

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SAN LUIS OBISPO AREA, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION: San Luis Obispo is located near the Pacific Coast of southern California, just about half way between the Los Angeles area and the San Francisco Bay area. The city is situated in the valley of the San Luis Obispo River, about eight miles inland from San Luis Obispo Bay, where a number of satellite beach towns may be found. The valley is bordered on the northeast by the Santa Lucia Range, and on the southwest by the Irish Hills. This pleasant college town (Cal Poly) is centered about the *San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Mission* founded in 1771 by Father Junipero Serra. Elevations are some 325 feet above sea level. The *Santa Lucia Wilderness* of the *Los Padres National Forest* is only a few miles away to the northeast.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:05	10:54	11:57	13:04	14:01	14:30	14:18	13:30	12:27	11:20	10:22	9:50
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:51	6:19	7:25	8:53	9:40	11:01	10:52	10:24	9:35	8:30	7:15	6:12
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	44%	47%	52%	56%	65%	70%	71%	70%	63%	59%	50%
LOW FOR MONTH	28°	34°	36°	37°	41°	44°	47°	46°	45°	40°	35°	33°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42°	43°	44°	46°	48°	50°	52°	52°	52°	50°	46°	43°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	62°	64°	65°	67°	69°	74°	77°	77°	78°	76°	70°	64°
HIGH FOR MONTH	75°	76°	79°	82°	85°	92°	92°	92°	95°	92°	84°	78°
FROSTY MORNINGS	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	4%	6%	5%	13%	9%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	59%	62%	57%	59%	58%	58%	60%	60%	54%	52%	57%
NEARBY WATERS	56°	55°	55°	55°	55°	57°	59°	60°	61°	61°	59°	58°
DRY DAYS	70%	70%	73%	85%	92%	97%	99%	99%	97%	92%	85%	76%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	81%	86%	90%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	95%	89%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.79	0.75	0.53	0.28	0.08	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.13	0.32	0.63
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	16%	16%	15%	19%	20%	25%	26%	33%	41%	38%	21%	19%

CLIMATE: Bright sunshine is likely on 69% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 58% in January and February, to a high of 77% in sunny August and September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 26° at some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 97° on some equally clear and windless summer afternoon. Clear skies and calm airs tend to make the high temperatures higher and the low ones lower. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. About half the days of the year are clear, with all of them getting at least 40% clear days. Like most of the California coast, SLO is subject to winds from off the Pacific bringing fog and low cloud. In the summer, these move in late at night, and usually don't burn off until the late morning. This fog and cloud cover keeps the nights and winters from getting as cold as they otherwise might, and keeps the days and the summers from getting as hot as they otherwise might. Local climates vary somewhat, depending on distance from the sea, elevation, and local peculiarities of topography.