that there is little change in the length of the daylight period from one month to the next, and not much of a change in temperatures. The rainy season varies from year to year, but usually starts sometime in May and lasts until sometime in October. During that season, skies are cloudier, afternoons are more humid, and it rains on about half the days. The dry season takes over in November and runs until April. At this time of year, skies are sunnier, afternoons less humid, and it only rains about once a week. Temperatures reach a peak during the last part of the dry season, just before the rains come. Like most Central American capitals, Tegucigalpa has a smog problem brought on by automotive engines, agricultural burning, domestic fires, and industry all belching forth their fumes in a valley that rarely gets cleansing winds. About one day in five is windless, and one or two others have only light winds. Such days have the worst smog problems.