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Monthly and annual maps of average bright sunshine over
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 1921-50.

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The accompanying maps are based on data given in "Averages of Bright Sunshine for Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 1921-50", M.O.572. The statistics are derived from measurements of the duration of bright sunshine, as recorded in the form of a scorched or burnt line each day, on the graduated card of a Campbell-Stokes sunshine recorder. Averages for the period 1921-50 were available for 159 stations and are expressed on the maps as the mean number of hours per day.

Similar maps, but for the period 1901-30 are available in the Climatological Atlas of the British Isles, 1952, M.O.488, published by H.M.S.O. price £2. 12s.6d. net. Averages for the 30 years ending 1935 were published in M.O.408 and for the thirty years ending 1930 in M.O.377.

Comparing these averages it is apparent that the amount of sunshine received during the recent thirty years 1921-50 was somewhat less than during the periods 1901-30 and 1906-35. During the recent period June and December were generally sunnier than in the earlier periods, while September and November were generally less sunny.

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