

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SASKATOON METROPOLITAN AREA, SASKATCHEWAN

LOCATION: Saskatoon is located in south-central Saskatchewan. The city, essentially a university town, is situated on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River, in the midst of rolling prairie land. Although Saskatoon is a very pretty and comfortable town, there isn't all that much for the visitor to do if you are not interested in academics (the University of Saskatchewan) or the marketing of agricultural products. Still, it is a pleasant, relaxing town. Elevations are around 1,700 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:19	9:54	11:50	13:53	15:41	16:41	16:15	14:41	12:44	10:43	8:53	7:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:05	4:37	6:11	7:35	8:52	9:02	10:55	9:25	7:00	5:25	3:21	2:46
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	42%	42%	40%	39%	36%	49%	48%	46%	46%	32%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	-35°	-32°	-18°	8°	24°	34°	42°	37°	24°	11°	-11°	-28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-10°	-5°	8°	27°	39°	48°	53°	50°	39°	29°	13°	-2°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	9°	14°	28°	49°	64°	72°	78°	76°	64°	52°	30°	16°
HIGH FOR MONTH	36°	38°	48°	73°	86°	88°	94°	92°	84°	73°	52°	40°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	99%	96%	69%	21%	0%	0%	0%	16%	62%	96%	99%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	85%	84%	77%	53%	44%	47%	45%	45%	50%	60%	80%	86%
DRY DAYS	65%	67%	74%	75%	73%	63%	67%	70%	73%	80%	71%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	94%	93%	90%	87%	80%	83%	85%	87%	91%	93%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.24	0.41	0.38	0.28	0.23	0.13	0.10	0.10
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.4"	5.7"	6.1"	3.2"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.7"	2.9"	5.3"	6.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	34%	33%	24%	12%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	27%	31%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	13%	21%	15%	2%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	13%	12%	10%	5%	2%	3%	4%	7%	5%	5%	9%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 53% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 35% in December, to a high of 67% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -39°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a couple of degrees cooler than actual ones during the summer months, and pretty much the same as actual ones during the rest of the year. Winter is the dominant season, and is long, and very very cold. The ground is frozen from early October through the middle of April, and is snow-covered on and off during that time. Strong winds tend to blow the snow into sheltered spots and winter sunshine melts a portion. From late November through early March, afternoons rarely get above freezing, and below zero nighttime temperatures are fairly common.