

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE WICHITA METROPOLITAN AREA, KANSAS

LOCATION: Wichita is located in south-central Kansas. The city is situated on the banks of the Arkansas River in the central Great Plains. The topography is essentially flat, and the city's elevation is around 1,300 feet above sea level. Wichita is the state's largest city; and is best known as a center for aircraft manufacturing and food processing. McConnell Air Force Base is nearby.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:53	10:47	11:56	13:09	14:11	14:44	14:30	13:38	12:28	11:16	10:12	9:37
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:02	6:44	7:34	8:25	9:21	10:31	11:26	10:25	8:43	7:33	6:18	5:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	45%	45%	45%	44%	51%	59%	59%	57%	56%	51%	46%
LOW FOR MONTH	1°	6°	14°	28°	40°	52°	60°	57°	44°	31°	18°	7°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21°	24°	33°	45°	55°	64°	69°	68°	60°	48°	35°	25°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41°	46°	56°	68°	76°	86°	91°	91°	82°	70°	55°	44°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	69°	79°	86°	91°	100°	103°	103°	97°	88°	74°	65°
FROSTY MORNINGS	85%	74%	43%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	39%	78%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	34%	61%	57%	24%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	56%	51%	48%	53%	49%	44%	45%	47%	48%	52%	58%
DRY DAYS	82%	80%	76%	73%	66%	70%	74%	74%	75%	79%	83%	83%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	91%	87%	85%	79%	79%	82%	84%	84%	87%	91%	93%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.13	0.19	0.31	0.42	0.67	0.73	0.57	0.48	0.53	0.39	0.25	0.16
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.0"	3.9"	2.7"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.1"	3.1"
SNOWY DAYS	18%	19%	12%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	15%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	3%	8%	17%	27%	32%	27%	25%	20%	10%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	6%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	4%	5%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 66% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 58% in December, to a high of 79% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -3°, and the highest should be near 105°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones most of the year, a touch lower than actual ones in the spring and autumn. Thanks to the *Wizard of Oz*, Kansas is associated in the public mind with tornadoes. These violent storms do occur, especially in the spring and early summer. Your chances of ever seeing one, however, are exceedingly slim. Should you sight one while driving, try to determine its direction of movement. Then, drive at right angles to the storm's path. Driving in the opposite direction might result in meeting its brother.