

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE WILMINGTON AREA, NORTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: Wilmington is located in southeastern North Carolina. The city is situated at the head of the estuary of the Cape Fear River. Part of the Coastal Plain, the landscape around Wilmington is generally flat and frequently marshy. Elevations everywhere are close to sea level. A long sandy peninsula runs south of the city between the estuary on the west and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. This peninsula terminates a short distance from Bald Head Island and Cape Fear. This area is the site of a number of popular beach resort and recreation areas.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:09	10:56	11:57	13:02	13:56	14:24	14:13	13:27	12:26	11:22	10:26	9:56
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:45	6:29	7:42	9:08	9:38	9:46	9:10	8:34	8:00	7:37	6:49	5:44
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	41%	44%	48%	43%	41%	38%	39%	42%	52%	50%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	23 °	29 °	37 °	47 °	57 °	64 °	63 °	54 °	40 °	29 °	22 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37 °	38 °	44 °	52 °	61 °	68 °	72 °	71 °	66 °	55 °	45 °	38 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	57 °	58 °	65 °	72 °	80 °	86 °	88 °	87 °	83 °	75 °	66 °	59 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	73 °	74 °	80 °	86 °	91 °	95 °	96 °	95 °	92 °	85 °	79 °	74 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	35%	30%	9%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	28%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	22%	37%	31%	10%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	55%	54%	51%	58%	62%	66%	66%	65%	59%	57%	58%
NEARBY WATERS	64 °	62 °	61 °	64 °	69 °	77 °	81 °	82 °	80 °	76 °	71 °	63 °
DRY DAYS	67%	65%	68%	72%	70%	64%	56%	57%	67%	77%	76%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	78%	78%	84%	81%	77%	70%	73%	80%	86%	84%	81%
DRY HOURS	89%	90%	91%	94%	94%	94%	94%	93%	93%	93%	93%	91%
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	4%	7%	10%	17%	25%	35%	28%	12%	4%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	6%	6%	7%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a "low" of 57% in January, to a high of 70% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 17°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 7° warmer than actual ones from late May through early September, and a few degrees cooler than actual ones during the rest of the year. Over the course of the year, more than a third of the days will be clear and sunny. October (46%), November (44%), and April (41%) lead the pack. Winter snowfall is limited pretty much to flurries, with the snow usually melting as it falls. The area will experience a tropical storm about one year in seven, and a true hurricane about one year out of eighteen. July through October is the most likely time of year for one of these storms. Early warning systems are excellent.