

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CAPE MAY RESORT AREA, NEW JERSEY

LOCATION: The Cape May resort area is located in extreme southern New Jersey. It occupies a rather broad peninsula that separates Delaware Bay from the Atlantic Ocean. Atlantic City lies some forty-five miles to the northeast of the Cape. The area claims to be the nation's oldest seaside resort area, with visitors dating back to the middle 1700's. The landscape is level and quite marshy in spots. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. North Wildwood is the service center for the Atlantic shoreline, while Vilas serves the much-less-developed Bay shore.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:47	10:43	11:56	13:12	14:17	14:52	14:37	13:42	12:30	11:14	10:06	9:30
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:48	5:47	6:44	7:33	8:32	9:23	9:22	8:47	7:48	6:54	5:30	4:35
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	41%	41%	41%	41%	44%	44%	46%	47%	50%	43%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	14°	13°	22°	30°	43°	52°	60°	57°	46°	39°	21°	15°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28°	28°	35°	44°	53°	62°	67°	67°	62°	52°	42°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42°	42°	48°	59°	68°	77°	82°	81°	76°	67°	56°	45°
HIGH FOR MONTH	56°	58°	63°	73°	80°	88°	94°	91°	86°	77°	69°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	72%	68%	34%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	19%	56%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	17%	11%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	53%	55%	56%	57%	56%	58%	59%	62%	59%	57%	56%	56%
NEARBY WATERS	37°	37°	42°	50°	59°	68°	73°	74°	72°	61°	52°	42°
DRY DAYS	67%	64%	62%	61%	67%	65%	69%	69%	74%	73%	73%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	79%	80%	80%	81%	82%	83%	83%	86%	84%	83%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.54	0.56	0.62	0.53	0.50	0.51	0.59	0.73	0.54	0.50	0.51	0.58
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.5"	4.7"	2.4"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	2.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	10%	11%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	4%	8%	18%	19%	21%	18%	8%	3%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	11%	14%	11%	9%	9%	7%	7%	7%	8%	11%	11%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 48% in December, to a high of 64% in the July and August high season. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 11°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. In keeping with most of the Middle-Atlantic region, the Cape May area has four distinct seasons. Over the course of the year, one day in five will be clear and sunny. October leads all months with roughly one clear day in three. During midsummer, one day in six will warm to above the 90° mark. During midwinter, six days out of seven will warm to above freezing.