

# SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SPOKANE METROPOLITAN AREA, WASHINGTON

LOCATION: Spokane is located in east-central Washington, less than twenty miles from the Idaho line. Spokane is situated at the falls of the Spokane River, close to where the Upper Columbia Plateau meets the northern Rocky Mountains. Elevations are just under 2,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:55	10:13	11:52	13:37	15:07	15:56	15:35	14:18	12:38	10:55	9:22	8:31
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:24	4:07	6:22	8:25	9:42	10:48	12:38	11:11	8:49	5:54	2:37	1:54
AREA OF BLUE SKY	19%	25%	31%	34%	38%	42%	64%	63%	53%	40%	23%	18%
LOW FOR MONTH	-1 °	6 °	17 °	27 °	33 °	40 °	46 °	44 °	34 °	25 °	15 °	5 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21 °	25 °	31 °	37 °	44 °	50 °	56 °	55 °	46 °	38 °	30 °	24 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	33 °	39 °	49 °	59 °	67 °	75 °	84 °	83 °	73 °	59 °	43 °	35 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	47 °	51 °	63 °	75 °	85 °	91 °	97 °	96 °	88 °	75 °	57 °	49 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	87%	76%	57%	24%	3%	0%	0%	0%	2%	23%	56%	78%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	26%	22%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	79%	69%	53%	41%	39%	35%	26%	27%	34%	50%	74%	82%
DRY DAYS	55%	58%	64%	70%	71%	74%	86%	86%	79%	75%	57%	54%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	83%	85%	88%	88%	89%	94%	94%	93%	89%	80%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.29	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.21	0.09	0.10	0.14	0.19	0.35	0.35
LIKELY SNOWFALL	13.8"	7.5"	3.4"	0.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	5.3"	12.3"
SNOWY DAYS	40%	28%	19%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	18%	37%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	8%	7%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	31%	25%	11%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	13%	28%	38%

COMMENTS: The area has a semi-arid version of the mid-latitude four-season year. Bright sunshine occurs on 56% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 22% in December to a high of 81% in July. The low temperature for the year will be near -8° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 99° some sunny summer afternoon. Precipitation is very light, with most of it falling during the winter months. A typical summer afternoon will be long, very sunny, fairly arid, rainless, and hot. Summer nights are usually clear and cool. A typical winter afternoon will be short, overcast, very humid, rainy about half the time, and cold. About forty winter afternoons will not make it above freezing. Winter nights are quite cold, usually well below freezing, and occasionally below zero. Most winter precipitation comes as snow, but winter rains are also common. Consequently, the ground is rarely snow-covered for more than a few days at a time.