

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ANCHORAGE AREA, ALASKA

LOCATION: Anchorage is Alaska's largest city. It is located on the south-central coast of that largest of all fifty states. The city is situated at the head of Cook Inlet, on the shores of a mountainous peninsula that is bracketed by two arms of that inlet. The city itself is close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	6:30	8:57	11:45	14:40	17:26	19:11	18:25	15:52	13:01	10:08	7:24	5:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:24	4:00	6:16	7:55	8:57	9:24	8:10	6:18	4:59	3:41	2:28	1:37
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	30%	33%	30%	23%	22%	22%	21%	22%	24%	26%	25%
LOW FOR MONTH	-15 °	-10 °	-4 °	15 °	28 °	38 °	43 °	39 °	28 °	11 °	-3 °	-14 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	6 °	9 °	15 °	27 °	37 °	46 °	50 °	48 °	40 °	28 °	15 °	7 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	20 °	26 °	33 °	43 °	55 °	62 °	65 °	63 °	56 °	42 °	28 °	21 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	40 °	42 °	45 °	54 °	66 °	74 °	76 °	72 °	65 °	54 °	43 °	40 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	97%	94%	76%	11%	0%	0%	1%	10%	65%	93%	98%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	65%	57%	53%	50%	55%	62%	64%	64%	67%	74%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	36 °	36 °	37 °	36 °	40 °	46 °	51 °	53 °	52 °	47 °	43 °	39 °
DRY DAYS	75%	74%	79%	82%	82%	76%	64%	55%	53%	64%	73%	72%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	90%	94%	94%	94%	90%	83%	80%	78%	83%	90%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.14	0.14	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.17	0.30	0.40	0.43	0.29	0.17	0.16
LIKELY SNOWFALL	10.4 "	9.5 "	8.9 "	4.8 "	0.5 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.2 "	6.4 "	10.1 "	13.5 "
SNOWY DAYS	52%	50%	40%	31%	3%	0%	0%	0%	2%	28%	48%	60%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	20%	15%	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	3%	4%	7%	13%	17%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 42% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 28% in December, to a high of 54% in April. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around -21° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 78° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be a few degrees cooler than actual ones during the warmer weather, and essentially the same as actual ones the rest of the time. The temperatures and precipitation values in the table above are city-center temperatures. The "official" conditions out at the airport are both cooler and less snowy. Lakes and rivers "freeze up" about the middle of October, and remain frozen until "breakup" about the middle of April.