

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TUCSON RESORT AREA, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Tucson is located in the Sonoran Desert of southeastern Arizona. The city is tucked away in a mountain basin, and lies between the channels of the Santa Cruz River and one of its major tributaries, the Rillito River. Elevations within the city average about 2,400 feet above sea level. A few miles out of town to the northeast, Mount Lemmon rises to some 9,185 feet in elevation.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:18	11:02	11:58	12:58	13:48	14:14	14:03	13:21	12:24	11:25	10:33	10:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:16	9:07	10:18	11:47	12:50	13:12	10:53	10:46	10:53	10:07	9:01	8:07
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	58%	58%	68%	73%	77%	47%	54%	71%	73%	68%	58%
LOW FOR MONTH	26°	28°	31°	38°	46°	56°	67°	66°	58°	43°	32°	27°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36°	39°	42°	48°	56°	65°	73°	71°	66°	54°	43°	37°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	65°	68°	73°	81°	90°	99°	99°	97°	95°	85°	74°	66°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	81°	86°	93°	100°	107°	107°	104°	103°	95°	85°	78°
FROSTY MORNINGS	19%	14%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	16%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	2%	15%	56%	94%	94%	92%	79%	30%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	32%	27%	23%	16%	13%	13%	28%	33%	27%	25%	28%	35%
DRY DAYS	85%	87%	86%	93%	95%	94%	66%	70%	84%	90%	90%	85%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	92%	92%	95%	98%	97%	82%	83%	91%	93%	94%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.14	0.15	0.12	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.35	0.35	0.20	0.11	0.13	0.16
SNOWY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	3%	5%	9%	45%	44%	19%	6%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 85% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 78% in July, to a high of 93% in May and June. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 23° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 109° on some blazing summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be up to 9° cooler than actual ones. Pleasant three-season weather and abundant sunshine are Tucson's chief attractions for visitors. In addition, there are the two sections of Saguaro National Monument, Tucson Mountain Park, the ski resort on Mount Lemmon, the forest activities in Coronado National Forest, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, and a whole flock of other museums. Those who come for the weather find that they have plenty to see and do.