

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO AMARILLO AND THE PANHANDLE OIL COUNTRY, TEXAS

LOCATION: Amarillo (“yellow” in Spanish) is located in the center of the Texas Panhandle. The city is situated on the banks of Amarillo Creek in the treeless High Plains country. Elevations are some 3,700 feet above sea level. To the north, are the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and the Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. The impressive Palo Duro Canyon lies to the southeast.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:05	10:54	11:57	13:04	14:00	14:30	14:17	13:30	12:27	11:20	10:22	9:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:12	7:48	8:53	9:51	10:28	11:42	11:15	10:41	9:21	8:26	7:41	6:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	54%	53%	55%	56%	54%	60%	58%	60%	61%	62%	61%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	4°	9°	15°	27°	38°	50°	58°	57°	43°	31°	16°	9°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	24°	26°	33°	42°	51°	61°	65°	64°	57°	46°	33°	25°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	49°	52°	61°	70°	78°	87°	90°	89°	82°	71°	59°	50°
HIGH FOR MONTH	71°	75°	82°	89°	93°	100°	100°	99°	95°	89°	79°	72°
FROSTY MORNINGS	82%	76%	46%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	44%	83%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	12%	37%	57%	47%	20%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	45%	44%	36%	34%	40%	39%	38%	40%	41%	39%	40%	43%
DRY DAYS	87%	84%	85%	81%	72%	73%	73%	74%	80%	83%	88%	88%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	95%	93%	91%	85%	83%	85%	83%	89%	92%	95%	96%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.09	0.12	0.14	0.25	0.46	0.51	0.44	0.49	0.36	0.26	0.15	0.12
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.6"	4.1"	2.6"	0.8"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	2.4"	3.7"
SNOWY DAYS	10%	10%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	10%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	4%	11%	24%	28%	27%	26%	14%	7%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	11%	8%	4%	4%	2%	1%	1%	4%	5%	7%	7%

COMMENTS: The area has a high-plains version of the mid-latitude four-season year. The sun shines brightly on some three-quarters of the year’s daylight hours, ranging from a “low” of 69% in December to a high of 81% in June. The low temperature for the year will be close to zero, while the high will be a few degrees over the one-hundred mark. Precipitation is light, and is concentrated in the warmer months. A typical summer afternoon will be very sunny, have low humidities, and be warm to hot. Sensible temperatures will be a few degrees cooler than actual ones. Summer nights are generally mild. A typical winter afternoon will be very sunny, with moderately low humidities, and chilly more often than cold. In a typical winter, less than a dozen days will remain below freezing all day. Winter nights will drop below freezing three-fourths of the time. Extremely rapid drops in temperature of 40° or 50° in an hour or two are common during the winter months. Snowfall is light, and rarely remains on the ground for more than a day or two.