

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO AUSTIN AND THE HIGHLAND LAKES AREA, TEXAS

LOCATION: Austin, the capital of Texas, is located in the southeastern part of that state, between San Antonio and Dallas. The city is situated at the edge of the Balcones Escarpment on Texas' own Colorado River, which flows southeast to the Gulf of Mexico. Elevations are some 540 feet above sea level. The Highland Lakes are a chain of seven reservoir lakes that extend upstream from the city on the Colorado River.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:26	11:06	11:59	12:54	13:40	14:04	13:54	13:15	12:23	11:28	10:40	10:15
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:00	5:43	6:41	7:12	7:56	9:49	10:28	9:59	8:19	7:30	5:50	4:31
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	40%	42%	40%	40%	49%	54%	55%	51%	54%	46%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	22°	26°	32°	42°	53°	63°	69°	68°	56°	44°	32°	26°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40°	43°	50°	58°	65°	71°	74°	74°	69°	59°	49°	42°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60°	64°	72°	79°	85°	92°	95°	95°	90°	81°	70°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	79°	82°	87°	90°	93°	98°	101°	101°	98°	92°	85°	79°
FROSTY MORNINGS	25%	15%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	16%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	2%	5%	23%	72%	91%	91%	58%	14%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	51%	48%	51%	56%	52%	45%	44%	50%	50%	53%	55%
DRY DAYS	76%	74%	78%	74%	75%	80%	84%	85%	78%	81%	78%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	86%	88%	86%	83%	86%	91%	90%	86%	86%	88%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.43	0.36	0.56	0.71	0.50	0.35	0.34	0.59	0.51	0.40	0.40
SNOWY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	8%	10%	15%	23%	17%	13%	15%	14%	9%	5%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	14%	10%	8%	5%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%	6%	9%	13%

COMMENTS: The area has a humid subtropical climate with a four-season year. Bright sunshine occurs on about 61% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 44% in December to a high of 75% in July. The low temperature for the year will be around 19°, while the high will be around 103°. Precipitation is light to moderate, with a thundershower-induced peak in early summer. Snowfall is very light, and many years have none at all. When it does occur, it melts almost as soon as it falls. A typical summer afternoon will be very sunny, moderately humid, and very hot. Sensible temperatures will be close to actual ones. Summer nights are quite warm and humid. A typical winter afternoon will be sunny half the time and cloudy the other half. Humidities will be moderate, and temperatures mild. In most years, every afternoon will warm above freezing. About two-dozen winter nights will drop below freezing, however. About once a week, you can expect some heavy winter fog along the river. Winter rains are lighter and more persistent than summer showers.