

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE KUNMING AREA (YUNNAN), CHINA

LOCATION: Kunming is located in the province of Yunnan in southwestern China. It is the provincial capital, and its largest population center. The city is situated at the northern end of Lake Dian, in the foothills of the Liangwang Mountains. Elevations are more than 6,000 feet above sea level, with the peaks north of town rising several thousand feet higher.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:46	11:18	12:00	12:44	13:22	13:41	13:33	13:01	12:20	11:36	10:57	10:37
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:45	8:19	8:32	8:32	7:10	4:30	4:18	5:06	4:45	5:06	6:18	6:45
AREA OF BLUE SKY	66%	66%	66%	57%	39%	19%	18%	24%	27%	33%	49%	62%
LOW FOR MONTH	29°	32°	35°	44°	50°	54°	57°	57°	51°	44°	36°	30°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35°	38°	43°	49°	57°	61°	62°	61°	58°	53°	44°	37°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60°	63°	69°	75°	77°	76°	76°	76°	73°	69°	64°	60°
HIGH FOR MONTH	67°	71°	77°	82°	84°	82°	82°	81°	80°	77°	72°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	65%	52%	30%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	19%	55%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	41%	40%	38%	40%	52%	67%	71%	69%	66%	62%	58%	48%
DRY DAYS	92%	86%	88%	82%	63%	44%	36%	39%	51%	57%	77%	89%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	94%	95%	91%	79%	63%	56%	60%	70%	76%	88%	96%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.06	0.09	0.11	0.13	0.56	1.15	1.31	1.29	0.83	0.50	0.27	0.08
SNOWY DAYS	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	4%	6%	11%	13%	27%	33%	33%	15%	6%	3%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 53% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 32% during the rainy southwest monsoon in July, to a high of 74% during the dry northeast monsoon of February. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 28° at some windless winter sunrise, and the high will be near 85° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be slightly lower than actual ones. The area's climate is essentially monsoonal, although during the winter months the area tends to rise above the relatively shallow layers of the northeast monsoon into the dry and cloudless upper air. Winter storms are associated with a thickening of these monsoon air masses. Although frosty mornings are common in winter, afternoons below freezing are virtually unknown. Snow on the ground is rare, and usually does not last for long. Most visitors find the winter months to be much more pleasant in terms of weather than the more humid, cloudy, and rainy summers.