

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BIRMINGHAM AND THE SOUTHERN MIDLANDS, ENGLAND

LOCATION: Birmingham, Britain's second-largest city after London, is located in the central part of the country. The city is situated on level terrain, cut here and there by old canals. Elevations are some 500 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:16	9:52	11:50	13:54	15:44	16:44	16:19	14:43	12:45	10:42	8:50	7:47
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:30	2:06	3:13	4:28	5:34	6:06	5:36	5:15	4:11	2:57	1:52	1:22
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	29%	31%	33%	36%	35%	37%	38%	36%	33%	33%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	22°	23°	26°	30°	34°	41°	46°	45°	40°	33°	28°	24°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	33°	36°	39°	44°	50°	53°	53°	49°	44°	39°	36°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42°	43°	48°	54°	60°	66°	69°	68°	63°	56°	48°	44°
HIGH FOR MONTH	53°	54°	60°	65°	73°	78°	80°	79°	74°	65°	58°	54°
FROSTY MORNINGS	38%	43%	27%	15%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	21%	33%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	81%	77%	69%	61%	60%	59%	59%	62%	65%	73%	78%	82%
DRY DAYS	44%	50%	55%	53%	54%	57%	55%	55%	56%	53%	46%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	80%	79%	77%	77%	78%	78%	77%	77%	75%	73%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.38	0.34	0.32	0.32	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.35	0.41	0.44	0.43
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.0"	5.3"	3.3"	0.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.0"	4.1"
SNOWY DAYS	18%	19%	11%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	11%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	3%	8%	7%	9%	6%	4%	2%	5%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	10%	7%	8%	9%	6%	5%	8%	10%	16%	12%	14%

COMMENTS: The region has a four-season year. Precipitation is light and relatively evenly distributed throughout the year. It peaks in autumn and early winter and reaches a minimum in late winter and early spring. Rainy days tend to be rainy off and on all day long. Sunshine is scarce, and about one day in four or five will get none at all. Summer afternoons are long, very cloudy, humid, and mild--occasionally warm and rarely hot. Summer nights are cool and damp. About one summer day per week is clear, bright, and warm. Winter afternoons are short, overcast, raw, and chilly to cold. Nights are even colder. One winter day in three starts out below freezing, but only during the outbreaks of arctic air do the afternoons fail to warm above freezing. Snowfalls and flurries are common during the winter, but are usually mixed in with rain and sleet. Hence, snow rarely remains on the ground for long, especially in the city proper.