

By The Numbers: Top 10 Rainiest Cities in the U.S.

Note: A "Rainy Day" is defined as a day (midnight-to-midnight) with greater than 0.25 inches of rain

#1 Mobile, Alabama

Average Annual Rainfall: 67 inches

Average Annual Rainy Days: 59 days

Sweet Home Alabama is home to the rainiest US city in the lower 48: Mobile. The rain, however, didn't put a damper on plans by German industrial titan ThyssenKrupp to build a new \$3.7 billion state-of-the-art steel and stainless steel processing facility in the Azalea City. The new plant, scheduled to begin operations in 2010, is expected to be one of the largest private industrial development projects in the US. Thyssen and the thousands of construction firms it will supply with steel will be at the mercy of the elements to complete construction projects. Protecting against weather risk is one way to make sure the skies over Mobile stay so blue, at least financially speaking.

#2 Pensacola, Florida

Average Annual Rainfall: 65 inches

Average Annual Rainy Days: 56 days

Located off the Gulf of Mexico, Pensacola is no stranger to extreme weather events. On May 9th forecasters announced the first named storm of the 2007 season had formed just off Florida's coast, more than three weeks before the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season. Pensacola was far enough away that Subtropical Storm Andrea didn't do much damage but the Atlantic basin has been an active hurricane zone since 1995. Pensacola has seen its share of storms. Some forecasters say the increased activity is part of a natural climate cycle however the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says human-caused global warming has led to an increase in stronger hurricanes. Either way, businesses need to protect their revenue from potential weather risks.

#3 New Orleans, Louisiana

Average Annual Rainfall: 64 inches

Average Annual Rainy Days: 56 days

Severe weather can happen in just about every major US city. New Orleans knows this all too well. As the Crescent City makes a slow recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita industries are working hard to find new ways to weatherproof their revenue. As the global climate changes, and weather becomes increasingly difficult to predict, New Orleans' recovery is something every major city should pay close attention to. Since 2005's devastating hurricanes, business experts say financial and manufacturing industries are staying outside of the Gulf Coast to reduce risk. WeatherBill provides bottom line protection that takes the risk out of revenue, helping clear the way for increased growth.