

Heat and Health Tracker Evaluation Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey on CDC's Heat and Health Tracker. Your feedback today will help us improve the tool.

If you are new to the Tracker, you may visit and explore the tool here to provide feedback. If you have never used the tool, we still would welcome your participation in the survey to help us understand your heat and health-related needs.

Please note the survey contains branching logic, so you may not see questions served in numerical order. That is expected.

CDC/ATSDR estimates the average public reporting burden for this collection of information as 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data/information sources, gathering and maintaining the data/information needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to CDC/ATSDR Information Collection Review Office, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS D-74, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; ATTN: PRA (0923-0047)

Form Approved
OMB No. 0923-0047
Exp. Date: 02/28/2025

Thank you for your time.

1. What type of organization are you a part of?

- State health department
- County health department
- City health department
- Tribal health organization
- State governmental agency (not health focused)
- Municipal governmental agency (not health focused)

2. What is the name of the team or unit in which you work?

3. Please share/describe your role in your organization.

4. Please indicate which sector your role most closely aligns with.

- Health
- Emergency preparedness
- Planning
- Tracking
- Other, please specify

4a. If you selected other, please specify.

5. How often are you personally involved in monitoring, preparing for, or responding to heat events?

- Often
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never

6. How many staff are there in your organization who are involved with heat-related planning and/or response?

- None
- One
- Two-Four
- Five or more

(Please count yourself if it applies.)

7. To what extent does your organization consider heat preparedness planning and/or heat response a top priority?

- Not at all
 Very Little
 A moderate amount
 Very much
 Not sure

8. Were you aware of the Heat and Health Tracker prior to this survey?

- Yes
 No

9. How often does your organization currently use the related Heat and Health Tracker (the Tracker) for heat-related planning and/or response?

- Regularly uses the Tracker for heat-related planning and/or response
 Sometimes uses the Tracker for heat-related planning and/or response
 Has used the Tracker for heat-related planning and/or response once or twice
 Used it/visited the Tracker for the first time in preparation for this survey
 Never used it for heat-related planning and/or response

10. How has your organization used the Heat and Health Tracker? Select all that apply.

- Track heat related illness or death case changes (daily or weekly);
 Track heat trends;
 Explore heat forecasts;
 Share heat-related information with employees (via email, meetings, alerts, or other means);
 Share heat-related information with partners (via reports, meetings, or other means);
 Share heat-related information with the public (via blogs, webpages, alerts or other means); Share the Tracker as a useful tool for others to use (e.g. through a climate and health webpage); Apply for funding to prepare for, or respond to, heat;
 Make a decision to allocate funds to heat-related preparedness and response;
 Trigger an individual heat response action (e.g. opening cooling stations);
 Trigger a heat action plan or response (e.g. when seeing case changes)
 Other, please specify

10a. If you selected other, please describe.

11. Please provide example(s) of how the Heat and Health Tracker has been used either for decision-making and/or allocation of resources.

12. Are there thresholds set for or by your organization or partners to take action?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

13. Please provide more detail, including what thresholds are based on and what response options are in place when triggered.

14. Have you or your organizations received any inquiries from media, partners, or the public about data displayed on the Heat and Health Tracker? Yes
 No
 Unsure

15. Please provide examples of inquiries you or your partners have received.

16. Has your organization embedded the Tracker into its website? Yes
 No

17. Please provide the link to this webpage.

18. What aspects of the Heat and Health Tracker are most useful or beneficial?

19. How could the Tracker be more useful to your organization in tracking, planning, and responding to heat and heat-related illness?

20. What other metrics and/or functionalities could be incorporated into the Tracker to enhance its utility?

21. What suggestions do you have for making the Tracker more user-friendly for those who do not have an environmental health or data background?

22. How could the Tracker be more useful as a communication tool with partners or the public?

23. What are barriers or concerns with using the Tracker to track, plan, and respond to heat and heat-related illness?

24. If you shared any barriers or concerns, do you have any potential solutions or recommendations to minimize the effect of these barriers/concerns?

25. Why has your organization not used the Tracker in heat preparedness and response work? Select all that apply.

- Heat is not currently a priority in our area. There is a different tool that fits our needs better.
- The organization is unsure how use the Tracker. The organization lacks the skills and/or capacity to interpret the data provided by the Tracker.
- The organization does not have the capacity in terms of staff time and availability to utilize the Tracker.
- The organization was not aware of the Tracker. Other, please specify

25a. If you selected other, please describe.

26. What other tools or resources does your organization use for tracking heat and heat related illness or making heat-related preparedness and response decisions in the jurisdiction?
