

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SOUTH BEND - MISHAWAKA - ELKHART AREA, INDIANA

LOCATION: The three cities of (west to east) South Bend, Mishawaka, and Elkhart are located in north-central Indiana, only a few miles from the Michigan border. The three cities are bracketed by I-80/90 on the north and US-20 on the south. All three cities are situated on the St. Joseph's River, with elevations between 700 and 800 feet above sea level. South Bend, of course, is the home of Notre Dame University.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:32	10:35	11:55	13:19	14:31	15:09	14:53	13:52	12:32	11:08	9:54	9:14
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:49	3:49	5:16	7:03	8:52	10:03	10:09	9:16	7:36	5:55	3:23	2:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	23%	25%	31%	37%	39%	43%	43%	42%	38%	23%	19%
LOW FOR MONTH	-5°	-2°	10°	23°	33°	43°	50°	48°	38°	29°	15°	1°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	17°	18°	28°	38°	48°	58°	62°	60°	54°	43°	32°	21°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32°	34°	45°	59°	70°	80°	84°	82°	76°	63°	48°	35°
HIGH FOR MONTH	51°	53°	70°	80°	87°	93°	95°	93°	90°	81°	69°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	91%	89%	66%	27%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	49%	83%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	11%	16%	10%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	68%	61%	54%	52%	51%	54%	56%	54%	56%	67%	73%
DRY DAYS	56%	58%	58%	57%	63%	66%	70%	70%	69%	67%	60%	56%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	82%	79%	74%	80%	77%	79%	80%	81%	80%	77%	77%
DRY HOURS	68%	73%	79%	85%	91%	93%	95%	95%	93%	89%	80%	70%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	16.8"	12.7"	8.2"	2.1"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.9"	7.1"	14.9"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	44%	37%	24%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	18%	37%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	8%	15%	16%	26%	24%	21%	14%	6%	3%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	8%	8%	6%	4%	5%	4%	4%	7%	6%	7%	6%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 50% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 28% in cloudy December, to a high of 68% in sunny July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -9°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Summers are fairly sunny, hot, and moderately humid. Winters are cloud, cold, and quite snowy. The weather is strongly influenced by Lake Michigan whenever the winds are from the northwest—which is much of the winter. This accounts for the relatively heavy snowfall. It also moderates winter temperatures, and two out of three winter afternoons will warm to above freezing. A half-dozen times each winter the nights will drop to below zero. Most of the best weather comes during the summer, although there are—naturally—spells of excellent football weather in the autumn.