

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE WELLINGTON AREA (SOUTH ISLAND), NEW ZEALAND

LOCATION: Wellington is located on Cook Strait between New Zealand's North Island and South Island. The city is the nation's capital, and is situated on the southern tip of North Island. The landscape is hilly, but most of the city is close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:47	13:44	12:24	11:02	9:52	9:16	9:31	10:30	11:47	13:10	14:25	15:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:28	7:11	6:08	5:06	4:02	3:31	3:29	4:30	5:32	5:52	6:47	7:21
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	32%	32%	30%	29%	29%	28%	31%	30%	29%	29%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	47 °	48 °	44 °	42 °	38 °	35 °	34 °	34 °	36 °	39 °	41 °	45 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	56 °	56 °	54 °	51 °	47 °	44 °	43 °	43 °	46 °	48 °	50 °	54 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	69 °	69 °	67 °	63 °	58 °	55 °	53 °	54 °	57 °	59 °	62 °	66 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	78 °	78 °	75 °	70 °	65 °	61 °	60 °	61 °	64 °	67 °	71 °	75 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	71%	70%	74%	76%	78%	76%	74%	74%	74%	72%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	61 °	61 °	60 °	59 °	57 °	54 °	52 °	53 °	53 °	54 °	56 °	58 °
DRY DAYS	68%	68%	65%	57%	49%	44%	42%	46%	51%	55%	58%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	80%	80%	75%	70%	68%	66%	69%	72%	73%	76%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.50	0.58	0.53	0.64	0.77	0.80	0.87	0.76	0.64	0.67	0.58	0.57
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%	6%	6%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: The area has a very temperate marine climate. Both hot days and below-freezing days are rare, and most years pass without either. Rainfall is abundant and is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year, with a slight cool season maximum. Summer afternoons are moderately sunny, humid, and mild to warm. Winter afternoons are cloudy, very humid, and cool to chilly. Snow flurries occur, but not in most years.

Wellington is one of the windiest major cities in the country. Its mean speed is just under 12 mph. At the higher elevations in town, the wind speed is even greater. The combination of strong winds, high humidities, and low temperatures can create a considerable "wind chill" factor. You may safely assume that the "sensible" temperatures in Wellington are significantly lower than those shown on the thermometer.