

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE QUAD CITIES AREA, ILLINOIS & IOWA

LOCATION: The Quad Cities (actually, there are seven of them) are a metropolitan area on the border between southeastern Iowa and northwestern Illinois. The cities of Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa are joined across the Mississippi River in Illinois by Rock Island and Moline—plus Milan, Silvis, and East Moline. Many bridges connect the cities with one another. Elevations are close to 580 feet above sea level. The area is in the heart of the Corn Belt.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:33	10:35	11:55	13:19	14:30	15:08	14:52	13:51	12:32	11:09	9:55	9:15
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:30	5:18	6:09	7:17	8:34	9:55	10:29	9:16	7:49	6:25	4:25	3:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	38%	36%	39%	42%	45%	52%	51%	51%	50%	39%	35%
LOW FOR MONTH	-10°	-6°	8°	24°	35°	46°	52°	49°	36°	27°	12°	-4°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	14°	18°	28°	40°	51°	61°	65°	63°	55°	44°	31°	20°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	30°	34°	46°	60°	72°	81°	86°	83°	76°	64°	47°	35°
HIGH FOR MONTH	51°	54°	72°	82°	89°	94°	96°	95°	91°	83°	69°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	92%	89%	65%	19%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	53%	85%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	14%	29%	17%	6%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	63%	58%	52%	50%	51%	55%	56%	54%	51%	60%	68%
DRY DAYS	71%	72%	66%	63%	61%	65%	72%	72%	70%	74%	72%	71%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	88%	80%	77%	77%	78%	80%	81%	82%	86%	85%	86%
DRY HOURS	83%	85%	85%	88%	91%	94%	94%	95%	93%	92%	87%	84%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.7"	6.1"	5.5"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.0"	6.1"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	23%	20%	14%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	19%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	7%	12%	22%	27%	26%	21%	15%	7%	4%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	5%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%

COMMENTS: : Bright sunshine is likely on 56% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 40% in December, to a high of 71% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -14°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones—except for July and August, when they will be two or three degrees warmer than actual ones. The area has a standard mid-latitude four-season year, with the seasons fairly distinct. Autumn is a particularly delightful season, and has the greatest frequency of clear days (two out of five) of any time of year. Spring is also pleasant, although a bit wetter. Summer can be hot and humid on occasion, and winters are cloudy, cold, and frequently snowy.