

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BRAUNSWEIG AREA, GERMANY

LOCATION: Braunschweig is located in Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen), in north-central Germany. The city was the seat of Henry the Lion, who ruled Saxony and Bavaria in the 12th century. It is situated on the Oker River, in rather flat countryside cut by many canals. Twenty-five miles to the northeast lies Wolfsburg, the home of the Volkswagen. Elevations in Braunschweig are around 275 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:18	9:53	11:50	13:53	15:42	16:42	16:17	14:42	12:44	10:42	8:52	7:49
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:39	2:19	4:18	5:45	7:00	7:47	7:02	6:43	5:30	3:35	1:33	1:22
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	25%	31%	34%	36%	38%	33%	36%	38%	30%	22%	23%
LOW FOR MONTH	12°	12°	21°	28°	35°	42°	47°	47°	40°	31°	25°	17°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28°	28°	34°	39°	46°	52°	56°	55°	50°	43°	37°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	37°	38°	47°	55°	65°	69°	73°	73°	66°	56°	45°	39°
HIGH FOR MONTH	50°	53°	62°	72°	80°	84°	87°	87°	80°	70°	58°	53°
FROSTY MORNINGS	55%	62%	34%	15%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	26%	44%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	80%	76%	66%	57%	54%	57%	60%	60%	63%	71%	80%	83%
DRY DAYS	45%	47%	57%	54%	59%	54%	53%	56%	56%	56%	47%	47%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	83%	80%	79%	79%	75%	76%	78%	78%	79%	76%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.32	0.29	0.27	0.30	0.34	0.40	0.52	0.44	0.35	0.35	0.32	0.31
LIKELY SNOWFALL	8.0"	6.7"	3.4"	1.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.0"	5.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	22%	24%	12%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	16%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	1%	3%	9%	10%	10%	9%	4%	1%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	19%	21%	12%	11%	9%	8%	10%	10%	13%	18%	16%	19%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 37% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 17% in December, when 45% of the days get no sunshine at all; to a high of 47% in June, when only one day in seven is overcast. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 5° some frigid February sunrise, and the highest should be near 90° some hot and humid August afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones—except on the hottest days. At that time, the high humidities will make the hot days seem even hotter. Summers are usually mild to warm, rather than hot. Winters are usually cloudy, wet, and raw rather than extremely cold. From December through February, only one afternoon in four will fail to warm to above the freezing point, and only three out of five nights will drop below that point. Snow is common during the winter months, but rain is more common. Consequently, snow rarely stays on the ground for long.