

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LAREDO AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS AND MEXICO

LOCATION: Laredo is located on the Mexican border in southwestern Texas. The city sits on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, with its sister city of Nuevo Laredo just across the river in Mexico. More of the land trade—both commercial and tourist—between the United States and Mexico passes through Laredo than through any other U. S. border point. The landscape is gently rolling away from the river floodplain, and is covered by semi-arid shrubs such as mesquite and other varieties of chaparral. Elevations are around 500 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:37	11:13	11:59	12:49	13:30	13:51	13:43	13:08	12:21	11:32	10:50	10:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:54	5:37	6:40	7:50	8:51	10:06	11:19	10:31	8:59	7:46	6:07	4:55
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	39%	40%	41%	44%	53%	59%	58%	54%	54%	47%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	29°	33°	40°	48°	59°	67°	70°	70°	61°	49°	37°	31°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	41°	49°	63°	63°	69°	74°	76°	75°	72°	63°	53°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	68°	73°	81°	88°	93°	98°	100°	100°	94°	87°	76°	69°
HIGH FOR MONTH	87°	90°	96°	102°	103°	105°	105°	105°	102°	96°	91°	85°
FROSTY MORNINGS	12%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	2%	5%	21%	47%	74%	93%	98%	97%	81%	35%	5%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	50%	44%	44%	45%	43%	40%	41%	47%	49%	50%	54%
DRY DAYS	81%	83%	87%	87%	81%	86%	90%	88%	79%	85%	88%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	92%	95%	92%	89%	90%	94%	91%	87%	91%	93%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.15	0.17	0.11	0.26	0.44	0.35	0.23	0.34	0.49	0.29	0.19	0.17
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	4%	3%	10%	18%	13%	9%	10%	13%	6%	3%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	13%	7%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 63% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 46% in January, to a high of 83% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 27°, and the highest should be near 108°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a bit cooler than actual ones during the cooler months, and up to 5° warmer during the May through September period. Most of the summer rains come as brief thundershowers during the afternoons and early evenings. The winter rain is frontal, and tends to be lighter in nature, but somewhat more persistent. Snow flurries can and do occur most winters, but snow on the ground for any length of time is extremely rare. Winters are generally mild to warm, and years can pass without a day in which temperatures fail to rise above freezing in the afternoon.