

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ROSWELL UFO COUNTRY, NEW MEXICO

LOCATION: Roswell, the county seat of Chaves County, is located in the southeastern quarter of New Mexico. The city is situated on the "Staked Plains" (Llano Estacado) near the junction of the Rio Hondo with the Pecos River. Elevations are around 3,600 feet above sea level. The town was a way station on the Goodnight-Loving cattle trail, and was the starting point of the Chisholm Trail. Local attractions include the Roswell International UFO Museum & Research Center, Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and New Mexico Military Institute.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:13	10:59	11:58	13:00	13:53	14:20	14:09	13:24	12:25	11:23	10:29	10:00
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:08	7:51	9:02	10:07	10:39	11:30	10:48	9:55	9:01	8:33	7:41	6:53
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	57%	57%	60%	60%	66%	60%	60%	64%	67%	63%	59%
LOW FOR MONTH	8°	14°	21°	31°	42°	53°	61°	59°	47°	33°	19°	11°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	25°	29°	36°	44°	53°	62°	66°	65°	58°	45°	33°	26°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54°	60°	68°	76°	84°	92°	93°	91°	85°	76°	64°	55°
HIGH FOR MONTH	73°	78°	83°	90°	96°	102°	101°	99°	96°	90°	80°	72°
FROSTY MORNINGS	78%	60%	30%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	40%	76%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	26%	65%	75%	64%	30%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	40%	34%	26%	24%	26%	27%	33%	36%	38%	37%	38%	43%
DRY DAYS	90%	89%	91%	89%	86%	84%	77%	77%	81%	85%	91%	89%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	96%	96%	98%	96%	92%	91%	89%	88%	89%	93%	96%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.18	0.24	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.18	0.09	0.08
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.5"	2.9"	1.3"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.7"	3.0"
SNOWY DAYS	10%	11%	5%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	10%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	6%	14%	20%	24%	24%	13%	5%	2%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	10%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	6%	8%	9%	9%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 74% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 69% in December, to a high of 80% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 3°, and the highest should be near 103°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. Precipitation is light, and varies widely from one year to another. Much of it comes during the summer thunderstorm season. Winter precipitation is about equally divided between snow and rain, with snow rarely remaining on the ground for long. Look for summer afternoons to be very sunny, moderately arid, and hot to very hot. Winter afternoons are likely to be also very sunny, moderately dry, and cool more often than cold.