

# SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CHARLOTTE METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: Charlotte, North Carolina's largest city, is located in the south-central portion of that state, just a few mile north of the South Carolina border. This Piedmont city is situated on the Catawba River, and is noted for textiles and banking. Elevations are around 750 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:05	10:54	11:57	13:04	14:00	14:30	14:18	13:30	12:27	11:20	10:22	9:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:22	6:18	7:25	8:47	9:40	9:52	9:21	8:43	8:02	7:33	6:20	5:17
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	43%	44%	47%	45%	43%	41%	43%	48%	56%	51%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	16°	18°	24°	34°	44°	55°	61°	60°	49°	36°	27°	18°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	32°	34°	41°	49°	58°	66°	69°	68°	62°	51°	41°	34°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	50°	54°	62°	71°	79°	86°	89°	87°	82°	72°	61°	52°
HIGH FOR MONTH	70°	72°	80°	87°	91°	96°	97°	96°	93°	86°	77°	70°
FROSTY MORNINGS	51%	45%	19%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	19%	47%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	26%	38%	29%	11%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	50%	48%	45%	49%	50%	54%	55%	54%	50%	50%	55%
DRY DAYS	66%	63%	64%	68%	69%	65%	61%	65%	75%	78%	76%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	76%	76%	81%	80%	80%	78%	81%	85%	85%	83%	81%
DRY HOURS	87%	87%	88%	93%	93%	95%	94%	94%	93%	93%	92%	89%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	1.7"	2.1"	1.1"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.0"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	3%	6%	10%	18%	27%	31%	23%	10%	4%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	11%	9%	6%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	5%	9%	11%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 63% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 53% in January, to a high of 69% in May. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 12°, and the highest should be near 99°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will average about 4° hotter than actual ones in August, and up to 4° cooler than actual ones during most of the rest of the year. The area has a four-season year, with long hot summers and short cool winters. Snow rarely stays on the ground past noon of the next day, and usually melts almost as it falls. October gets the most clear days—almost half the month. November gets two clear days out of five. For the year as a whole, one day in three is clear and sunny.