

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NEW ORLEANS AREA, LOUISIANA

LOCATION: New Orleans, Louisiana's largest city, is located in the southeastern part of the state. The city is situated on the banks of the Mississippi River, between the river and Lake Pontchartrain. Land within the city is quite flat and often waterlogged. Parts of the city are actually below the level of the river, and are protected from flooding by enormous levees. Elevations here are very close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:28	11:07	11:59	12:53	13:39	14:03	13:53	13:14	12:23	11:29	10:41	10:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:05	5:34	6:50	8:07	9:08	9:06	8:07	7:52	7:50	7:51	6:18	4:46
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	37%	38%	43%	45%	45%	36%	42%	45%	58%	47%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	30°	34°	39°	48°	58°	68°	70°	70°	63°	50°	39°	32°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46°	49°	54°	61°	67°	73°	75°	75°	72°	63°	53°	48°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	63°	65°	71°	77°	84°	89°	90°	90°	87°	79°	70°	64°
HIGH FOR MONTH	77°	78°	82°	86°	90°	94°	95°	95°	93°	88°	82°	78°
FROSTY MORNINGS	10%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	45%	59%	58%	28%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	62%	60%	60%	60%	62%	65%	65%	64%	59%	61%	66%
NEARBY WATERS	64°	63°	65°	69°	76°	82°	84°	85°	84°	79°	73°	69°
DRY DAYS	68%	68%	71%	76%	72%	59%	52%	56%	67%	81%	74%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	80%	78%	82%	85%	82%	77%	69%	71%	77%	88%	84%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.76	0.85	0.87	0.86	0.78	0.94	1.11	0.97	0.91	0.52	0.65	0.78
SNOWY DAYS	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	6%	9%	13%	16%	19%	35%	50%	43%	23%	6%	7%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	13%	10%	9%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	9%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 59% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 46% in December, to a high of 68% in October. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 26°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones during the winter months, and up to 9° hotter than actual ones during the summer. During the winter and spring, fog occasionally forms over the river. When the winds are right, this fog moves over the city. Smog, however, is rare. Not many pollutants are produced in the immediate area, and the air is rarely stagnant long enough to allow them to accumulate. Snow flurries occur most winters, but ground accumulations are almost unknown.