

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO OAKLAND AND THE EAST BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION: San Francisco Bay is located about two-thirds of the way up the Pacific coast of California. Oakland sits across this bay from San Francisco, with the neighboring communities of Alameda, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, and Hayward strung out along the eastern shore of the Bay to the south of Oakland. The coastline is hilly, with elevations ranging from sea level to 3,849 feet above it at the summit of Mount Diablo, some fifteen miles back of the Bay. The climate is dominated by the westerly winds off the Pacific and the Bay. They keep summers cooler and winters warmer than places farther inland.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:53	10:47	11:56	13:09	14:12	14:45	14:31	13:38	12:29	11:16	10:11	9:37
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:43	5:36	7:09	8:41	9:35	10:20	10:00	8:56	8:50	7:19	5:11	4:44
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	38%	43%	49%	54%	60%	65%	62%	65%	58%	43%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	33°	37°	39°	42°	46°	50°	52°	52°	51°	47°	39°	34°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	41°	44°	46°	48°	51°	54°	55°	56°	55°	52°	47°	42°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55°	58°	61°	64°	67°	71°	71°	71°	72°	69°	62°	56°
HIGH FOR MONTH	66°	69°	75°	80°	84°	88°	87°	85°	89°	86°	76°	66°
FROSTY MORNINGS	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	1%	5%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	68%	65%	62%	64%	66%	66%	67%	63%	63%	66%	69%
NEARBY WATERS	51°	54°	56°	58°	62°	64°	66°	66°	66°	62°	58°	53°
DRY DAYS	62%	63%	69%	83%	90%	95%	99%	98%	95%	87%	78%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	78%	82%	90%	96%	98%	99%	99%	99%	93%	86%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.70	0.63	0.48	0.25	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.19	0.39	0.58
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	13%	9%	4%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	5%	10%	14%

CLIMATE: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 48% in cloudy January, to a high of 71% in sunny September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to freezing at some chilly winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 91° on some windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Oakland enjoys a maritime version of the Mediterranean-type climate, with winter rain and summer drought. Rainfall comes primarily during the cooler months, and diminishes as you go southward along the Bay. Winter is also characterized by fog that forms in the late evening and doesn't burn off until just before noon of the next day. Summer fog is usually low cloud that rolls in from the Pacific, and usually clears by noon. Summers are mild to warm, rarely hot. Some summer days can be quite chilly, with the low cloud, the dampness and the winds; and warm clothing is often needed in every season. The rare hot days usually occur when the skies are clear, and the wind either drops or comes out of the northeast.