

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MIAMI METROPOLITAN AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Miami is located on the Atlantic coast of southeastern Florida, near the southern tip of the Florida Peninsula. The city is situated on the western shore of Biscayne Bay, and is separated from the Atlantic Ocean by that bay and the offshore island of Miami Beach. The surrounding landscape is a flat coastal plain. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:44	11:17	12:00	12:46	13:24	13:44	13:35	13:03	12:20	11:35	10:55	10:34
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:10	8:00	8:49	9:27	9:19	8:43	9:09	8:59	8:00	7:30	7:04	6:51
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	50%	49%	50%	44%	35%	37%	38%	35%	42%	47%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	42°	44°	48°	55°	63°	69°	71°	72°	71°	62°	51°	44°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	60°	61°	64°	68°	71°	75°	76°	76°	75°	72°	66°	62°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	75°	76°	78°	81°	84°	87°	88°	89°	87°	84°	79°	76°
HIGH FOR MONTH	82°	84°	86°	88°	90°	92°	92°	93°	91°	89°	85°	83°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	16%	26%	30%	17%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	57%	56%	55%	60%	66%	64%	66%	67%	64%	62%	60%
NEARBY WATERS	76°	76°	76°	78°	80°	82°	84°	85°	84°	82°	80°	76°
DRY DAYS	77%	78%	81%	78%	66%	53%	50%	48%	41%	53%	71%	78%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	89%	90%	88%	77%	66%	70%	68%	64%	72%	87%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.34	0.37	0.59	1.01	1.28	0.98	1.08	1.38	1.19	0.50	0.28
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	4%	6%	13%	24%	39%	47%	46%	38%	14%	4%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 64% in June, to a high of 74% in March and April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 38°, and the highest might well be near 94°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones from November through April, and up to 8° hotter during the summer. The table data are for the city center. Miami Beach is a bit more moderate in temperature (higher lows and lower highs), while the airport area (where the weather observations are now taken) is a bit more extreme (higher highs and lower lows). Areas of the city close to the Bay get most of their rain in the morning hours. Inland areas tend to get most of it in the afternoon. Summer rains usually fall as a series of brief showers, with dry spells in between. Winter rains tend to be lighter, but longer-lasting.