

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CANBERRA AND THE CAPITAL TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: Canberra is the capital of Australia, and is located in the southeastern part of that continent. The city is situated in the Australian Capital Territory, which sits in the highlands of the Great Dividing Range, roughly halfway between Sydney and Melbourne. The Territory is completely surrounded by the state of New South Wales. Elevations in the capital are in the vicinity of 1,800 feet above sea level, but rise to more than 2,700 feet in elevation at the summit of Mount Ainslie.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:15	13:25	12:21	11:14	10:18	9:50	10:02	10:48	11:51	12:58	13:58	14:30
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:12	8:39	7:39	6:55	5:31	4:45	5:16	6:08	7:30	8:08	9:01	9:11
AREA OF BLUE SKY	51%	49%	51%	50%	47%	46%	49%	50%	52%	48%	47%	50%
LOW FOR MONTH	44°	44°	39°	32°	26°	23°	22°	23°	27°	31°	35°	40°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	55°	55°	51°	44°	38°	34°	32°	34°	38°	43°	48°	52°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82°	81°	76°	67°	59°	53°	52°	55°	61°	67°	73°	79°
HIGH FOR MONTH	97°	94°	88°	79°	69°	61°	59°	64°	73°	81°	88°	94°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	5%	27%	43%	52%	40%	22%	5%	1%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	21%	13%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	12%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	37%	40%	42%	49%	56%	62%	61%	55%	50%	46%	41%	37%
DRY DAYS	77%	76%	77%	74%	73%	67%	66%	62%	67%	65%	71%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	90%	91%	90%	91%	91%	92%	89%	90%	87%	88%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.34	0.37	0.36	0.33	0.31	0.28	0.27	0.32	0.31	0.41	0.38	0.33
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	12%	11%	6%	4%	2%	1%	0%	3%	5%	8%	12%	12%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	4%	7%	12%	20%	22%	20%	12%	11%	8%	5%	3%

COMMENTS: The area has a mid-latitude four-season year. Bright sunshine occurs on 60% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 48% in June to a high of 65% in January. The low temperature for the year will be near 21° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 99° some sunny summer afternoon. Precipitation is light, with a slight warm season maximum. Snow flurries occur during the cool season, but snow on the ground is almost unknown. Some years get no snow at all. The fog is mostly restricted to the low spots, with hills frequently rising above it. As is the case with most hilly places, a lot of what kind of weather you get depends on your elevation, slope orientation, shading, and air drainage. Local differences loom large in the eyes of the local residents.