

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GALVESTON AREA, TEXAS

LOCATION: Galveston is located in southeastern Texas. The small city is situated on Galveston Island, some three miles offshore of Galveston Bay. It is tied to the mainland by a bridge carrying I-45. Once the largest city in Texas, it is now a thriving resort community. Its major attractions are its miles of sandy beaches and its restored Victorian-era buildings. Elevations are close to sea level—very close. In 1900 a massive and powerful hurricane utterly destroyed the city, leaving some 6,000 people dead—the most lives lost in any U. S. hurricane.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:30	11:09	11:59	12:52	13:37	14:00	13:50	13:12	12:22	11:30	10:44	10:19
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:59	5:41	6:43	7:51	9:07	10:30	9:58	9:23	8:21	8:10	6:20	4:57
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	42%	45%	47%	52%	59%	55%	55%	56%	63%	53%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	31°	34°	41°	51°	61°	69°	72°	72°	65°	54°	42°	35°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	48°	51°	57°	65°	71°	77°	79°	79°	75°	68°	58°	51°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	59°	61°	67°	74°	80°	86°	88°	88°	85°	78°	69°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	72°	73°	77°	82°	86°	91°	93°	93°	91°	86°	80°	73°
FROSTY MORNINGS	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	13%	18%	6%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	77%	75%	74%	75%	73%	70%	70%	69%	68%	65%	72%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	56°	58°	62°	71°	78°	84°	86°	87°	83°	76°	66°	59°
DRY DAYS	68%	71%	76%	80%	79%	77%	73%	71%	69%	80%	75%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	85%	89%	89%	85%	84%	84%	83%	79%	87%	85%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.58	0.49	0.41	0.48	0.58	0.65	0.65	0.71	0.94	0.57	0.59	0.60
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	6%	7%	9%	13%	16%	16%	24%	25%	19%	6%	6%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	17%	15%	14%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	11%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 47% in January, to a high of 75% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 27°, and the highest should be near 95°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to two degrees cooler than actual ones during the cooler months, and up to seven degrees warmer than actual ones during the heat of summer. Winters are mild, with below-freezing temperatures only occurring when the rest of the country is dominated by frigid Arctic air masses. Summers are hot and humid. The nicest seasons are spring (especially April and May) and autumn (especially October). The area has one chance in seven of getting a hurricane during the entire hurricane season (July through September) in any given year.