

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SYDNEY AREA, AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: Sydney is located on the coast of New South Wales in southeastern Australia. The city is situated on a number of inlets off of the Tasman Sea, most notably Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay. Almost all of the metropolitan area of Australia's largest city is close to sea level. The Blue Mountains, west of the city, rise to more than 4,000 feet in elevation.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:08	13:21	12:20	11:17	10:24	9:57	10:08	10:53	11:52	12:55	13:52	14:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:15	6:40	6:19	6:07	5:50	5:53	6:06	6:53	7:10	7:23	7:38	7:27
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	41%	46%	49%	51%	51%	56%	59%	56%	50%	44%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	58 °	58 °	56 °	50 °	45 °	41 °	40 °	41 °	44 °	48 °	52 °	55 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	65 °	65 °	63 °	58 °	52 °	48 °	46 °	48 °	51 °	56 °	60 °	63 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	78 °	78 °	76 °	71 °	66 °	61 °	60 °	63 °	67 °	71 °	74 °	77 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	95 °	92 °	89 °	82 °	75 °	70 °	70 °	74 °	83 °	89 °	91 °	95 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	7%	6%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	5%	8%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	65%	64%	64%	63%	62%	58%	54%	54%	56%	59%	60%
NEARBY WATERS	71 °	72 °	72 °	70 °	68 °	64 °	62 °	62 °	64 °	65 °	67 °	70 °
DRY DAYS	59%	54%	56%	57%	55%	61%	62%	65%	64%	62%	61%	59%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	76%	78%	74%	80%	77%	81%	84%	84%	84%	83%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.59	0.75	0.79	0.85	0.78	0.81	0.68	0.48	0.47	0.46	0.50	0.49
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	13%	13%	10%	10%	7%	5%	5%	7%	10%	13%	15%	17%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	2%	4%	6%	9%	7%	6%	5%	3%	2%	2%	1%

COMMENTS: Sydney is located in a humid sub-tropical climate. Killing frosts do not occur in most years, even in most decades. Vegetation continues to grow, bloom, and fruit all year around. Rainfall is abundant in all months, and humidity is moderate to high. On the other hand, there are significant changes in the length of the daylight period and in temperature from one time of year to another. The end result is a two-season year based on these differences. The high-sun season runs from November through March. It gets somewhat more hours of sunshine, but a somewhat lesser percentage. Afternoons are generally warm to slightly hot--occasionally very hot. "Southerly Busters" are cold squalls that approach suddenly after a period of hot and oppressive weather. The low-sun season takes up the rest of the year, April through October. It has a higher percentage of sunshine, but fewer hours because of the shorter days. Afternoons are generally mild to cool, and occasionally chilly. The last snowfall was in 1836, when it snowed for half an hour. Cold air drainage from the mountains behind the city is often felt in the night and early morning hours throughout the year.