

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LOS ALAMOS AREA, NEW MEXICO

LOCATION: Los Alamos, the county seat of Los Alamos County, is located in the northwest quarter of New Mexico. The town is situated high on the Pajarito Plateau, some twenty-five miles northwest of Santa Fe. Elevations are around 7,500 feet above sea level. This one-time secret research facility was where the first nuclear weapons were developed--the Manhattan Project. The Los Alamos Research Laboratory is still one of the state's major employers. The Bradbury Science Museum will tell you all about it.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:02	10:52	11:57	13:05	14:03	14:33	14:21	13:32	12:27	11:19	10:19	9:47
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:12	7:43	8:29	9:42	10:35	11:40	9:57	9:37	9:29	8:56	7:50	6:56
AREA OF BLUE SKY	63%	59%	59%	59%	62%	68%	54%	64%	66%	72%	67%	64%
LOW FOR MONTH	0 °	3 °	12 °	19 °	33 °	40 °	46 °	46 °	35 °	27 °	11 °	5 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	18 °	22 °	26 °	34 °	43 °	52 °	55 °	54 °	48 °	38 °	27 °	20 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	39 °	43 °	49 °	58 °	68 °	78 °	81 °	78 °	73 °	62 °	49 °	41 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	52 °	56 °	60 °	69 °	81 °	87 °	88 °	90 °	84 °	72 °	61 °	55 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	96%	92%	76%	41%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	19%	76%	96%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	51%	49%	41%	33%	31%	28%	36%	38%	39%	39%	42%	53%
DRY DAYS	76%	79%	71%	81%	65%	80%	52%	45%	72%	81%	87%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	92%	93%	90%	94%	88%	90%	76%	73%	86%	90%	93%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.14	0.12	0.16	0.17	0.21	0.21	0.51	0.60	0.30	0.26	0.13	0.14
LIKELY SNOWFALL	10.1"	8.1"	10.4"	4.4"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	1.1"	5.4"	11.0"
SNOWY DAYS	24%	21%	29%	8%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	9%	23%
THUNDER DAYS	9%	10%	3%	6%	21%	26%	57%	50%	22%	9%	10%	10%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	13%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	10%	10%	11%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 74% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 69% in rainy July, to a high of 80% a few weeks earlier in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -3°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones. Precipitation is light, with most of it coming during the summer thunderstorm season. Expect summer afternoons to be very sunny, very arid, and warm to hot. Summer nights are generally cool. Winter afternoons should be very sunny, moderately humid, and cold. About one day in seven will remain below freezing all day, and virtually every winter night will drop below freezing. Winter snows are common, and the ground can remain snow-covered for weeks at a time.