



## New York State excluding New York City Heat-Related Illness Surveillance Report 08/26/2024 - 09/08/2024

Report Date: 09/09/2024

Figure 1. New York State Heat Risk Forecast for 09/10

Category	Risk of Heat-Related Impacts
Green	Little to no risk from expected heat.
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Yellow	Minor - This level of heat affects primarily
1	those individuals extremely sensitive to heat,
	especially when outdoors without effective
	cooling and/or adequate hydration.
Orange	Moderate - This level of heat affects most
2	individuals sensitive to heat, especially those
	without effective cooling and/or adequate
	hydration. Impacts possible in some health
	systems and in heat-sensitive industries.
Red	Major - This level of heats affects anyone
3	without effective cooling and/or adequate
	hydration. Impacts likely in some health
	systems, heat-sensitive industries and
	infrastructure.
Magenta	Extreme - This level of rare and/or long-
4	duration extreme heat with little to no
	overnight relief affects anyone without
	effective cooling and/or adequate hydration.
	Impacts likely in most health systems, heat-
	sensitive industries and infrastructure.



Note: Visit NWS HeatRisk (https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/heatrisk/) for the most recent forecast.

Figure 2. Daily Peak Heat Index Within the Past 14 Days

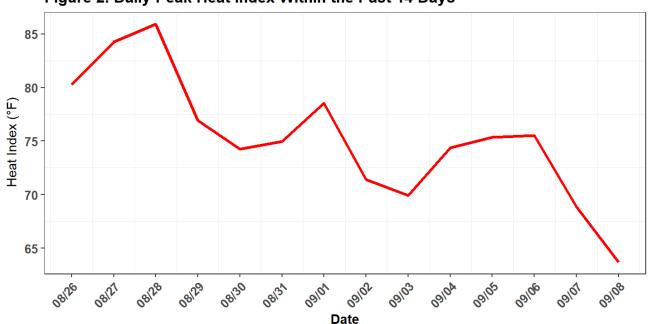
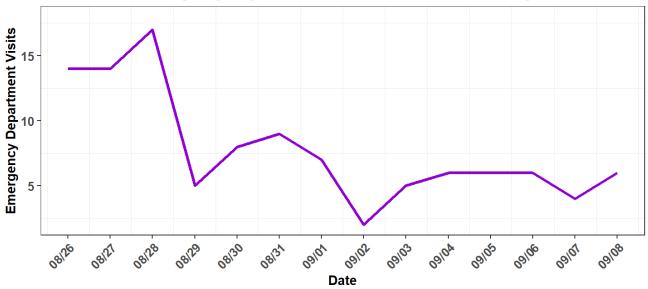


Table 1. Time Trends and Historical Comparisons for Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits and New York State Mesonet Heat Index

Indicator	$Count^1$	Change		
Previous Day Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits				
09/08/2024	6	-14%		
Historical for Month of September <sup>2</sup>	7			
Previous 14 Days Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits				
08/26/2024 ~ 09/08/2024	109	-37%		
Historical for previous 14 days <sup>3</sup>	173			
Cumulative for Heat Season (May ~ September)				
Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits May 1 ~ September 08		+16%		
Historical Baseline Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits for May 1 ~ September $08^4$				
Percent of County-Days with Heat Index of 85 or Greater (May 1 ~ September 08) <sup>5</sup>	19.2%	+32%		
Historical Baseline Percent of County-Days with Heat Index of 85 or Greater (May 1 $\sim$ September 08) $^6$	14.5%			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Values are shown as counts, unless otherwise indicated.

Figure 3. Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits Within the Past 14 Days



<sup>\*</sup> indicates ED visits higher than average for past 1-28 days or 3-30 days plus normal variations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Average visits per day September for the years 2019-2023, excluding 2020.

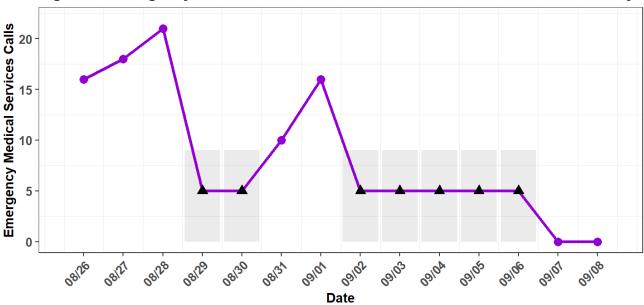
 $<sup>^3</sup>$  Average visits for 08/26 ~ 09/08 for the years 2019-2023, excluding 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Average cumulative visits from May 1 ~ September 08 for the years 2019-2023, excluding 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> County-days: each county contributes one county-day on any day in the summer. Since there are 57 counties in NYS excluding NYC, on each day there are 57 county-days.

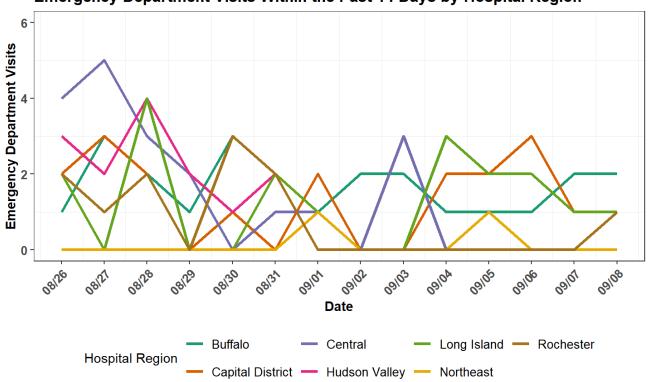
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Proportion of all county-days with heat index of 85 or greater from May 1 ~ September 08 for the years 2018-2023.

Figure 4. Emergency Medical Services Heat-Related Calls Within the Past 14 Days



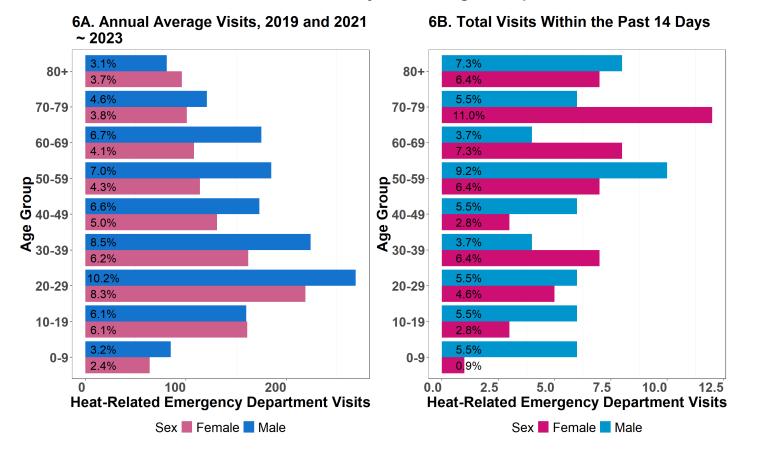
▲ values between 1 to 9 are suppressed.

Figure 5. Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits Within the Past 14 Days by Hospital Region



 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  indicates ED visits higher than average for past 1-28 days or 3-30 days plus normal variations.

Figure 6. Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System Heat-Related Emergency Department
Visits Distribution by Sex and Age Group



## Note:

Hospital regions in New York State's Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System are grouped by county. Emergency department visits were assigned to region based on hospital location.

## Data source:

- Heat risk forecast is retrieved from National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/DataExplorer/).
- Daily peak heat index and historical heat index are provided by State Weather Risk Communication Center and NYS Mesonet (https://www.nysmesonet.org/).
- Heat-related emergency department visits are from the New York State Department of Health's Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System and emergency medical service responses are taken from Biospatial.

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