

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE YUMA AREA, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Yuma, Arizona's third largest city, is located in the extreme southwestern corner of the state, on the border with both California and with Mexico. The city is situated on the eastern side of the Colorado River in the low Yuma Desert, a sub-section of the Sonoran Desert. Because the Colorado River flows slightly north of west at this point in its course, California actually lies north of Yuma. Elevations are close to sea level. Imperial Dam lies north of town, and behind that Martinez and Ferguson Lakes, with Cibola and Imperial National Wildlife Refuges.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:16	11:00	11:58	12:59	13:50	14:17	14:05	13:22	12:25	11:24	10:31	10:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:29	9:25	10:43	12:16	13:16	13:51	12:53	12:10	11:33	10:33	9:15	8:15
AREA OF BLUE SKY	70%	72%	74%	82%	87%	92%	80%	80%	87%	85%	79%	72%
LOW FOR MONTH	32°	35°	39°	44°	52°	59°	68°	68°	59°	48°	38°	33°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43°	46°	50°	55°	61°	69°	78°	78°	71°	59°	49°	44°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	67°	73°	79°	86°	93°	102°	106°	105°	100°	89°	77°	68°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	83°	89°	99°	105°	113°	114°	113°	111°	101°	88°	78°
FROSTY MORNINGS	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	10%	37%	72%	96%	100%	100%	93%	53%	4%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	28%	26%	22%	19%	17%	17%	26%	30%	28%	25%	26%	34%
DRY DAYS	93%	93%	94%	97%	99%	99%	97%	93%	97%	97%	96%	93%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	93%	95%	97%	99%	99%	96%	94%	97%	97%	97%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.08
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	8%	4%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%

COMMENTS: Yuma is one of the sunniest cities in the entire world. It gets more sunshine than any other city in the United States. It gets more than anyplace in Hawaii, Florida, or the Caribbean. More than 90% of the year's daylight hours are sunny. This ranges from a high of 97% in June to a "low" of 82% in December. This sunshine keeps Yuma warm in the winter, and makes it very hot indeed in the summer. The heat of summer is the source of many local jokes and stories, but it is not to be trifled with. Only those habituated to it should spend much time out in it. Sunglasses, sunscreen, and a hat are all necessities for the intelligent visitor.