

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BATON ROUGE AREA, LOUISIANA

LOCATION: Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana, is located in the southeastern part of the state. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River, some 75 miles upstream from New Orleans. The landscape is one of low-lying river flood-plain, with the beginnings of hills to the north. Elevations are everywhere less than 100 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:26	11:06	11:59	12:54	13:41	14:05	13:55	13:16	12:23	11:28	10:40	10:14
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:07	5:44	7:11	8:13	9:09	9:52	9:47	8:54	8:37	7:54	6:15	4:51
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	38%	40%	43%	45%	48%	43%	47%	49%	59%	47%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	24°	25°	33°	41°	59°	62°	68°	66°	55°	41°	30°	25°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42°	44°	51°	58°	64°	70°	72°	72°	68°	57°	48°	43°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	62°	64°	72°	77°	84°	90°	91°	92°	89°	81°	70°	63°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	79°	84°	87°	92°	96°	97°	96°	94°	89°	84°	79°
FROSTY MORNINGS	27%	16%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	20%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	18%	64%	77%	71%	40%	6%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	57%	54%	53%	55%	58%	62%	61%	60%	52%	55%	59%
DRY DAYS	70%	68%	73%	76%	75%	67%	56%	60%	70%	80%	76%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	78%	80%	84%	82%	78%	70%	75%	80%	88%	83%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.82	0.86	0.80	0.78	0.79	0.78	1.04	0.91	0.71	0.52	0.69	0.86
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	6%	12%	14%	17%	21%	33%	50%	41%	23%	8%	9%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	14%	11%	9%	9%	8%	3%	5%	4%	8%	11%	13%	13%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 47% in December, to a high of 70% in June and July, then again in September. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 21°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a few degrees cooler than actual ones during the winter months, and up to 6° hotter than actual ones during the summer. Baton Rouge has long very hot summers, and short mild winters. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, marked by alternating periods of warm and cool weather. Precipitation is abundant in all months, with virtually all of it coming in the form of brief showers. A few days in winter will have more persistent periods of steady rain. Summer afternoons are very hot and humid, while nights are warm and muggy. Winter afternoons are generally mild, while nights are chilly to cold with occasional frosts. Snowfall is negligible, with some years getting none at all. Spring and autumn bring the nicest weather, with autumn being the drier of the two. At those times of year, skies are sunny (half of October's days are clear), temperatures are comfortable, and showers come along with tolerable frequency.