

Science Test

The following figures contain information about how solar energy can be collected through the windows of a house. Figure 1 shows the percent of possible sunshine, Figure 2 the average outdoor temperature during the heating season, and Figure 3 the net heat gained (in British thermal units, Btu) per hour per square foot of window area.

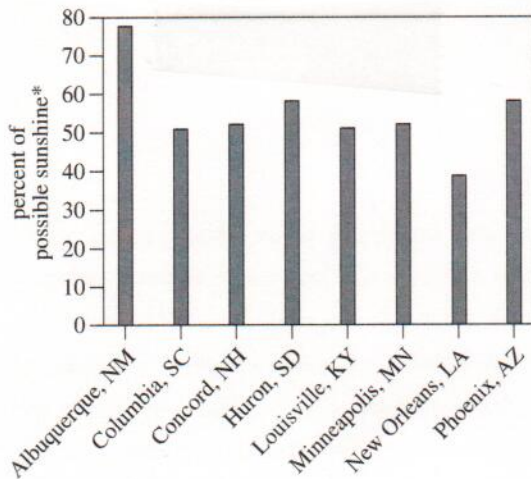


Figure 1

*percent of possible sunshine = $\frac{\text{actual hours of direct sunlight}}{\text{possible hours of sunlight}} \times 100$

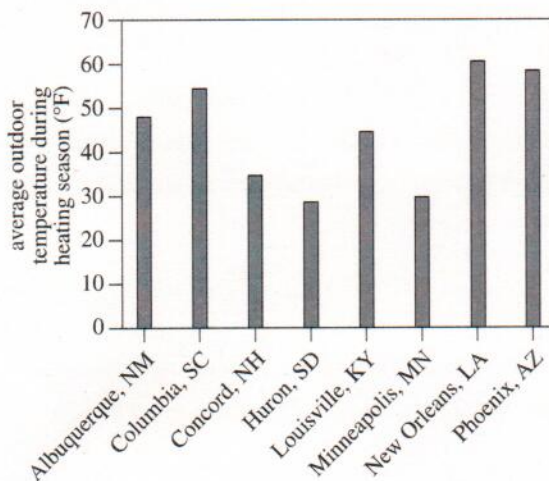


Figure 2

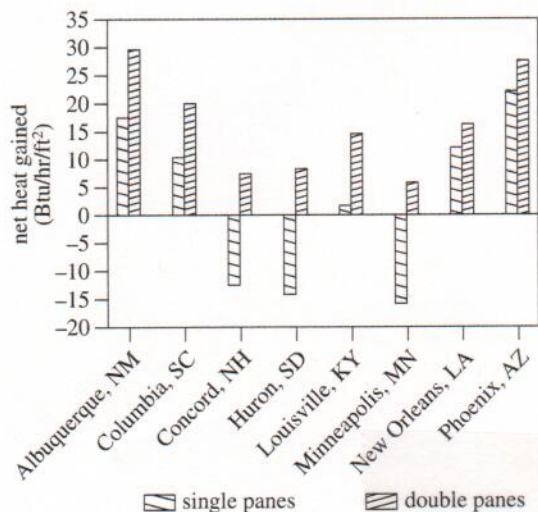


Figure 3

Single- and double-pane windows admit about the same amount of sunlight, but a single pane allows more heat to escape from the house than does a double pane.

- According to the information in Figure 1, which of the following cities receives the LEAST percent of possible sunshine?
 - Albuquerque
 - Columbia
 - Louisville
 - New Orleans
- According to the information in Figure 3, the greatest heat gained through double-pane glass occurs in which of the following cities?
 - Albuquerque
 - Minneapolis
 - New Orleans
 - Phoenix
- According to the data, the greatest net heat *loss* through a single-pane window occurred in which city?
 - Concord
 - Huron
 - Minneapolis
 - Phoenix
- Indianapolis, Indiana, receives 51% possible sunshine and has an average temperature of 40.3°F during the heating season. On the basis of the data presented, the net heat gained by a double-pane window in Indianapolis would be approximately:
 - 15 Btu/hr/ft².
 - 7 Btu/hr/ft².
 - 11 Btu/hr/ft².
 - 27 Btu/hr/ft².
- Which of the following hypotheses about the relationship between the percent of possible sunshine and average outdoor temperature during the heating season is best supported by the data?
 - As the percent of possible sunshine increases, the average temperature decreases.
 - As the percent of possible sunshine increases, the average temperature increases.
 - The average temperature is not directly related to the percent of possible sunshine.
 - The percent of possible sunshine depends on the length of the heating season, rather than the average temperature.