

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BOSTON METROPOLITAN AREA, MASSACHUSETTS

LOCATION: Boston, the capital and primate city of Massachusetts, is located in the eastern part of that state. The city is situated at the mouth of the Charles River where it empties into Massachusetts Bay. That bay, in turn, is an indentation of the Atlantic Ocean. Elevations are all close to sea level. In addition to all of the normal urban amenities, Boston has a wealth of historic attractions.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:28	10:32	11:55	13:21	14:35	15:14	14:58	13:55	12:33	11:07	9:51	9:09
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:52	5:59	6:47	7:35	8:31	9:36	9:40	8:56	7:51	6:30	4:51	4:37
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	43%	41%	40%	40%	42%	42%	46%	47%	46%	40%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	4°	5°	15°	29°	38°	49°	57°	54°	44°	34°	23°	8°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21°	22°	30°	39°	49°	58°	64°	63°	56°	46°	36°	26°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	36°	37°	45°	55°	67°	76°	81°	79°	72°	62°	51°	40°
HIGH FOR MONTH	56°	55°	66°	79°	87°	93°	95°	93°	89°	81°	70°	60°
FROSTY MORNINGS	83%	83%	57%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	29%	70%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	15%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	58%	56%	55%	57%	58%	59%	60%	60%	58%	61%	59%
NEARBY WATERS	40°	38°	38°	41°	48°	55°	62°	65°	60°	55°	50°	45°
DRY DAYS	62%	64%	62%	63%	63%	66%	69%	68%	71%	71%	65%	64%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	79%	79%	77%	78%	81%	83%	81%	83%	82%	78%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.59	0.60	0.62	0.60	0.52	0.53	0.51	0.58	0.53	0.53	0.65	0.58
LIKELY SNOWFALL	11.8"	11.9"	7.5"	1.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.5"	7.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	29%	30%	19%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	22%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	2%	3%	7%	11%	15%	12%	6%	2%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	6%	6%	6%	5%	9%	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 49% in November, to a high of 65% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to zero, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Winter is the dominant season, and lasts from early November through late April. The ground is rarely snow-covered all winter; thaws and rainy spells leave the ground bare for extended periods. Spring is a short transition season into summer. Summers are warm more often than hot, and run from early June through the middle of September. Autumn is another brief season, marked by the leaves first turning color and then dropping. Meanwhile alternating spells of warm and cold weather chase one another across the calendar from early September through early November. Then comes winter once again. Boston gets the occasional "noreaster", a cold storm from the northeast off of the north Atlantic.