

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SANTA BARBARA RESORT AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Santa Barbara is located on the Pacific Coast of southern California. Facing south, the city is situated between the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Santa Barbara Channel. Elevations within the city proper are within a few hundred feet of sea level, but rise steeply in the foothills behind the city. The southern aspects helps to give Santa Barbara its equitable climate. The Spanish Provincial architecture of the downtown area is rigorously enforced by a Draconian building code, but the result is worth it. The population is balanced between “old money” and youthful college students, for a rather uncomfortable but surprisingly viable mix.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 10:09 | 10:56 | 11:57 | 13:02 | 13:57 | 14:25 | 14:13 | 13:27 | 12:26 | 11:22 | 10:25 | 9:55 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 6:50 | 7:26 | 8:34 | 9:50 | 10:18 | 10:52 | 9:58 | 9:49 | 9:03 | 8:15 | 8:22 | 7:29 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 59% | 56% | 58% | 59% | 61% | 63% | 63% | 64% | 64% | 62% | 68% | 64% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 32 ° | 35 ° | 36 ° | 40 ° | 43 ° | 47 ° | 51 ° | 51 ° | 49 ° | 42 ° | 35 ° | 31 ° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 41 ° | 43 ° | 45 ° | 48 ° | 50 ° | 53 ° | 57 ° | 57 ° | 55 ° | 51 ° | 45 ° | 42 ° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 64 ° | 65 ° | 66 ° | 68 ° | 70 ° | 72 ° | 76 ° | 76 ° | 77 ° | 74 ° | 71 ° | 66 ° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 76 ° | 76 ° | 77 ° | 81 ° | 82 ° | 85 ° | 85 ° | 85 ° | 90 ° | 89 ° | 82 ° | 77 ° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 9% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 6% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90 ° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 56% | 58% | 59% | 60% | 60% | 62% | 64% | 64% | 64% | 63% | 55% | 56% |
| NEARBY WATERS | 56 ° | 57 ° | 57 ° | 58 ° | 59 ° | 61 ° | 63 ° | 64 ° | 64 ° | 63 ° | 60 ° | 57 ° |
| DRY DAYS | 77% | 78% | 81% | 90% | 95% | 98% | 99% | 98% | 95% | 94% | 88% | 83% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 83% | 84% | 86% | 92% | 98% | 99% | 99% | 99% | 99% | 97% | 92% | 87% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.47 | 0.20 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.25 | 0.47 |
| DAYS WITH SOME SNOW | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| DAYS WITH SOME FOG | 24% | 28% | 26% | 29% | 36% | 41% | 52% | 51% | 46% | 40% | 29% | 23% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 73% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 67% in rainy January, to a high of 80% in sunny November. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 29 ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 97 ° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The area is strongly influenced by the steady westerlies off the Pacific Ocean. Both the highest temperatures of the year and the lowest are most likely to occur when these winds fail. Fog is the great determinant of local weather. Some areas get it and some don't. If it moves in, then sunshine drops, temperatures become more moderate, and humidity increases. The foggy areas can be gloomy, chilly, and damp while the clear areas are sunny, warm and dry. Conversely, the foggy areas can be mild and comfortable while the clear ones are blazing hot and arid.