

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BERKELEY AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Berkeley is located in the San Francisco Bay area of central California. The city, home of the main branch of the University of California, is situated at the northeast end of San Francisco bay, and runs up the hills surrounding the Bay to the campus. Elevations run from sea level to several hundred feet above it.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:52	10:46	11:56	13:10	14:12	14:45	14:31	13:38	12:29	11:16	10:11	9:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:15	6:12	7:29	8:58	9:30	9:49	8:41	7:44	8:02	7:29	6:01	5:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	42%	46%	51%	54%	57%	56%	53%	59%	59%	50%	46%
LOW FOR MONTH	37 °	41 °	43 °	45 °	48 °	51 °	52 °	53 °	53 °	50 °	44 °	38 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43 °	45 °	46 °	48 °	50 °	53 °	54 °	54 °	55 °	52 °	48 °	44 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56 °	59 °	61 °	64 °	66 °	69 °	70 °	69 °	71 °	69 °	63 °	57 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	65 °	70 °	74 °	79 °	83 °	87 °	86 °	85 °	90 °	86 °	75 °	65 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	64%	61%	58%	59%	59%	61%	63%	59%	58%	62%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	52 °	51 °	53 °	54 °	55 °	57 °	61 °	63 °	62 °	58 °	57 °	56 °
DRY DAYS	65%	66%	68%	83%	91%	96%	99%	99%	95%	88%	76%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	77%	81%	87%	95%	98%	99%	99%	98%	94%	85%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.81	0.71	0.54	0.28	0.12	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.20	0.42	0.68
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	25%	17%	5%	4%	7%	7%	11%	9%	12%	12%	13%	21%

COMMENTS: The area has a Mediterranean-type three-season year. Bright sunshine occurs on 61% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 53% in January to a high of 68% in April. The low temperature for the year will be near 36° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 94° some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) are essentially the same as actual ones. A typical summer afternoon will be sunny (after the fog and/or mists burn off), humid, rainless, and mild to warm. Nights are cool and damp. A typical winter afternoon will be moderately sunny, foggy or misty, quite humid, and cool rather than cold. Nights will be chilly and damp, but below-freezing temperatures are rare. Snow flurries are not unknown, but actual falls are extremely rare. Spring is a season of renewed vegetative vigor and blossoming, and the rains of winter gradually taper off to the drought of summer. Since vegetative growth continues unabated throughout the year and since the native woody plants are evergreen, there is no "fall".