

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NORTH PLATTE AREA, NEBRASKA

LOCATION: The city of North Platte is located just southwest of the center of the state of Nebraska. It is situated close to where the North Platte and South Platte Rivers join to form the Platte River. More useful for today's travelers, it is situated at the junction of I-90 and US-30 with US-83. Elevations are some 2,800 feet above sea level in this Great Plains city.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:35	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:28	15:06	14:50	13:50	12:31	11:09	9:57	9:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:57	6:33	7:25	8:21	9:16	10:48	11:27	10:14	8:58	7:46	6:02	5:28
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	37%	34%	36%	36%	47%	53%	52%	53%	52%	40%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	-11°	-5°	3°	18°	30°	42°	50°	47°	31°	19°	5°	-6°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	10°	15°	23°	35°	46°	56°	61°	59°	48°	35°	23°	14°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	36°	41°	49°	62°	71°	81°	88°	86°	78°	66°	50°	39°
HIGH FOR MONTH	59°	64°	75°	84°	89°	97°	101°	99°	95°	87°	73°	62°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	98%	80%	36%	5%	0%	0%	0%	5%	35%	86%	98%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	15%	38%	31%	9%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	53%	47%	41%	47%	47%	45%	44%	42%	41%	49%	55%
DRY DAYS	84%	80%	77%	74%	65%	68%	70%	73%	79%	85%	85%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	96%	95%	91%	87%	80%	82%	83%	88%	89%	93%	95%	96%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.07	0.09	0.17	0.33	0.51	0.55	0.46	0.35	0.25	0.17	0.10	0.08
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.5"	5.0"	6.8"	2.3"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.1"	3.3"	4.2"
SNOWY DAYS	15%	17%	16%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%	12%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	8%	19%	30%	30%	25%	12%	2%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	7%	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	6%	6%	7%	5%

COMMENTS: There are no oceans nearby to moderate the climate, and you can expect the temperatures for the normal year to range from -15° or -20° in the winter to more than 100° in the summer. Two-thirds of the year's daylight hours get bright sunshine, ranging from a very sunny 77% in July to a still quite respectable 59% in December. Precipitation is light, with a distinct summer maximum--winter is quite dry. Most of this summer rain comes from thunderstorms, and a Great Plains thunderstorm can be an awesome sight. Blizzards are a feature of the winter, but do not occur every year. Nevertheless, canny travelers on the highways (including the interstates) during the winter months carry sleeping bags or blankets, and an emergency supply of food and water.