

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE COLUMBIA - JEFFERSON CITY AREA, MISSOURI

LOCATION: Both Columbia and Jefferson City are located in central Missouri—about midway between Kansas City and St. Louis. Jefferson City is located on the Missouri River, and is the capital of the state. Columbia is about twice the size of the capital, and is home to the University of Missouri. Elevations of both cities are between 700 and 800 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:47	10:43	11:56	13:12	14:17	14:52	14:37	13:42	12:30	11:14	10:06	9:30
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:01	5:45	6:36	7:37	8:48	10:00	10:34	9:24	8:04	7:04	5:25	4:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	36%	35%	38%	37%	42%	50%	49%	49%	48%	37%	34%
LOW FOR MONTH	-3 °	0 °	15 °	28 °	39 °	51 °	56 °	54 °	40 °	30 °	17 °	3 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	20 °	24 °	33 °	44 °	54 °	63 °	67 °	65 °	58 °	46 °	34 °	25 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38 °	42 °	54 °	65 °	75 °	84 °	89 °	87 °	80 °	69 °	54 °	42 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	58 °	66 °	78 °	84 °	86 °	93 °	98 °	98 °	92 °	85 °	73 °	63 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	83%	78%	48%	10%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	44%	77%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	21%	47%	39%	16%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	62%	56%	53%	59%	58%	55%	54%	56%	55%	61%	66%
DRY DAYS	75%	71%	67%	64%	59%	64%	74%	72%	70%	73%	72%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	86%	81%	76%	76%	81%	83%	82%	82%	82%	82%	86%
DRY HOURS	86%	85%	88%	90%	92%	95%	96%	96%	93%	91%	87%	85%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.2 "	5.9 "	3.9 "	0.6 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.1 "	1.3 "	4.0 "
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	13%	16%	8%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	11%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	3%	10%	17%	28%	33%	25%	27%	19%	10%	7%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	5%	6%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	6%

COMMENTS: : Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 48% in December, to a high of 72% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -8°, and the highest should be near 100°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The area gets the standard mid-latitude four seasons, and the seasons are recognizably distinct. Late summer and early fall generally have the most nice days, although many residents will vote for spring with its beautiful dogwoods (the state flower) and other blossoming trees. During the winter months, about one day in four will fail to warm to above freezing, and snow may stay on the ground for weeks at a time. Summer afternoons tend to be hot and moderately humid. Most of the summer rain comes as a series of brief and vigorous thundershowers.