

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MILWAUKEE AREA, WISCONSIN

LOCATION: Milwaukee is located on the shore of Lake Michigan in southeastern Wisconsin. The city is situated at the place where the Milwaukee River, the Menominee River and the Kinnickinnic River all join together to empty into the lake. Elevations are some 600 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:25	10:30	11:54	13:23	14:39	15:19	15:02	13:57	12:33	11:06	9:47	9:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:13	5:05	6:08	7:21	8:41	9:59	10:38	9:16	7:34	6:01	4:01	3:30
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	36%	35%	38%	42%	44%	52%	50%	48%	43%	33%	32%
LOW FOR MONTH	-9°	-4°	8°	24°	34°	44°	53°	51°	39°	29°	13°	-2°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	13°	16°	26°	36°	46°	55°	62°	62°	55°	43°	31°	19°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	28°	30°	40°	52°	63°	73°	79°	77°	70°	59°	44°	32°
HIGH FOR MONTH	46°	48°	64°	77°	85°	92°	94°	93°	88°	79°	65°	52°
FROSTY MORNINGS	94%	93%	74%	26%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	53%	86%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	11%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	66%	64%	59%	58%	59%	60%	62%	62%	61%	66%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	39°	38°	36°	38°	40°	45°	60°	64°	62°	53°	45°	46°
DRY DAYS	64%	65%	64%	62%	62%	64%	70%	71%	70%	71%	66%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	88%	82%	78%	81%	80%	81%	81%	83%	85%	83%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.30	0.29	0.40	0.48	0.52	0.58	0.47	0.47	0.53	0.38	0.35	0.30
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.6"	10.1"	9.2"	1.9"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	3.1"	9.2"
SNOWY DAYS	31%	27%	22%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	10%	26%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	4%	11%	15%	20%	20%	17%	11%	6%	3%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	5%	8%	6%	8%	7%	3%	4%	4%	6%	9%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 56% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 39% in December, to a high of 71% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -11°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The region has a short-summer, humid continental, four-season climate. Summer afternoons are long, sunny, moderately humid, and warm to hot. The winds are normally out of the west, but when they come out of the eastern half of the compass and blow across the lake, they can drop temperatures as much as 20° over places farther inland. Winter afternoons are short, cloudy, quite humid, and quite cold. About half the afternoons never make it above the freezing point. However, when the rare wind comes off the lake, it can raise temperatures significantly compared to places farther inland. The ground is usually frozen and snow-covered from late November through early March.