

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LEXINGTON AND THE BLUE GRASS COUNTRY, KENTUCKY

LOCATION: Lexington is located in the north-central part of Kentucky. The city is situated in a natural grassy basin (the “Blue Grass Country”), bounded by the Ohio River to the north and west, and the Cumberland Plateau to the south and east. The native grass only has that steel-blue sheen at certain times in the spring. Elevations are under 1,000 feet above sea level—rising as you approach the Cumberland Plateau, and dropping towards the Ohio river.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:51	10:46	11:56	13:10	14:13	14:46	14:32	13:39	12:29	11:15	10:10	9:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:36	4:24	5:19	6:47	8:12	9:03	9:12	8:41	7:43	6:34	4:27	3:28
AREA OF BLUE SKY	29%	32%	33%	38%	43%	45%	48%	50%	51%	51%	38%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	2°	5°	17°	28°	38°	46°	56°	53°	42°	30°	18°	8°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	25°	27°	35°	44°	54°	63°	67°	65°	59°	47°	36°	28°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41°	44°	54°	64°	74°	82°	86°	84°	79°	67°	54°	44°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	66°	75°	83°	87°	93°	95°	94°	92°	83°	75°	65°
FROSTY MORNINGS	74%	69%	45%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	38%	66%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	16%	28%	23%	9%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	61%	55%	51%	54%	55%	56%	55%	54%	53%	60%	66%
DRY DAYS	59%	58%	58%	60%	62%	62%	64%	69%	73%	74%	66%	62%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	79%	74%	77%	75%	76%	76%	81%	84%	85%	79%	78%
DRY HOURS	78%	81%	84%	89%	92%	94%	95%	96%	94%	92%	86%	81%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.0"	4.5"	2.9"	0.4"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.2"	3.3"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	16%	14%	9%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	11%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	3%	9%	13%	20%	29%	28%	22%	12%	4%	3%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	7%	4%	1%	2%	2%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 52% of the year’s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 36% in December and January, to a high of 64% in August. The year’s lowest temperature should be close to -3°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The area has a four-season year. Summer afternoons are fairly sunny, fairly hot, and moderately humid. Winter afternoons are fairly cloudy, fairly cold, and quite humid. Four out of five winter afternoons will remain above freezing. Snowfall is light, and snow rarely remains on the ground past noon of the next day in most years. The August through October period is generally considered to have the nicest weather of the year, and does have the highest percentage (about 40%) of clear days. Spring is pleasant, but fairly wet.