

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GREENVILLE - SPARTANBURG AREA, SOUTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: The Greenville - Spartanburg metropolitan area is located in northwestern South Carolina. The cities are situated at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains—which here trend from southwest to northeast. Elevations are around 950 feet above sea level, but rise to 3,560 feet at the summit of Sassafras Mountain in the nearby Blue Ridge.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:06	10:55	11:57	13:03	13:59	14:28	14:16	13:29	12:26	11:21	10:23	9:52
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:23	6:14	7:29	8:47	9:09	9:22	8:55	8:41	8:02	7:38	6:19	5:20
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	44%	45%	48%	44%	44%	42%	45%	50%	58%	52%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	4°	6°	11°	19°	26°	36°	41°	40°	31°	20°	12°	6°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	31°	32°	38°	47°	56°	64°	68°	67°	61°	49°	39°	33°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	51°	54°	63°	72°	80°	86°	89°	87°	82°	72°	62°	53°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	71°	79°	86°	90°	96°	97°	95°	92°	85°	77°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	49%	39%	17%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	15%	39%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	25%	34%	26%	14%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	50%	49%	45%	51%	53%	57%	58%	57%	51%	51%	54%
DRY DAYS	69%	67%	66%	72%	70%	67%	63%	67%	76%	80%	77%	71%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	76%	74%	80%	78%	78%	76%	80%	83%	84%	82%	80%
DRY HOURS	86%	87%	88%	92%	93%	94%	94%	94%	92%	92%	90%	87%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	1.6"	1.6"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.1"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	3%	8%	12%	21%	26%	34%	23%	13%	3%	3%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	13%	12%	8%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	10%	14%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 53% in January, to a high of 67% in April and October. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 1°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 6° warmer than actual temperatures during the heat of summer, but will range from one to three degrees cooler than actual temperatures during the rest of the year. The area has a four-season year, with long, hot, moderately sunny, and humid summer afternoons. During the summer months, mornings tend to be clearer than afternoons. Winter afternoons are cool more often than cold. Only three or four of them will fail to warm to above freezing each winter. Winter nights will drop below freezing as often as not, but frigid spells rarely last more than a few days before a thaw sets in. Snowfalls are generally light and irregular. Snow is rarely found on the ground past noon of the next day.