

# SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PENSACOLA AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Pensacola is located on the Gulf of Mexico in the extreme western part of the Florida "panhandle", just a short distance from the Georgia border. The city is situated on the western shores of Pensacola bay, near the mouth of the Escambia River. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:26	11:06	11:59	12:54	13:41	14:05	13:55	13:15	12:23	11:28	10:40	10:14
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:40	6:19	7:28	8:58	9:59	10:02	9:01	9:03	8:21	8:34	6:53	5:21
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	44%	46%	51%	53%	49%	42%	45%	52%	60%	54%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	25°	29°	34°	44°	54°	64°	69°	69°	60°	44°	33°	28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44°	47°	53°	60°	67°	73°	75°	75°	71°	61°	51°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60°	63°	68°	74°	81°	87°	88°	88°	85°	78°	69°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	72°	73°	78°	83°	89°	93°	95°	95°	92°	87°	79°	74°
FROSTY MORNINGS	20%	14%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	34%	50%	48%	24%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	60%	60%	59%	60%	61%	65%	66%	62%	56%	59%	63%
NEARBY WATERS	56°	58°	63°	71°	78°	84°	85°	86°	82°	74°	65°	58°
DRY DAYS	68%	67%	70%	78%	77%	69%	58%	60%	70%	83%	75%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	78%	80%	85%	83%	76%	70%	72%	78%	88%	84%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.71	0.84	0.88	0.71	0.62	0.86	1.13	1.16	1.02	0.64	0.61	0.69
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	6%	10%	14%	13%	18%	32%	49%	44%	24%	7%	7%	6%
FOGGY DAYS	14%	14%	15%	8%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	8%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on two-thirds of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 52% in December, to a high of 75% in October. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 21°, and the highest might well be near 97°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones in all months except for the July through September season, when they will be up to 7° hotter than actual ones. Pensacola has a four-season sub-tropical year, with long hot and humid summers and short mild winters. Spring and autumn are usually the most pleasant times of year. The dozen or so days each year with sub-freezing temperatures do not have much effect on the year round growth of both the natural vegetation and crops. Clear days are common. Over the course of the year, you can expect about one day in three will be essentially clear. October leads all months with 52% such clear days. Summer rains tend to brief and intense, and are usually associated with the afternoon and early evening thundershowers. Cool season rains are more likely to be frontal and longer-lasting. They can occur at an time of the day or night.