

Cooling Centers and Heat Vulnerability in Milwaukee County

Public cooling centers offer life-saving relief during extreme heat, but gaps in coverage persist. This map highlights disparities in walking service areas across Milwaukee County, identifying areas where access to cooling centers may be limited for heat-vulnerable communities.

WASHINGTON
COUNTY

O Z A U K E E C O U N T Y

Brown Deer River Hills

Fox Point

Glendale

Whitefish Bay

Shorewood

Wauwatosa

MILWAUKEE
C O U N T Y

West Allis

West Milwaukee

St. Francis

Hales Corners

Greenfield

Greendale

Cudahy

South Milwaukee

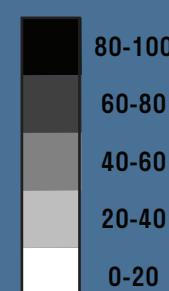
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Oak Creek

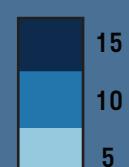
What is Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI)?:

The Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI) shows neighborhoods whose residents are more at risk for dying during and immediately following extreme heat events. Data is comprised of physical and mental health variables, demographic, and environmental factors.

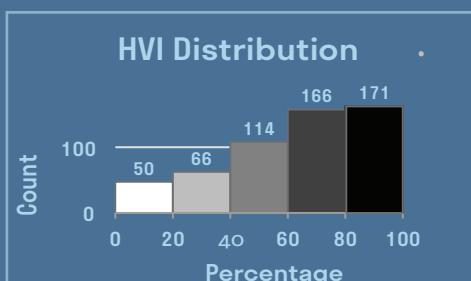
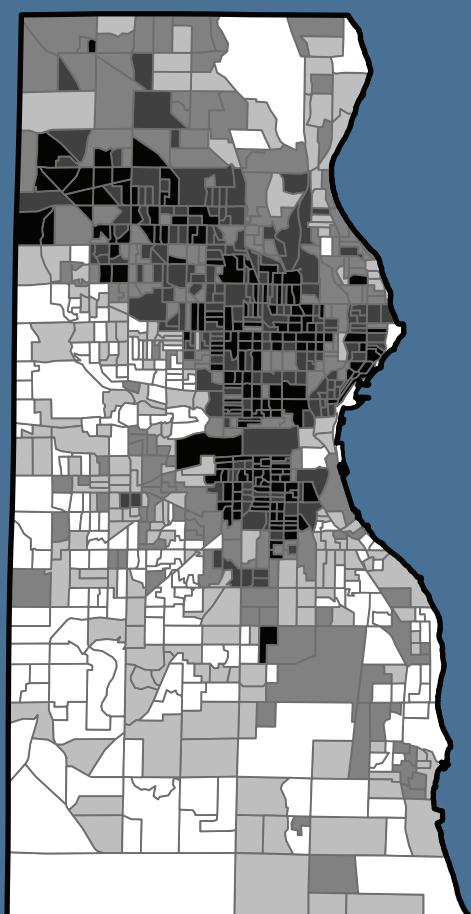
Heat Vulnerability Index (%)



Walking Time to Cooling Center (Minutes)



Cooling centers consist of libraries, community centers, pools, splash pads, and other resources to serve people. There are no standardized guidelines for what services a cooling center should support at their location.



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