

WEATHER

Columbus, Mississippi

Columbus, Mississippi, is located in a humid, subtropical region characterized by temperate winters, long hot summers and rainfall that is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. Prevailing southerly winds provide moisture for high humidity during the months of May through September.

Columbus has a climate that is characterized by the absence of severe cold in the winter and the presence of extreme heat in the summer. Thunderstorms are common on an average of 60 days each year. Hurricanes are an occasional threat on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Columbus is located 250 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico and is not very susceptible to hurricanes. As a matter of record, only eight hurricanes have struck the Mississippi coast since 1895. The effects of only two reached Lowndes County. Hurricane Fred (1979) and Hurricane Katrina (2005) were both classified as tropical storms when they reached Lowndes County with wind gusts of 35 mph-74 mph.

Normal average temperature is 61.3°F. The low temperature average is 31.2°F, while the high temperature average is 92.5°F. Average wind speed is 6.1 mph and normal rainfall is 56.12" per year. Measurable snow rarely falls in the area.