

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

LOCATION: Christchurch is located on the eastern (South Pacific) side of New Zealand's South Island. The city is situated on the northern side of the Banks Peninsula, facing on Pegasus Bay. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. Christchurch is the major port of entry for South Island, and New Zealand's third largest city. It is often described as the most English of the country's cities. The city is famous for its gardens.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	15:01	13:52	12:26	10:56	9:41	9:01	9:18	10:22	11:46	13:16	14:37	15:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:55	6:36	5:38	4:42	4:17	3:47	4:02	4:41	5:35	6:02	6:56	6:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	39%	38%	40%	40%	40%	40%	41%	40%	39%	38%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	42 °	42 °	38 °	33 °	29 °	26 °	26 °	26 °	30 °	32 °	36 °	40 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	53 °	53 °	50 °	45 °	40 °	36 °	35 °	37 °	41 °	44 °	47 °	51 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	70 °	69 °	66 °	62 °	56 °	51 °	50 °	52 °	57 °	62 °	65 °	68 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	86 °	84 °	81 °	76 °	69 °	63 °	61 °	65 °	70 °	76 °	79 °	84 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	2%	14%	34%	36%	23%	9%	2%	1%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	56%	61%	61%	63%	61%	63%	63%	58%	54%	55%	55%
NEARBY WATERS	59 °	59 °	59 °	57 °	54 °	52 °	51 °	51 °	51 °	53 °	54 °	58 °
DRY DAYS	68%	71%	71%	67%	61%	57%	57%	65%	67%	67%	67%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	85%	86%	85%	82%	79%	77%	78%	82%	83%	83%	83%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.34	0.32	0.34	0.33	0.44	0.43	0.42	0.34	0.30	0.29	0.32	0.35
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	5%	9%	11%	8%	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Christchurch has a temperate marine version of the standard mid-latitude four-season climate. Despite its location on the leeward side of the island, the city is strongly influenced by its oceanic location. This has a moderating influence on all aspects of weather. Both very hot days and very cold days are rare. Summers are mild to warm, and winters are cool to cold. Precipitation (almost all rain) occurs in all months, with a winter maximum. Because of its leeward location from the country's tallest mountains, this is the driest part of the nation of New Zealand. Much of the rain that characterizes the area comes in the form of day-long light drizzles mixed with heavy mists. Although they don't bring much rain, they do get things wet. The Irish refer to such weather as a "soft" day. Philosophical acceptance and warm woollens help.