

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA, NEW MEXICO

LOCATION: Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest city, is located just northwest of the center of the state. The city is situated on the banks and benches of the Rio Grande River. Along the river, the elevation of the old part of the city is just under 5,000 feet. The newer section on the benches are some 400 feet higher, while the suburbs on the lower slopes of the Sandia Mountains are higher yet.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:06	10:54	11:57	13:03	14:00	14:29	14:17	13:29	12:26	11:21	10:22	9:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:15	7:53	8:45	10:01	11:10	12:05	10:53	10:09	9:48	8:58	7:55	7:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	50%	50%	54%	58%	66%	55%	56%	64%	66%	62%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	9°	13°	19°	28°	37°	48°	58°	57°	46°	32°	18°	12°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	22°	27°	32°	40°	49°	58°	64°	62°	55°	43°	31°	23°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	47°	53°	61°	70°	79°	89°	92°	89°	82°	71°	57°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	60°	67°	75°	83°	91°	99°	99°	96°	93°	83°	71°	61°
FROSTY MORNINGS	89%	74%	46%	12%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	55%	87%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	54%	67%	48%	12%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	40%	32%	25%	19%	18%	17%	27%	30%	28%	29%	34%	41%
DRY DAYS	88%	87%	87%	89%	87%	88%	74%	71%	82%	86%	90%	88%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	96%	94%	96%	96%	95%	96%	89%	88%	92%	93%	96%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.23	0.23	0.15	0.14	0.07	0.08
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.6"	2.2"	1.9"	0.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.1"	2.7"
SNOWY DAYS	5%	6%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	5%	12%	14%	30%	30%	13%	6%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 76% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 71% in December, to a high of 83% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 5°, and the highest should be near 100°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. Summer afternoons are very sunny, quite dry, and hot to very hot. Winter afternoons are still very sunny, still quite dry, and chilly to cool. Although winter mornings are generally frosty, only a half-dozen days each winter fail to make it above freezing. The table characterizes the downtown area. Because of the wide differences in elevation, strong local variations in temperature and snowfall can be expected. The benches (where the airport is located) average more snow than the city center. Cold air drainage brings frost to the riverfront areas both earlier and later than the northeastern parts of the city.