

In trying to get an understanding of Philadelphia's weather patterns, the study below depicts a sampling from the extreme temperatures for the hottest Summer and coldest Winter according to the epw report. The design approach would be to focus on the typical conditions but be mindful of the listed extreme conditions of each period.

LOCATION,Philadelphia International Ap,PA,USA,TMY3,724080

TYPICAL/EXTREME PERIODS:

Summer - Week Nearest Max Temperature For Period,Extreme,7/29,8/4

Summer - Week Nearest Average Temperature For Period,Typical,8/19,8/25

Winter - Week Nearest Min Temperature For Period,Extreme,1/15,1/21

Winter - Week Nearest Average Temperature For Period,Typical,2/12,2/18

Autumn - Week Nearest Average Temperature For Period,Typical,10/29,11/4

Spring - Week Nearest Average Temperature For Period,Typical,5/27,6/2

EXTREME PERIODS:

1986,7,29,1,0,-,24.4,22.8,91, 1986,7,29,2,0,-,24.4,22.8,91, 1986,7,29,3,0,-,25.0,22.8,88, 1986,7,29,4,0,-,24.4,22.8,91, 1986,7,29,5,0,-,24.4,22.8,91, 1986,7,29,6,0,-,25.0,23.3,91, 1986,7,29,7,0,-,26.1,23.3,85, 1986,7,29,8,0,-,26.7,23.3,82, 1986,7,29,9,0,-,27.8,23.9,79, 1986,7,29,10,0,-,30.0,23.9,70, 1986,7,29,11,0,-,30.6,23.9,68, 1986,7,29,12,0,-,32.8,21.7,52, 1986,7,29,13,0,-,32.8,21.7,52, 1986,7,29,14,0,-,32.8,21.7,52, 1986,7,29,15,0,-,33.3,20.0,46, 1986,7,29,16,0,-,30.6,20.0,53, 1986,7,29,17,0,-,30.0,18.9,51, 1986,7,29,18,0,-,28.3,20.6,63, 1986,7,29,19,0,-,27.2,21.7,72, 1986,7,29,20,0,-,25.0,21.7,82, 1986,7,29,21,0,-,23.9,21.1,85, 1986,7,29,22,0,-,23.3,19.4,79, 1986,7,29,23,0,-,23.3,20.6,85, 1986,7,29,24,0,-,22.8,21.1,90,	1976,1,15,1,0,-,-1.1,-10.0,51, 1976,1,15,2,0,-,-0.6,-9.4,51, 1976,1,15,3,0,-,-1.1,-9.4,54, 1976,1,15,4,0,-,-1.7,-9.4,56, 1976,1,15,5,0,-,-1.7,-8.9,58, 1976,1,15,6,0,-,-1.7,-8.9,58, 1976,1,15,7,0,-,-1.1,-9.4,54, 1976,1,15,8,0,-,-1.1,-9.4,54, 1976,1,15,9,0,-,-0.6,-10.6,47, 1976,1,15,10,0,-,0.6,-10.6,44, 1976,1,15,11,0,-,1.1,-11.1,40, 1976,1,15,12,0,-,1.7,-11.7,37, 1976,1,15,13,0,-,1.7,-12.2,35, 1976,1,15,14,0,-,1.7,-11.7,37, 1976,1,15,15,0,-,1.7,-12.2,35, 1976,1,15,16,0,-,0.6,-11.7,40, 1976,1,15,17,0,-,0.0,-11.7,42, 1976,1,15,18,0,-,-0.6,-10.6,47, 1976,1,15,19,0,-,0.0,-11.1,43, 1976,1,15,20,0,-,0.0,-11.1,43, 1976,1,15,21,0,-,-1.1,-9.4,54, 1976,1,15,22,0,-,-1.7,-8.3,61, 1976,1,15,23,0,-,-2.2,-8.3,63, 1976,1,15,24,0,-,-1.1,-8.3,58,
Summer Max. Temperature (Average): 75	Winter Max. Temperature (Average): 62

TYPICAL PERIODS:

1987,8,19,1,0,-,22.8,15.0,62, 1987,8,19,2,0,-,23.3,15.0,60, 1987,8,19,3,0,-,22.2,15.6,66, 1987,8,19,4,0,-,21.1,14.4,66, 1987,8,19,5,0,-,22.2,14.4,62, 1987,8,19,6,0,-,22.8,15.0,62, 1987,8,19,7,0,-,22.8,16.1,66, 1987,8,19,8,0,-,23.9,16.7,64, 1987,8,19,9,0,-,25.6,16.7,58, 1987,8,19,10,0,-,28.3,18.3,55, 1987,8,19,11,0,-,30.6,17.2,45, 1987,8,19,12,0,-,31.1,17.8,45, 1987,8,19,13,0,-,29.4,18.3,51, 1987,8,19,14,0,-,28.9,20.6,61, 1987,8,19,15,0,-,29.4,21.1,61, 1987,8,19,16,0,-,29.4,21.1,61, 1987,8,19,17,0,-,29.4,21.1,61, 1987,8,19,18,0,-,28.3,21.1,65, 1987,8,19,19,0,-,27.2,21.1,69, 1987,8,19,20,0,-,26.7,21.1,72, 1987,8,19,21,0,-,25.6,21.7,79, 1987,8,19,22,0,-,24.4,21.7,85, 1987,8,19,23,0,-,23.3,21.7,90, 1987,8,19,24,0,-,23.3,22.2,94,	1994,2,12,1,0,-,-3.9,-5.6,86, 1994,2,12,2,0,-,-3.3,-5.6,82, 1994,2,12,3,0,-,-3.3,-5.0,87, 1994,2,12,4,0,-,-2.8,-5.0,83, 1994,2,12,5,0,-,-2.2,-5.0,79, 1994,2,12,6,0,-,-2.2,-5.6,75, 1994,2,12,7,0,-,-2.2,-5.6,75, 1994,2,12,8,0,-,-1.7,-5.6,72, 1994,2,12,9,0,-,-1.7,-6.1,69, 1994,2,12,10,0,-,-1.1,-5.6,68, 1994,2,12,11,0,-,0.0,-5.6,62, 1994,2,12,12,0,-,0.0,-5.0,66, 1994,2,12,13,0,-,0.6,-5.0,63, 1994,2,12,14,0,-,0.0,-3.9,72, 1994,2,12,15,0,-,0.6,-3.3,73, 1994,2,12,16,0,-,0.0,-2.2,83, 1994,2,12,17,0,-,-0.6,-1.7,91, 1994,2,12,18,0,-,-0.6,-1.7,91, 1994,2,12,19,0,-,-1.1,-1.7,95, 1994,2,12,20,0,-,-1.1,-1.7,95, 1994,2,12,21,0,-,-1.1,-1.7,95, 1994,2,12,22,0,-,-0.6,-1.1,96, 1994,2,12,23,0,-,-0.6,-1.1,96, 1994,2,12,24,0,-,-0.6,-1.1,96,
Summer Typ. Temperature (Average): 65	Winter Typ. Temperature (Average): 81

Data range from Climate Consultant:

Climate Consultant 6.0 (Build 11, Mar 27, 2017)

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Important passive design strategies for this location include:

1. Daylighting - to devise a strategy to achieve indirect lighting throughout the year while minimizing the radiation intake during the peak summer months of June, July and August through orientation of openings and operable sun shading.
2. Material Selection - to select exterior conditions of darker colors and higher thermal mass as well as proper insulation to resist heat loss and prevent infiltration during low temperatures of the winter months.
3. Providing overhangs - to minimize the effect of the sun's direct radiation into the space. The depth of the projection should be strategically calculated to both prevent the sun during the summer and allow it to enter the space during the winter.