

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SEATTLE AREA, WASHINGTON

LOCATION: Seattle, Washington's largest city, is located in the northwestern part of that state. The city is situated on the eastern side of Puget Sound, an inlet of the Pacific Ocean. The city occupies a narrow strip of land between the Sound and Lake Washington. This strip is quite hilly, rising to more than 500 feet above sea level in places. The metropolitan area of Seattle extends from Tacoma on the south to Everett on the north, and east into the lower foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Table data are for the city center, not the airport (which is halfway to Tacoma).

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:55	10:13	11:53	13:36	15:07	15:55	15:35	14:17	12:38	10:55	9:23	8:32
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:22	3:36	5:09	6:43	7:56	8:14	9:56	8:23	6:26	3:50	2:20	1:54
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	25%	29%	34%	37%	39%	54%	51%	43%	29%	21%	20%
LOW FOR MONTH	23 °	26 °	30 °	35 °	40 °	45 °	49 °	49 °	43 °	36 °	31 °	27 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37 °	38 °	40 °	43 °	48 °	53 °	55 °	56 °	53 °	47 °	41 °	38 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46 °	49 °	53 °	58 °	64 °	69 °	73 °	74 °	68 °	60 °	51 °	47 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	56 °	59 °	65 °	75 °	81 °	85 °	88 °	87 °	82 °	72 °	62 °	58 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	25%	15%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	16%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	79%	73%	65%	58%	56%	54%	51%	54%	61%	73%	82%	83%
NEARBY WATERS	46 °	45 °	46 °	48 °	51 °	54 °	56 °	56 °	54 °	52 °	49 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	41%	43%	47%	56%	63%	70%	85%	83%	73%	61%	42%	39%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	71%	73%	77%	82%	85%	94%	92%	86%	78%	66%	66%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.82	0.68	0.53	0.38	0.28	0.24	0.11	0.13	0.29	0.48	0.83	0.92
SNOWY DAYS	11%	10%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	0%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	10%	10%	6%	3%	1%	0%	1%	5%	13%	19%	20%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 45% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 22% in December, to a high of 64% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 20°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a degree or two cooler than actual ones. Winter rains are three times as likely as winter snows. The grass will remain green throughout the winter. With its complex topography, Puget Sound on one side and Lake Washington on the other, the Seattle area has considerable local climatic variation. Generally speaking, both cloudiness and rainfall increase from west to east. Temperatures will drop with an increase in elevation from sea level, and proximity to both the Sound and to the lake tends to moderate temperatures. Afternoons and summers will be cooler near the water, and mornings and winters will be warmer.

