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## State Sunshine

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## Average Annual Sunshine by State

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The tables below pull together numbers on the amount of sunshine that each US state usually has in a year. There's information by state on the annual averages for percent, hours and days of sun.

The **% Sun** number measures the percentage of time between sunrise and sunset that sunshine reaches the ground. **Total Hours** is the average number of sunny hours a place normally has in a year. **Clear Days** is the average number of days annually when cloud covers at most 30 percent of the sky during daylight hours.

All of the data are averages based on several decades of weather measurements.

Since so few weather stations measure sunshine, meaningful state-

wide averages aren't available. Instead, the tables list a place for each state that represents the state's typical amount of sunshine.

For information on the amount of sunshine at more places in a state, click on the state's name.

## Average annual sunshine

State	Place	% Sun	Total Hours	Clear Days
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	Birmingham	58	2641	99
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	Anchorage	41	2061	61
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	Tucson	85	3806	193
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	Fort Smith	61	2771	123
<a href="#">California</a>	San Diego	68	3055	146
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	Grand Junction	71	3204	136
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	Hartford	56	2585	82
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	Wilmington	-	-	97
<a href="#">Florida</a>	Tampa	66	2927	101
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	Macon	66	2986	112
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	Honolulu	71	-	90
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	Boise	64	2993	120
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	Peoria	56	2567	95
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	Indianapolis	55	2440	88
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	Des Moines	59	2691	105
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	Wichita	65	2922	128
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	Louisville	56	2514	93
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	New Orleans	57	2649	101
<a href="#">Maine</a>	Portland	57	2513	101

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<a href="#">Maryland</a>	Baltimore	57	2582	105
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	Boston	58	2634	98
<a href="#">Michigan</a>	Lansing	51	2392	71
<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	Minneapolis	58	2711	95
<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	Jackson	61	2720	111
<a href="#">Missouri</a>	Springfield	60	2690	115

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<a href="#">Montana</a>	Helena	59	2698	82
<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	Lincoln	61	2762	117
<a href="#">Nevada</a>	Reno	79	3646	158
<a href="#">New Hampshire</a>	Concord	54	2519	90
<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	Atlantic City	56	2499	94
<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	Albuquerque	76	3415	167
<a href="#">New York</a>	Syracuse	46	2120	63
<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	Greensboro	60	2651	109
<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	Bismarck	59	2738	93
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	Columbus	50	2183	72
<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	Oklahoma City	68	3089	139
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	Portland	48	2341	68
<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	Harrisburg	58	2614	87
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	Providence	58	2606	98
<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	Columbia	64	2826	115
<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	Huron	63	2947	104
<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	Nashville	56	2510	102
<a href="#">Texas</a>	Dallas	61	2850	135
<a href="#">Utah</a>	Salt Lake City	66	3029	125
<a href="#">Vermont</a>	Burlington	49	2295	58
<a href="#">Virginia</a>	Richmond	63	2829	100
<a href="#">Washington</a>	Seattle	47	2170	58
<a href="#">West Virginia</a>	Beckley	-	-	60
<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	Madison	54	2428	89
<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	Lander	68	3073	114



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