

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE RENO - SPARKS RESORT AREA, NEVADA

LOCATION: The twin cities of Reno and Sparks are located in Storey County in western Nevada, close to the California border. The city is situated on the Truckee River, at the western edge of the Truckee Meadows. Elevations are some 4,400 feet above sea level. Like Las Vegas, Reno's chief attraction is its casinos. There is more to the town than that, however. There is also the University of Nevada, the National Automobile Museum, and the Museum of Art, all in town. Prices on weekdays can be extremely inexpensive in the casinos. On weekends and holidays they go way up.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:44	10:42	11:56	13:14	14:20	14:55	14:40	13:44	12:30	11:13	10:04	9:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:01	7:02	8:44	10:20	11:22	12:33	13:18	12:26	11:03	8:53	6:51	5:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	41%	44%	47%	54%	66%	79%	78%	76%	63%	48%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	3°	9°	15°	21°	27°	34°	41°	39°	31°	22°	13°	7°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21°	25°	28°	33°	40°	46°	52°	50°	43°	35°	27°	21°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	44°	49°	55°	63°	70°	79°	89°	88°	79°	68°	55°	45°
HIGH FOR MONTH	59°	64°	70°	78°	86°	94°	98°	97°	91°	82°	71°	61°
FROSTY MORNINGS	90%	86%	76%	52%	15%	2%	0%	1%	8%	45%	78%	92%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	16%	53%	41%	10%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	52%	44%	35%	29%	26%	22%	19%	19%	23%	29%	41%	53%
DRY DAYS	78%	79%	80%	87%	86%	91%	93%	93%	91%	90%	85%	79%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	92%	93%	96%	94%	95%	97%	98%	97%	97%	93%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.22	0.19	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.16
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.6"	5.7"	5.1"	1.3"	0.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.3"	1.7"	4.8"
SNOWY DAYS	15%	12%	12%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	13%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	10%	12%	10%	5%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 77% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 60% in December, to a high of 91% in July and August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -1°, and the highest should be near 99°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from two to five degrees cooler than actual ones. The dry air and clear skies make for large daily differences in temperatures between afternoon and sunrise. Even in midsummer, a light jacket will feel comfortable once the sun goes down. Sunrise temperatures over 60°F will occur only two or three time a year. This is the high desert, not the low desert that you will find around Las Vegas. Snowfall is extremely variable from one year to another, and is often mixed in with rain. The ground is not usually snow-covered during the winter, but spells of three or four days with snow cover are not uncommon.