

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE QUEBEC METROPOLITAN AREA, QUEBEC

**LOCATION:** The city of Quebec is located on the St. Lawrence River in south-central Quebec. The city is both the capital of the province, and the heart of French Canada. It is the most European of all North American cities, and the older part of town is the only walled city in North America. The city is situated on scenic cliffs and bluffs overlooking the river and the suburbs to the south. Elevations, of course, are within a few hundred feet of sea level. The language of the city's residents is French, but English is understood and reluctantly spoken in the shops and tourist attractions. The city is an enormously popular destination with both Canadians and foreign visitors, and can be quite crowded during the summer months.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:01	10:17	11:53	13:34	15:01	15:48	15:28	14:14	12:37	10:57	9:27	8:38
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:53	4:15	4:34	5:36	6:32	7:07	7:36	6:21	5:14	3:56	2:22	2:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	38%	40%	40%	38%	39%	41%	44%	43%	37%	26%	32%
LOW FOR MONTH	-20 °	-17 °	-6 °	13 °	29 °	39 °	46 °	44 °	33 °	24 °	7 °	-14 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	2 °	4 °	15 °	29 °	41 °	51 °	57 °	54 °	46 °	37 °	25 °	9 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	18 °	21 °	32 °	46 °	62 °	72 °	76 °	73 °	64 °	52 °	37 °	23 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	39 °	38 °	45 °	64 °	80 °	86 °	88 °	85 °	80 °	68 °	54 °	40 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	94%	61%	10%	1%	0%	0%	3%	35%	80%	99%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	74%	70%	66%	59%	53%	56%	58%	60%	62%	64%	73%	76%
DRY DAYS	48%	49%	56%	59%	58%	54%	57%	60%	56%	58%	49%	43%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	75%	76%	77%	78%	77%	73%	74%	76%	74%	76%	72%	73%
DRY HOURS	63%	71%	78%	80%	83%	87%	90%	89%	86%	82%	73%	65%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	28.4 "	26.6 "	18.9 "	6.7 "	0.3 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	1.4 "	13.0 "	31.1 "
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	49%	48%	36%	18%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	33%	52%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	1%	5%	14%	17%	13%	5%	1%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	6%	8%	10%	6%	5%	6%	8%	10%	9%	13%	10%

**COMMENTS:** Bright sunshine is likely on 40% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 25% in November, to a high of 49% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -23°, and the highest should be near 89°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be about the same as actual ones. The ground is usually snow-covered from sometime in November through late April. From the middle of December through late February, temperatures remain below freezing both day and night, and one night in three will drop below zero. In the spring and autumn, the weather can go from balmy to freezing in minutes—and back again. Smart visitors dress in layers.