

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MADISON AND THE WISCONSIN DELLS

LOCATION: Madison, the capital of Wisconsin, is located in the south-central part of that state. It is situated in the drainage of the Rock River, and the city center is situated on a narrow peninsula between two of that drainage's lake, Lake Mendota and Lake Monona. Elevations are just under a thousand feet above sea level. The Wisconsin Dells are the state's most-visited recreation area, and are located on the Wisconsin River some forty miles north of Madison. The recreation area includes Devil's Lake State Park and the Ice Age National Science Reserve. The Dells are an area of cliff-bordered lakes and narrow canyons.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:24	10:30	11:54	13:23	14:39	15:19	15:02	13:58	12:33	11:05	9:47	9:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:14	5:13	6:08	7:00	8:22	9:39	10:16	8:55	7:21	5:52	3:49	3:28
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	36%	34%	34%	36%	40%	46%	46%	44%	42%	30%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	-13 °	-9 °	3 °	22 °	34 °	45 °	53 °	50 °	38 °	27 °	9 °	-7 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	9 °	12 °	24 °	36 °	47 °	57 °	62 °	60 °	52 °	41 °	27 °	16 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	25 °	29 °	40 °	55 °	68 °	77 °	82 °	80 °	72 °	59 °	43 °	30 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	44 °	46 °	61 °	76 °	84 °	89 °	93 °	91 °	87 °	78 °	63 °	48 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	97%	96%	81%	35%	4%	0%	0%	0%	2%	19%	66%	94%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	14%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	67%	63%	55%	54%	56%	55%	57%	59%	58%	67%	72%
DRY DAYS	70%	71%	67%	63%	62%	64%	70%	70%	68%	73%	71%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	89%	83%	79%	79%	79%	81%	80%	82%	85%	85%	87%
DRY HOURS	81%	84%	83%	86%	90%	93%	94%	94%	92%	91%	85%	81%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	10.2 "	7.6 "	8.0 "	1.9 "	0.1 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.3 "	3.3 "	8.8 "
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	30%	24%	22%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	14%	26%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	5%	13%	18%	25%	25%	21%	16%	6%	3%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	7%	7%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	6%	6%	8%

COMMENTS: : Bright sunshine is likely on 54% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 38% in December, to a high of 68% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -17°, and the highest should be near 94°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be very close to actual ones. The area has a four-season year, with winter the dominant season. Local lakes and streams are usually frozen from the middle of December through early April, and the ground is snow-covered about two-thirds of that time. Summer afternoons are more likely to be warm rather than hot, but July and August usually have several lengthy hot spells.