

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GALLUP, THE “HEART OF INDIAN COUNTRY”, NEW MEXICO

LOCATION: Gallup is located in the northwestern quarter of New Mexico, just a few miles from Arizona. The area is part of the high desert of the Colorado Plateau region. Elevations in Gallup are some 6,600 feet above sea level. Gallup is pretty much surrounded by Indian Reservations, and is where many of the Indians from these areas come to buy and sell their goods. A major event is the annual Inter-Tribal Ceremonial, held in nearby Red Rock State Park in the second week in August. Accommodations may be hard to find at that time of year, and prices go up.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:03	10:53	11:57	13:04	14:02	14:32	14:19	13:31	12:27	11:20	10:21	9:49
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:41	7:27	8:21	9:43	11:00	11:49	10:04	9:31	9:44	8:47	7:34	6:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	50%	50%	50%	55%	60%	69%	53%	55%	67%	67%	61%	54%
LOW FOR MONTH	-10 °	-3 °	7 °	19 °	26 °	34 °	41 °	39 °	29 °	22 °	-5 °	-5 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	14 °	18 °	23 °	30 °	37 °	45 °	53 °	52 °	45 °	33 °	21 °	14 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43 °	48 °	54 °	64 °	74 °	84 °	88 °	85 °	79 °	68 °	54 °	46 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	54 °	59 °	66 °	75 °	85 °	92 °	95 °	91 °	89 °	79 °	65 °	57 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	98%	96%	90%	67%	24%	3%	0%	0%	3%	50%	91%	97%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	43%	16%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	51%	43%	33%	25%	22%	21%	32%	36%	32%	34%	43%	52%
DRY DAYS	85%	83%	84%	86%	91%	91%	71%	73%	83%	87%	88%	86%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	94%	95%	92%	95%	95%	97%	87%	86%	90%	90%	93%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.26	0.27	0.17	0.19	0.10	0.11
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.4 "	4.2 "	4.5 "	1.2 "	0.1 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.3 "	2.4 "	6.1 "
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	13%	12%	10%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	12%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	3%	4%	10%	14%	36%	37%	18%	6%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	6%	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 73% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 66% in January, to a high of 81% in June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -13° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 99° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones, due to the low humidity. Summers are hot—occasionally very hot, and winters are cold—occasionally very cold. All seasons are quite sunny and dry. Summer thundershowers bring much of the rain, but not every thunderstorm results in rain actually reaching the ground. The best weather comes in May and June, and then again in September and early October.