

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ASHLAND AND THE UPPER ROGUE RIVER VALLEY, OREGON

LOCATION: Ashland is located in the upper reaches of the Rogue River in southwestern Oregon. The city lies on the slopes of the Siskiyou Mountains, at an elevation of some 1,780 feet above sea level. Ashland is the site of the annual Shakespearean Festival, that runs from the middle of February through October.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:29	10:33	11:55	13:20	14:34	15:13	14:57	13:54	12:32	11:07	9:52	9:10
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:53	4:17	5:15	7:10	8:50	10:05	12:49	11:15	9:24	5:41	3:13	2:04
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	28%	29%	35%	44%	54%	80%	79%	70%	48%	29%	18%
LOW FOR MONTH	14 °	16 °	24 °	29 °	33 °	38 °	42 °	43 °	36 °	29 °	23 °	13 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	30 °	32 °	34 °	37 °	42 °	47 °	52 °	51 °	46 °	40 °	35 °	31 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46 °	51 °	56 °	63 °	70 °	77 °	87 °	85 °	77 °	66 °	53 °	46 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	58 °	63 °	69 °	78 °	82 °	91 °	96 °	95 °	90 °	82 °	67 °	58 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	68%	55%	47%	25%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	45%	63%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	12%	37%	27%	13%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	58%	50%	43%	39%	34%	27%	27%	30%	46%	66%	76%
DRY DAYS	59%	62%	64%	65%	72%	82%	94%	96%	84%	76%	66%	62%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	80%	82%	85%	84%	90%	97%	97%	93%	85%	78%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.45	0.38	0.31	0.24	0.25	0.18	0.06	0.06	0.14	0.26	0.43	0.49
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.8"	2.8"	2.2"	0.6"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.6"	2.6"
SNOWY DAYS	7%	5%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	2%	5%	6%	5%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	33%	18%	5%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	12%	30%	38%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine may be expected on some 54% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 23% in December to a high of 86% in July. The annual range of temperatures in a typical year will span some 96°, from a low in the single digits some frigid winter morning to a high just over 100° some sunny summer afternoon. The summers are quite dry. Winter snowfalls are light at this elevation, but substantially greater at the higher elevations. During the winter months, Ashland and the valley bottoms may be fogged in while the upper slopes are in bright sunshine. Summer afternoons can be expected to be very sunny, have low humidities, and be moderately hot. Summer nights are often quite cool, and a sweater or light jacket are welcomed by theater-goers. Winter afternoons are usually cloudy, humid, and chilly rather than really cold. Winter afternoons will fail to warm above freezing only three or four times each year. Winter nights drop below freezing more often than not, but below-zero temperatures are unknown in most years.