

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE COLUMBUS AREA, GEORGIA

LOCATION: Columbus is located in eastern Georgia, on the border with Alabama. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the Chattahoochee River. Across the river, to the west, is Phenix City in Alabama. The landscape is essentially a plain, and elevations are around 250 feet above sea level. The city of Columbus is hemmed in on its southern and eastern margins by the Fort Benning Military Reservation. On the riverfront is the Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Center, whose name pretty well describes its attractions.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:17	11:01	11:58	12:58	13:49	14:15	14:04	13:21	12:24	11:25	10:32	10:04
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:36	5:34	6:24	8:10	8:15	8:49	7:53	8:07	6:54	7:06	5:39	4:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	38%	39%	46%	43%	43%	37%	43%	44%	54%	46%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	18 °	22 °	28 °	36 °	47 °	58 °	66 °	64 °	53 °	38 °	28 °	21 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36 °	38 °	46 °	52 °	61 °	69 °	72 °	71 °	67 °	55 °	45 °	38 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	58 °	61 °	69 °	77 °	84 °	90 °	92 °	91 °	87 °	78 °	68 °	60 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	73 °	76 °	83 °	88 °	92 °	97 °	98 °	97 °	94 °	88 °	81 °	75 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	42%	32%	12%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	16%	38%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	2%	19%	57%	66%	65%	35%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	54%	51%	48%	51%	52%	58%	57%	56%	52%	54%	58%
DRY DAYS	70%	68%	72%	75%	75%	69%	59%	67%	75%	83%	78%	71%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	76%	77%	82%	81%	79%	72%	80%	84%	88%	84%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.70	0.88	0.92	0.65	0.58	0.64	0.92	0.68	0.51	0.39	0.54	0.75
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	7%	13%	15%	22%	30%	43%	30%	12%	3%	4%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	12%	10%	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	6%	9%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 56% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 45% in January, to a high of 63% in April and October. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 14 , and the highest should be near 100 . Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly higher than actual ones from July through early October, due to the humidity. The Columbus area has a four-season year. Rainfall is abundant in all seasons, with two peaks: one in late winter and early spring, and the other during the thunderstorm season of July and August. Winter (December through February) has mild to cool days and cold nights. Mornings will start out below freezing on one day in three. Snow flurries are common enough, but snow on the ground is rare. Summer (late May through early September) features hot to very hot days and warm sultry nights. Much of the rain that falls comes from afternoon and evening thundershowers. Spring and autumn are essentially seasons of transition, with warm spells and cool spells alternating across the calendar. However, these two seasons bring the area its sunniest, driest, and most pleasant weather. April and October are particularly nice.