

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE VANCOUVER AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

LOCATION: Vancouver is located in the southwestern corner of mainland British Columbia. The city is situated on the Strait of Georgia, at the mouth of the Fraser River, and just north of the border with the United States. The metropolitan area sits on many islands and peninsulas, and is quite hilly. Elevations in town are generally within a few hundred feet of sea level, but Mount Garibaldi, just north of town, rises to almost 9,000 feet in elevation.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:43	10:07	11:52	13:42	15:18	16:11	15:49	14:26	12:40	10:51	9:12	8:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:39	2:58	4:06	5:57	7:36	7:30	9:26	8:11	6:04	3:35	1:59	1:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	22%	26%	31%	33%	36%	36%	51%	51%	46%	31%	22%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	19 °	23 °	28 °	33 °	37 °	44 °	48 °	48 °	41 °	34 °	27 °	22 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	32 °	34 °	37 °	41 °	47 °	52 °	55 °	55 °	50 °	44 °	39 °	35 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41 °	45 °	50 °	57 °	63 °	68 °	73 °	72 °	65 °	57 °	48 °	43 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	51 °	53 °	59 °	67 °	75 °	80 °	82 °	82 °	76 °	67 °	57 °	52 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	41%	29%	17%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	22%	35%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	84%	78%	72%	65%	63%	63%	62%	64%	71%	79%	83%	86%
NEARBY WATERS	46 °	45 °	46 °	48 °	52 °	56 °	57 °	59 °	55 °	51 °	49 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	44%	45%	47%	55%	65%	66%	79%	76%	69%	52%	42%	38%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	58%	64%	67%	74%	81%	81%	90%	87%	81%	68%	59%	56%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.34	1.10	0.89	0.59	0.45	0.40	0.22	0.27	0.56	1.04	1.33	1.46
LIKELY SNOWFALL	11.2 "	6.2 "	2.9 "	0.3 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.2 "	2.0 "	5.3 "
SNOWY DAYS	14%	11%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	11%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	22%	18%	8%	3%	2%	2%	2%	9%	24%	32%	27%	28%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 41% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 16% in December, to a high of 60% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 13°, and the highest should be near 86°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Vancouver has a relatively warm and moderate climate--especially when compared with eastern Canada. This has attracted many people from the eastern part of the country, from other parts of the British Commonwealth, and especially from former British territories in Asia. The city has the largest Chinese population on the west coast of North America. Even during the coldest winter month, most days start out above the freezing point and remain at least a few degrees above it throughout the afternoon. Summers are fairly dry, with long warm afternoons and short cool nights.