

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ST GEORGE AND UTAH'S "DIXIE"

LOCATION: St. George, the seat of Washington County, is snuggled up against the Arizona border in the southwestern corner of Utah. The city is situated on the banks of the Virgin River, where the Great Basin (west) meets the Colorado Plateau (east). Elevations are about 2,760 feet above sea level. Because of the southerly latitude and low elevation, the area around St. George has been known as "Utah's Dixie". St. George was the winter home of Mormon leader Brigham Young. Today it is a minor Mecca for golfers, and a major base of operations for visits to Zion National Park.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:56	10:49	11:56	13:08	14:09	14:41	14:27	13:36	12:28	11:17	10:14	9:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:46	7:20	8:38	9:36	11:04	12:41	11:09	10:44	10:26	9:10	7:37	6:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	50%	52%	55%	59%	73%	64%	66%	73%	70%	62%	54%
LOW FOR MONTH	7°	15°	23°	30°	37°	46°	53°	53°	39°	31°	17°	10°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	25°	30°	35°	42°	50°	58°	66°	64°	54°	43°	31°	25°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	53°	60°	67°	76°	85°	96°	101°	99°	93°	80°	65°	54°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	71°	78°	87°	97°	106°	108°	106°	101°	90°	76°	65°
FROSTY MORNINGS	79%	59%	29%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	52%	79%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	34%	78%	97%	94%	73%	16%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	48%	44%	36%	28%	24%	17%	21%	26%	24%	28%	37%	50%
DRY DAYS	84%	82%	84%	90%	90%	97%	90%	87%	90%	90%	90%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	91%	91%	95%	97%	99%	94%	95%	96%	95%	94%	93%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.16	0.18	0.15	0.08	0.07	0.03	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.13
LIKELY SNOWFALL	1.9"	0.9"	0.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	1.0"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	3%	6%	11%	9%	31%	34%	12%	3%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 76% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a "low" of 67% in December, to a high of 86% in June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 5° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 110° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 6° cooler than actual ones, due to the low humidity. Summers are long, sunny, very hot, and very dry. The summer thunderstorms bring more sound and light than rain. Winters are relatively mild for Utah, but are still cold. However, they are both sunny and dry. Occasional light frontal snowfalls rarely stay on the ground for long. The best weather comes in May and June, then again in September and October, after the heat of summer has gone.