

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO OAHU'S HONOLULU RESORT AREA, HAWAII

LOCATION: The Hawaiian Islands are located in the northern Pacific Ocean. Honolulu is located on the leeward (*kona*) south shore of the island of Oahu. The city is spread along the shoreline and up the lower slopes of the Koolau Range of low mountains. Elevations are near sea level in the city center, but rise several hundred feet higher in the northern suburbs and at Diamond Head.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:00	11:26	12:01	12:38	13:09	13:25	13:18	12:52	12:17	11:41	11:09	10:52
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:56	7:27	7:48	8:14	8:47	9:14	9:26	9:22	8:59	7:56	6:57	6:33
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	47%	42%	42%	45%	47%	50%	50%	49%	46%	44%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	61°	61°	61°	63°	66°	68°	70°	70°	70°	68°	65°	63°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	66°	66°	67°	69°	70°	72°	73°	74°	73°	72°	70°	68°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	78°	78°	78°	79°	81°	83°	84°	84°	84°	83°	81°	79°
HIGH FOR MONTH	81°	81°	81°	82°	83°	84°	85°	86°	86°	85°	84°	82°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%	13%	12%	5%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	62%	60%	59%	57%	56%	55%	56%	57%	60%	63%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	76°	76°	76°	76°	78°	79°	80°	80°	81°	81°	79°	77°
DRY DAYS	63%	62%	65%	65%	70%	72%	67%	69%	68%	66%	63%	63%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	85%	88%	90%	94%	98%	95%	97%	94%	90%	88%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.65	0.47	0.50	0.28	0.16	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.17	0.31	0.42	0.59
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	5%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 67% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 60% in December, to a high of 73% in September. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 59°, and the highest might well be near 87°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Table values are for the city center. There are major differences in rainfall within the Honolulu metropolitan area. Elevation and slope orientation can cause large swings in rainfall over short geographic distances. Local residents will be happy to explain these to you. The dominant winds are the trade winds. These blow out of the northeastern quarter almost all the time during the warmer months, and most of the time during the cooler ones. The *koolau* or windward coasts of the islands are cloudier and much wetter than the *kona* or leeward coasts. On the *kona* coasts, when the winds are out of the southwest ("*kona* weather"), the weather turns muggy and frequently stormy.