

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DOVER AREA, DELAWARE

LOCATION: Dover, the capital of the state of Delaware, is located in the central part of that state. The city is situated on the St. Jones River, some seven miles to the west of Delaware Bay. It is one of the most attractive state capitals in the country. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:46	10:43	11:56	13:13	14:18	14:53	14:38	13:43	12:30	11:13	10:06	9:29
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:50	5:46	6:41	7:25	8:12	9:18	9:12	8:26	7:33	6:45	5:20	4:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	38%	38%	38%	38%	42%	42%	44%	45%	47%	40%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	10 °	9 °	20 °	29 °	41 °	51 °	56 °	55 °	45 °	35 °	24 °	13 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26 °	27 °	34 °	43 °	53 °	62 °	67 °	65 °	59 °	48 °	38 °	29 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	44 °	45 °	54 °	65 °	75 °	83 °	87 °	85 °	80 °	69 °	57 °	46 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	61 °	63 °	72 °	81 °	88 °	93 °	96 °	94 °	90 °	83 °	72 °	62 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	74%	73%	45%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	32%	65%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	23%	35%	26%	10%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	57%	52%	51%	53%	54%	55%	57%	56%	55%	57%	59%
DRY DAYS	65%	68%	64%	66%	65%	70%	70%	69%	74%	76%	71%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	80%	76%	77%	77%	80%	81%	79%	83%	84%	80%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.54	0.55	0.64	0.57	0.60	0.59	0.73	0.82	0.64	0.51	0.56	0.54
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.0 "	5.5 "	2.9 "	0.3 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.1 "	0.5 "	3.4 "
SNOWY DAYS	13%	11%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	4%	8%	15%	18%	22%	19%	8%	3%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	12%	9%	6%	6%	5%	4%	6%	7%	11%	10%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 57% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 49% in December and January, to a high of 63% in June and July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 6°, and the highest might well be near 99°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be very close to actual ones. The area has the standard mid-latitude four-season year, with hot summers and chilly to cold winters. Precipitation is abundant, and is fairly well distributed throughout the year. Most of it is frontal in nature, with some summer afternoon and evening thunderstorms thrown in for good measure. Summer afternoons are generally hot--occasionally very hot. They are fairly sunny and moderately humid. Summer nights are mild to warm, and generally dewy. Winter afternoons are moderately sunny, humid, and chilly more often than cold. Only about one winter afternoon in ten fails to rise above freezing. Winter nights do drop below freezing most of the time. Snow flurries and snowfalls are common, but snow rarely stays on the ground for long--especially in town. Most of the weather is frontal, and changes every few days.