

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SIOUX FALLS AREA, SOUTH DAKOTA

LOCATION: Sioux Falls, South Dakota's largest city, is located in the southeastern quarter of that state, just a few miles west of the point where South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa all come together. The city is situated (as its name implies) at the falls of the Sioux River, in an area of gently rolling prairie. Elevations are around 1,400 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:21	10:28	11:54	13:24	14:42	15:23	15:05	13:59	12:34	11:04	9:45	9:01
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:54	5:40	6:22	7:37	8:39	9:54	10:25	9:30	8:03	6:33	4:27	4:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	37%	34%	38%	40%	45%	53%	52%	51%	48%	37%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	-19°	-16°	0°	19°	30°	42°	49°	46°	32°	20°	3°	-13°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	5°	9°	22°	35°	46°	56°	62°	59°	49°	37°	23°	11°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	25°	29°	42°	59°	71°	80°	86°	84°	74°	62°	43°	30°
HIGH FOR MONTH	45°	50°	67°	82°	89°	95°	99°	97°	91°	82°	65°	49°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	97%	83%	40%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4%	32%	84%	97%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	15%	33%	25%	6%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	66%	61%	49%	48%	50%	49%	51%	52%	50%	61%	68%
DRY DAYS	83%	80%	78%	72%	67%	65%	71%	72%	75%	82%	83%	84%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	93%	88%	83%	80%	78%	83%	83%	85%	91%	92%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.10	0.14	0.24	0.42	0.57	0.69	0.49	0.50	0.45	0.26	0.17	0.11
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.2"	7.6"	8.4"	2.2"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.9"	4.2"	6.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	17%	20%	17%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	11%	16%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	3%	9%	18%	28%	28%	24%	17%	5%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	8%	11%	9%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	5%	9%	11%

COMMENTS: : Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 46% in November and December, to a high of 69% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -23°, and the highest should be near 101°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. In all seasons, the weather changes drastically from day to day and from week to week—depending upon which way the winds are blowing and what air masses they bring with them. This can be cold, dry air from central Canada, hot, dry air from the Southwest, cool damp air from the Pacific Northwest, or warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico. It might be added that the wind is almost always blowing, and blowing rather strongly. The average wind speed in Sioux Falls is about eleven miles per hour.