





NWS Partners and Users Heat Webinar







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Opening Remarks













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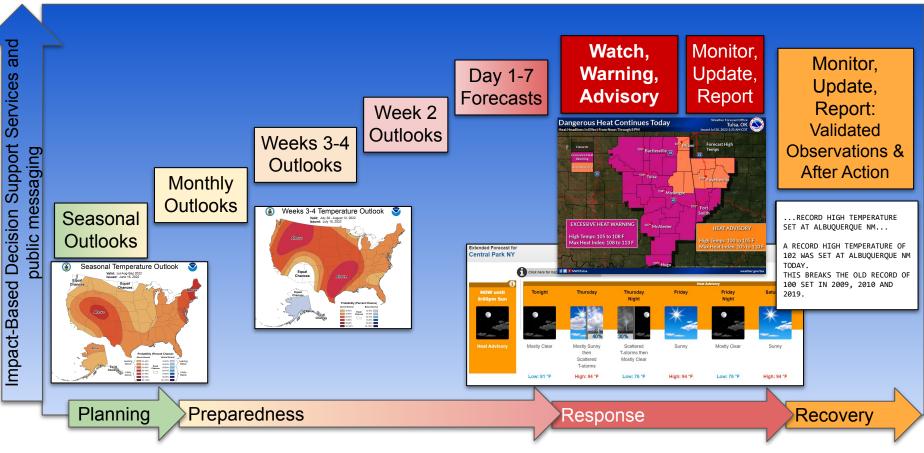
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CPC = Climate Prediction Center

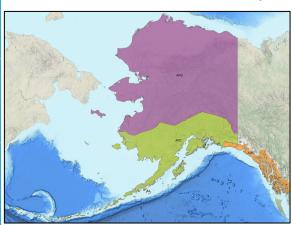
Mission: CPC delivers real-time products and information that predict and describe climate variations on timescales from weeks to years thereby promoting effective management of climate risk and a climate-resilient society.

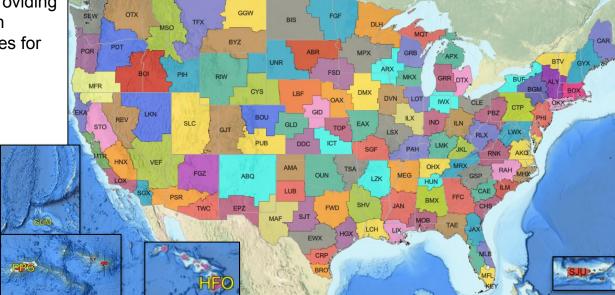
WPC = Weather Prediction Center

Mission: To synthesize the nation's daily weather story and champion the operational prediction of rain storms, winter storms, and extreme temperature events for the protection of life and property.

WFO = local Weather Forecast Office

122 local offices across the country providing local forecasts, impact-based decision support, watch, warning, and advisories for the protection of life and property.







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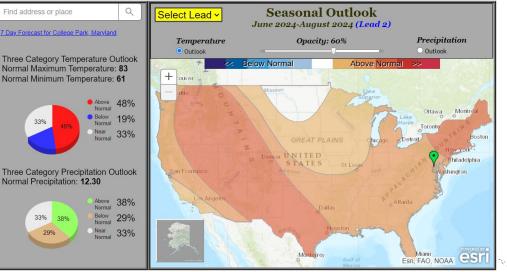
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Seasonal Outlook

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/ https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/interactive/index.php

INTERACTIVE DISPLAY - UPDATED: 18 APR 2024









- Forecasts available in interactive GIS tool (left figure) or static graphics (right figure)
- Forecasts can only **loosely** be interpreted as increased/decreased likelihood of hot days relative to normal

These forecasts show the probability of seasonal average temperatures being above, near, or below normal!

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Monthly Outlook

San Francisco

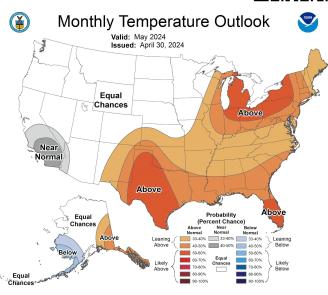
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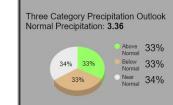






Ottawa





Below 27%

Normal

33%



GREAT PLAINS UNITED

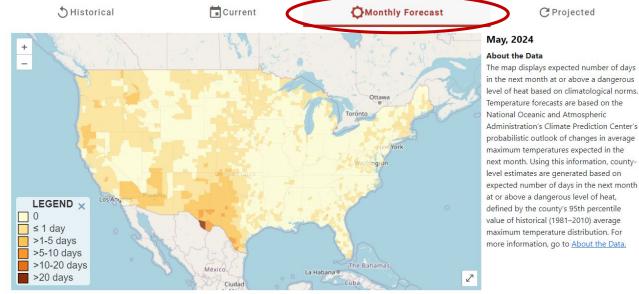
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CDC Heat and Health Tracker

- Monthly Outlook of dangerous heat days (defined as county's 95% percentile value)
- **Uses CPC Monthly Temperature** Outlook



Updates twice per month (third Thursday, and last day) with an outlook for the following month

Available at https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/Applications/heatTracker/



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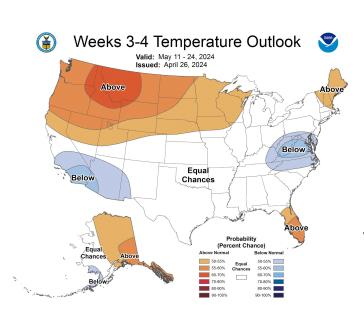


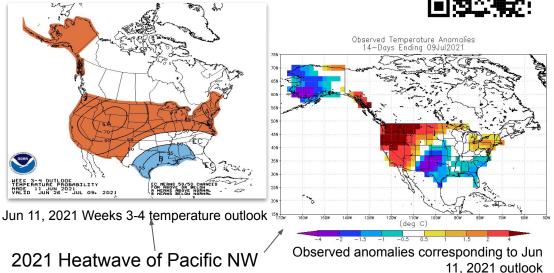
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Weeks 3-4 Outlook

Front page: "Week 3-4 Outlooks"; https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/WK34/







- Forecasts are issued weekly (Friday at 3PM) as static graphics
- The maps can more confidently be interpreted as increased/decreased likelihood of hot days relative to normal

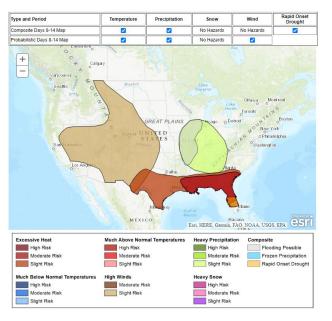
These forecasts show the probability of Weeks 3-4 average temperatures being above or below normal!





Week 2 US Hazards outlook

Front page: "8-14 Day U.S. Hazards Outlook"; https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/threats.php





- Issued weekdays (M-F) at 3 PM in both interactive GIS interface (left) and as static graphics (middle)
- The temperature related hazards are 'Excessive Heat' and 'Much Above Normal Temperatures'
- Probabilities in three levels: high, moderate, slight
- The associated forecast discussion provides additional information on context and impacts

These forecasts show the probability of extreme temperatures in Week 2!







Week-2 Probabilistic Extremes tool



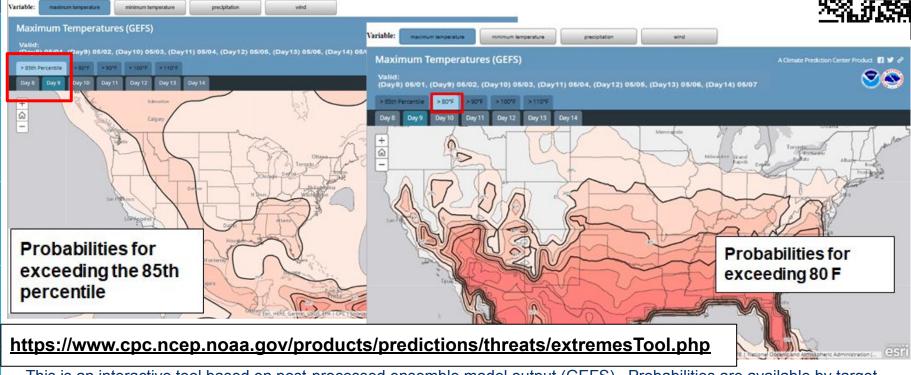












This is an interactive tool based on post-processed ensemble model output (GEFS). Probabilities are available by target date, maximum vs minimum temperatures and various thresholds. Thresholds both relative and absolute in nature.

These forecasts show the probability of individual days with extreme temperatures in Week-2!





CPC Heat Key Messages

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8/13 - 8/15

Key Messages are provided on the CPC Home Page under "Climate News" (when active)











Key Messages for Potential Northwest U.S. Heat Updated Aug 8, 2023 12:00 PM PDT Heat wave will be possible from this weekend into next week in the Pacific Northwest Areas with at least a 40% chance Hazardous heat will be possible in portions of the Northwest of Hazardous Levels of Heat U.S. from this weekend into next week, particularly from Sunday to Tuesday Sunday, August 13th to Wednesday, August 16th, There is a

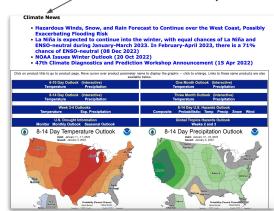
For more information go to:

Greatest confidence exists in the interior valleys and lower elevations of southwest Washington, western Oregon, and northern California. At any given location in that region, there is generally about a 50-60 percent chance of hazardous heat, and a 30-40 percent chance of daily record highs.

slight risk of the heat persisting through August 18th.

- However, if the hotter forecast scenarios materialize. hazardous heat would be possible across most of the Northwest U.S.
- Now is the time to evaluate your plans and preparedness levels for a multi-day period of dangerous heat. This is particularly true for anyone without reliable access to cooled and air conditioned locations, and anyone with plans for outdoor recreation. Have a way to break your heat exposure and stay hydrated! Never leave people or pets locked in a vehicle, which can heat up to dangerous levels in minutes.





- New product for high confidence and high impact events
- Provides shareable graphics, talking points and concise details surrounding event
- Similar to Key Messages that NHC and WPC issue for tropical storms and winter storms, respectively
- Coordinate with WPC on transition from Week 2 to Week 1 and joint KMs issued



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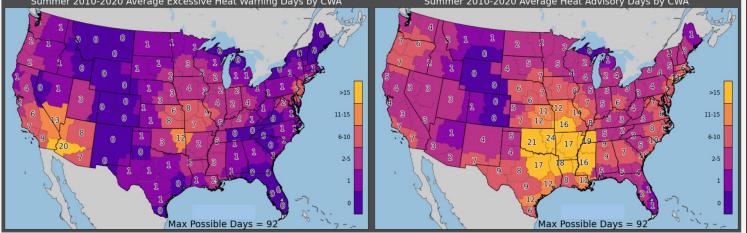
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Heat is a Big Deal!

Expect Increasing Demand for NWS Forecasts and Services Related to Hot Weather Summer 2010-2020 Average Excessive Heat Warning Days by CWA Summer 2010-2020 Average Heat Advisory Days by CWA



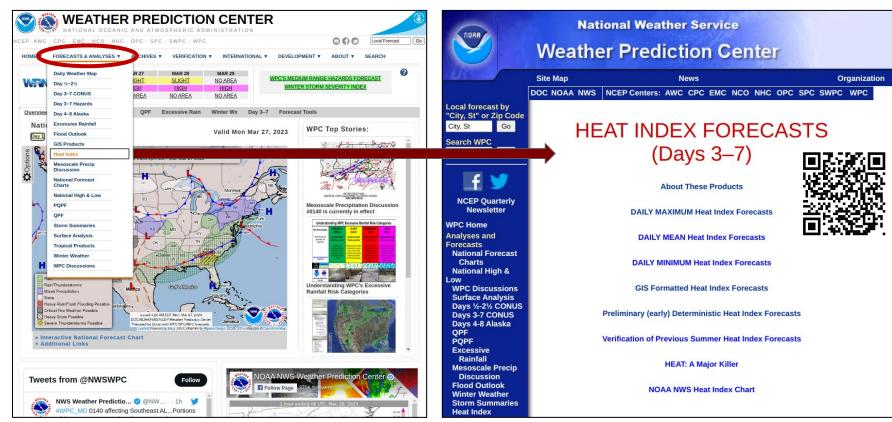
How does NWS consistently deliver expertise to inform the public about the hazards associated with heat? What can WPC do to better position the NWS in this important endeavour?







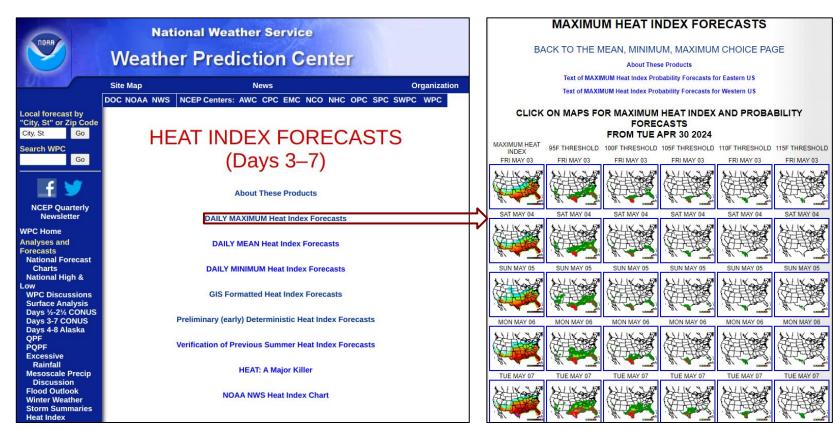
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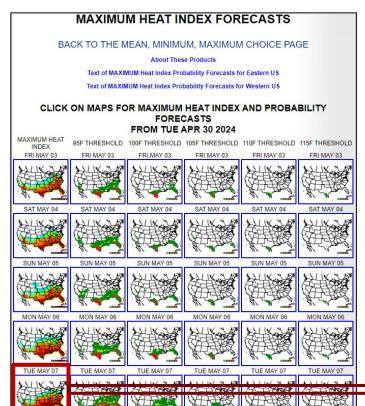


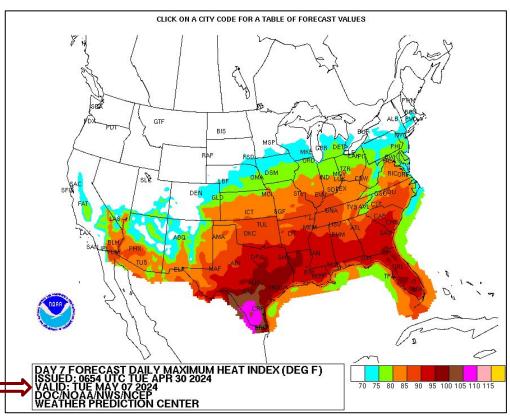






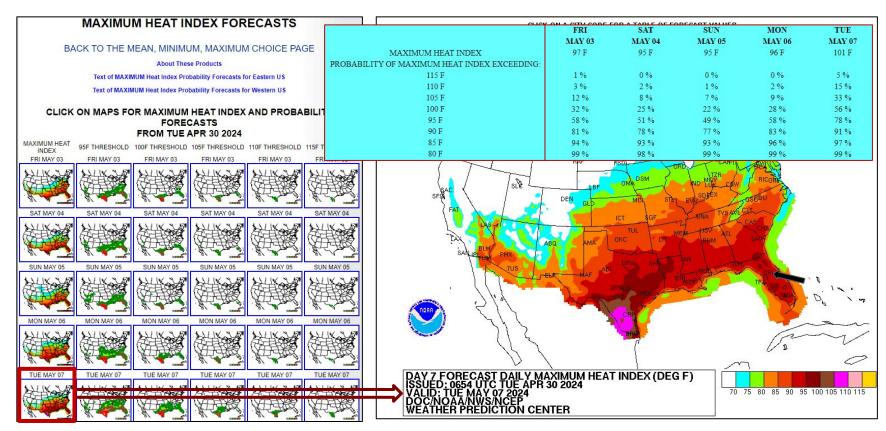














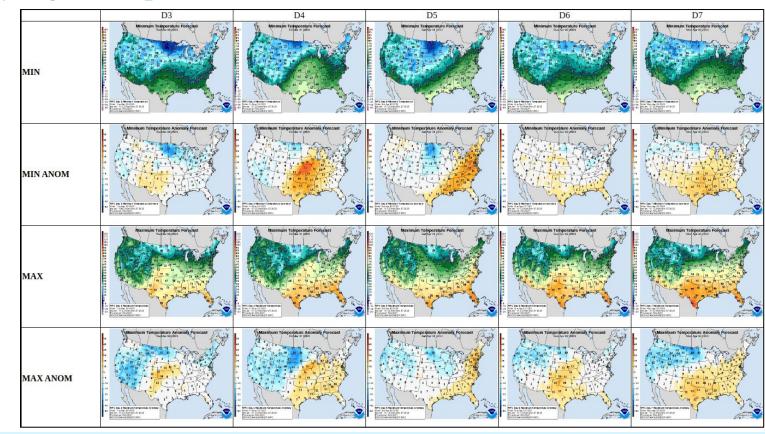


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Medium Range Temp Forecasts (Days 3-7)





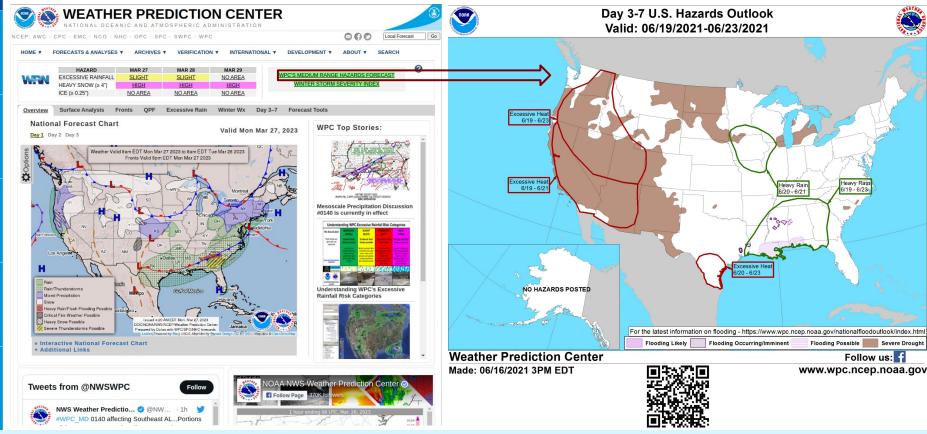




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WPC Temp Forecasts & Resources

https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php







https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/#page=tls





Change in weather parameters (temperature, dewpoint, surface pressure, etc) over the last 1/3/6/24 hours. Data is provided from the Real-Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA) or the Rapid Refresh (RAP).

GEFS Probabilities



Plots of GEFS probabilistic forecast of precipitation, temperature, and sea-level pressure exceeding various thresholds.

Local Storm Reports



Custom plots of Local Storm Reports across the Contiguous United States. Reports include rain, snow, ice, and severe weather, as well as other significant information from storm

Experimental Extreme Precipitation Monitor



Displays the climatological significance of precipitation forecast by WPC. The climatological significance is represented by Average Recurrence Intervals (ARIs) of precipitation estimates from NOAA Atlas-14 and

Ensemble Situational Awareness Table



An interactive situational awareness table that displays anomalies. percentiles, and return intervals from the GEFS, NAEFS, and ECMWF Ensembles (login required to view ECMWF data).

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NDFD Forecast Temperature Records Interactive display of where



temperatures could approach or exceed records within the contiguous U.S. (based on NDFD temperature forecasts)

NWS NDFD Max/Min Temperatures and Departure from Normal



Displays Days 1-7 NDFD maximum and minimum temperatures, along with their respective departures from climatology.

Prototype Snowband Probability Forecasts



An interactive tool that depicts areas of heavy snowfall from individual members of high-resolution short range ensemble forecasts.

Weather in Context Prototype



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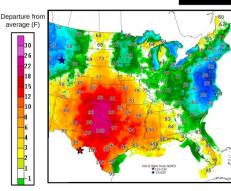
Early-Season Heat Wave Forecast Through Next Week

Heat Wave will expand from the Plains into the Mississippi Valley, Midwest, and Northeast. Highs are forecast to break daily records for some locations.

NWS NDFD MAX High Temperature (F) and Departure from Average (Fill)

Forecast Record or Near-Record MAX High Temperatures (F)

Sunday May 8th





Atmospheric Administration

For more information go to: www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov and www.weather.gov Weather Prediction Center College Park, MD









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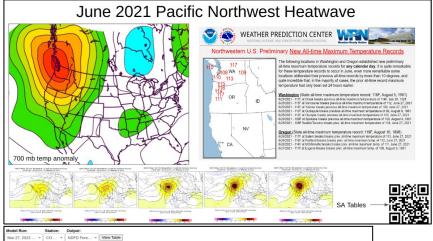




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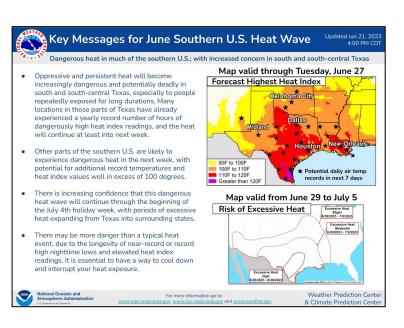


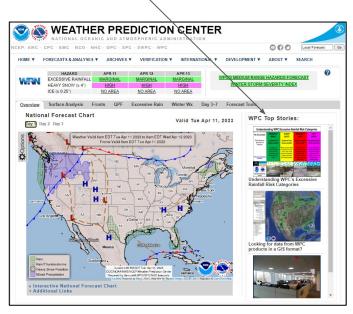




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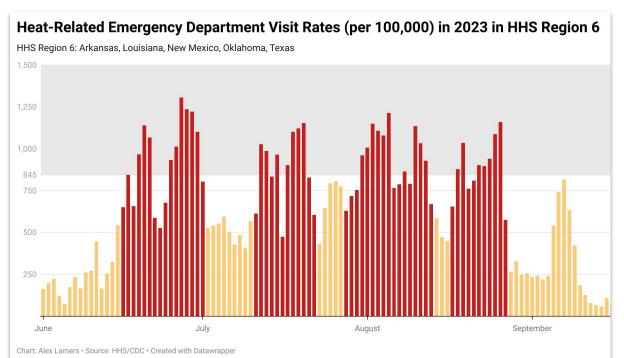


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WPC Heat Key Messages

Comparing Key Message days with heat-related Emergency Department visits in FEMA Region 6, Jun-Sep 2023





Red days: Key Message graphic in effect for HHS Region 6

Other days: No Key Message graphic







WFO Routine Forecast Products

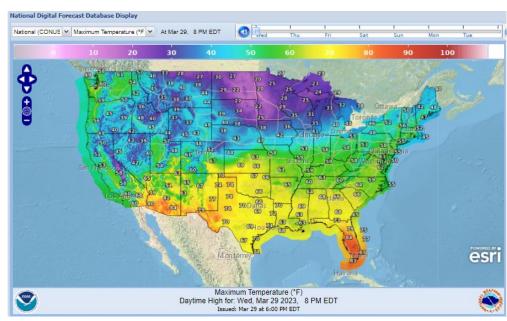




122 local Weather Forecast Offices (WFO)

Graphical forecasts of 2.5km x
 2.5km resolution

- weather.gov
- digital.weather.gov
- graphical.weather.gov
- weather.gov/forecastpoints



https://digital.weather.gov/









Outlooks: Days 1-7

Text based HWO

Experimental Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook (gHWO)

Example: https://www.weather.gov/erh/ghwo?wfo=psr

24 Hr Hazard Risks

Filter Elements *

Severe

Tornado

Lightning

Excessive Rainfal

Excessive Heat

Fire Weather

Rip Current

Marine Hazard

Thunderstorm

Thunderstorm Wind

Sat Sun Mon Tue Wed













Hazardous Weather Outlook
National Weather Service Des Moines IA
303 AM CDT Mon Aug 21 2023

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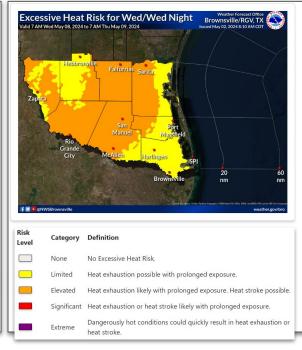
This Hazardous Weather Outlook is for portions of central Iowa.

.DAY ONE...Today and tonight

Hot and humid conditions continue today with dangerous heat index values. A Excessive Heat Warning is in effect for the area. Please refer to the National Weather Service website at weather.gov/desmoines for further details.

.DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...Tuesday through Sunday

The long duration heat event continues through at least Wednesday with dangerous heat index values. An Excessive Heat Warning is in effect for the area through Wednesday evening. Please refer to the National Weather Service website at weather.gov/desmoines for further details.







WFO Watch, Warning, Advisory

https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat-ww



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Excessive Heat <u>Watch</u>
Heat Advisory

Conditions favorable for an excessive heat event to meet/exceed local heat warning criteria in the next 24 to 72 hrs

Heat Index values forecast to meet/exceed local heat advisory criteria for 1 to 2 days.

Generally **North**: HI>100 **South**: HI >105, and Min nighttime lows >/=75

Excessive Heat

<u>Warning</u>

Heat Index values forecast to meet or exceed locally defined warning criteria for at

least 2 days.

Generally **North**: HI>105 **South**: HI >110

Min nighttime lows >/=75

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Strongly encourage local forecast offices to work with local partners, especially public health partners, to adjust criteria to reflect local impacts





Successful Collaboration Adjusting Criteria

Post Hurricane Laura 2020

With nearly 100% of customers without power NWS offices reached out to the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to validate the need for lowered criteria

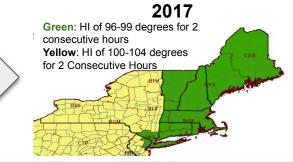


New England / Northeast 2016-2017

Multi-year effort to set Heat Advisory criteria that better reflect health impacts



NWS Offices serving New England worked with Northeast Health Departments and NE Heat Consortium 2016-2017









NWS Forecast Tools to Assess Heat



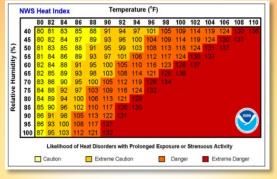








Heat Index

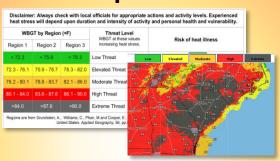


Heat stress in context for general public.

- Relatively simple: T + RH
- Light physical activity in shade

5'7" adult, 147.7 lbs, walking outside at 3.1 mph, wearing trousers and short sleeved shirt

Wet Bulb Globe Temperature



healthy, active outdoor communities.

- More Complex: T + RH + wind + solar radiation
- High levels of outdoor physical activity

HeatRisk (experimental)



Risk of heat related impacts in climatological context with CDC heat-health information.

- Impacts-based: MaxT + MinT + CDC heat-health data
- Spectrum of heat-health impacts for *all* populations







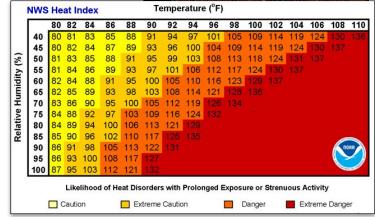
- Derived from Steadman's work and simplified by Lans Rothfusz
- Traditional measurement of Heat stress due to high temperatures and high humidity. Includes several (21) parameters and assumptions such as:
 - body mass & height
- heat tolerance

clothing

- sunlight and UV exposure
- physical activity
- wind speed

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Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT)

What is it?

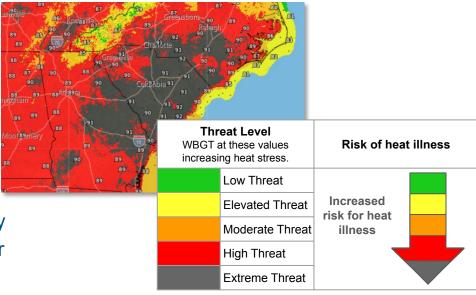
Estimates the effect of temperature, humidity, wind, and solar radiation on the human body

Effective indicator of heat stress for active populations

What are the benefits?

- Particularly useful for outdoor workers, athletes, people exercising or active outdoors, etc.
- Can help establish guidelines for activity modifications during exercise or outdoor work





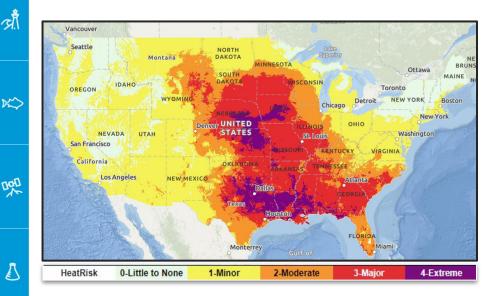






HeatRisk (experimental)

Expanded Coast to Coast in April 2024



If you missed our April 22 webinar, you can find the recording at weather.gov/wrn/calendar

What does it take into account?

- How above normal temps are for a location
- Time of the year
- Duration of unusual heat
- Overnight temps
- Difference between lows and highs

What are the benefits?

- Helps people understand what forecasted heat means to them
- Provides heat risk guidance for decision makers and heat sensitive populations who may need to take action below NWS heat product levels







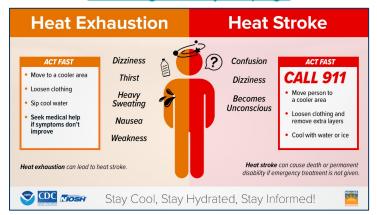
Messaging Resources

Federal Heat Health Information Hub heat.gov



Seasonal Safety Campaigns

weather.gov/safetycampaign



Heat Safety Website: weather.gov/heat



















Questions?

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Federal Heat Health Information Hub https://www.heat.gov/

