

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PERTH AREA (WESTERN AUSTRALIA), AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: Perth is located on the southwestern coast of Australia. It is the capital and primate city of the state of Western Australia. The city is situated on the banks of the Swan River, not too far from where it empties into the Indian Ocean. Elevations within the metropolitan area are all close to sea level. However, the Darling Range, just to the east of the city, rises to almost 2,000 feet in elevation.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:59	13:15	12:19	11:20	10:31	10:06	10:17	10:58	11:53	12:52	13:44	14:12
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	10:25	10:00	8:48	7:18	5:49	4:49	5:19	6:06	7:06	8:05	9:42	10:25
AREA OF BLUE SKY	72%	69%	66%	57%	47%	41%	44%	45%	51%	51%	62%	69%
LOW FOR MONTH	54°	53°	51°	47°	43°	41°	39°	40°	42°	44°	48°	52°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	63°	63°	61°	56°	52°	49°	47°	47°	49°	52°	56°	60°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87°	87°	83°	76°	70°	65°	63°	64°	67°	71°	77°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	102°	102°	98°	91°	81°	72°	68°	73°	79°	85°	94°	99°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	30%	32%	19%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	18%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	43%	42%	44%	48%	57%	63%	62%	60%	57%	54%	48%	46%
NEARBY WATERS	70°	71°	71°	71°	70°	68°	66°	65°	65°	65°	67°	68°
DRY DAYS	90%	89%	85%	73%	55%	43%	40%	44%	53%	66%	78%	85%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	95%	94%	86%	73%	62%	61%	66%	74%	82%	90%	96%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.05	0.08	0.12	0.29	0.77	1.16	1.06	0.85	0.53	0.33	0.14	0.07
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	5%	5%	5%	4%	8%	7%	6%	5%	3%	3%	4%	5%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	1%	3%	6%	6%	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: The area has a Mediterranean-type climate, with its typical “winter rain and summer drought”. Local custom, however, has superimposed a four-season terminology inherited from the climate of the British Isles. Summer afternoons are very sunny, with some two to three clear days out of five. Afternoon humidities are moderately low, and the temperatures are definitely hot--occasionally very hot. Summer nights are generally mild and clear. Winter afternoons are still moderately sunny, fairly humid, and mild to cool. Winter nights are chilly, but frost is rare and spotty when it does occur. You can expect a clear day about one out of six. Perth’s winter clouds are fairly thick, and when they get between the city and the sun they can cut off the sunshine pretty thoroughly.