

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HARRISBURG AREA, PENNSYLVANIA

LOCATION: Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania, is located in the southeastern quarter of that state. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the broad Susquehanna River, at the point that it emerges from the Appalachian Plateau. Elevations are a few hundred feet above sea level. The landscape is hilly to the south and east, mountainous to the north and west.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:40	10:39	11:55	13:15	14:24	15:00	14:45	13:47	12:31	11:11	10:01	9:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:29	5:39	6:40	7:41	8:48	9:42	9:57	8:56	7:43	6:31	4:42	4:04
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	37%	37%	38%	39%	40%	43%	43%	46%	46%	36%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	17°	18°	26°	37°	46°	56°	61°	59°	50°	39°	30°	20°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	23°	24°	32°	42°	52°	61°	66°	64°	57°	46°	36°	27°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	37°	39°	49°	61°	72°	80°	85°	83°	76°	64°	51°	40°
HIGH FOR MONTH	57°	60°	72°	83°	89°	94°	96°	94°	91°	82°	71°	60°
FROSTY MORNINGS	83%	82%	52%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	32%	73%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	13%	23%	15%	5%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	54%	51%	48%	51%	51%	52%	54%	55%	53%	56%	58%
DRY DAYS	63%	65%	63%	61%	60%	62%	67%	68%	70%	73%	68%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	79%	78%	77%	76%	79%	81%	81%	83%	84%	80%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.49	0.50	0.52	0.55	0.65	0.66	0.61	0.63	0.56	0.50	0.48	0.52
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.2"	9.9"	6.3"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.7"	6.6"
SNOWY DAYS	18%	18%	12%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	12%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	7%	14%	22%	24%	18%	10%	3%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	5%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	5%	5%	6%

COMMENTS: Look for bright sunshine on some 57% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 43% in December to a high of 68% in July. September and October get the most clear days, about one in three. Over the course of the year, you can expect temperatures to drop down into the 'teens on some frigid winter morning and rise into the high 90's some sunny summer afternoon. Precipitation is moderate, and is very evenly distributed throughout the year with a very slight summer maximum induced by the thundershowers of that season. A typical summer afternoon will be sunny, moderately humid, and hot. Summer nights are typically mild. A typical winter afternoon will be cloudy, humid, and cold. About one winter afternoon in four will fail to warm above the freezing point. Winter nights are quite cold, but below-zero temperatures do not occur every year. Winter snows are characteristic of the season, but so is winter rain. The ground may be snow-covered for days at a time, but thaws are frequent.