

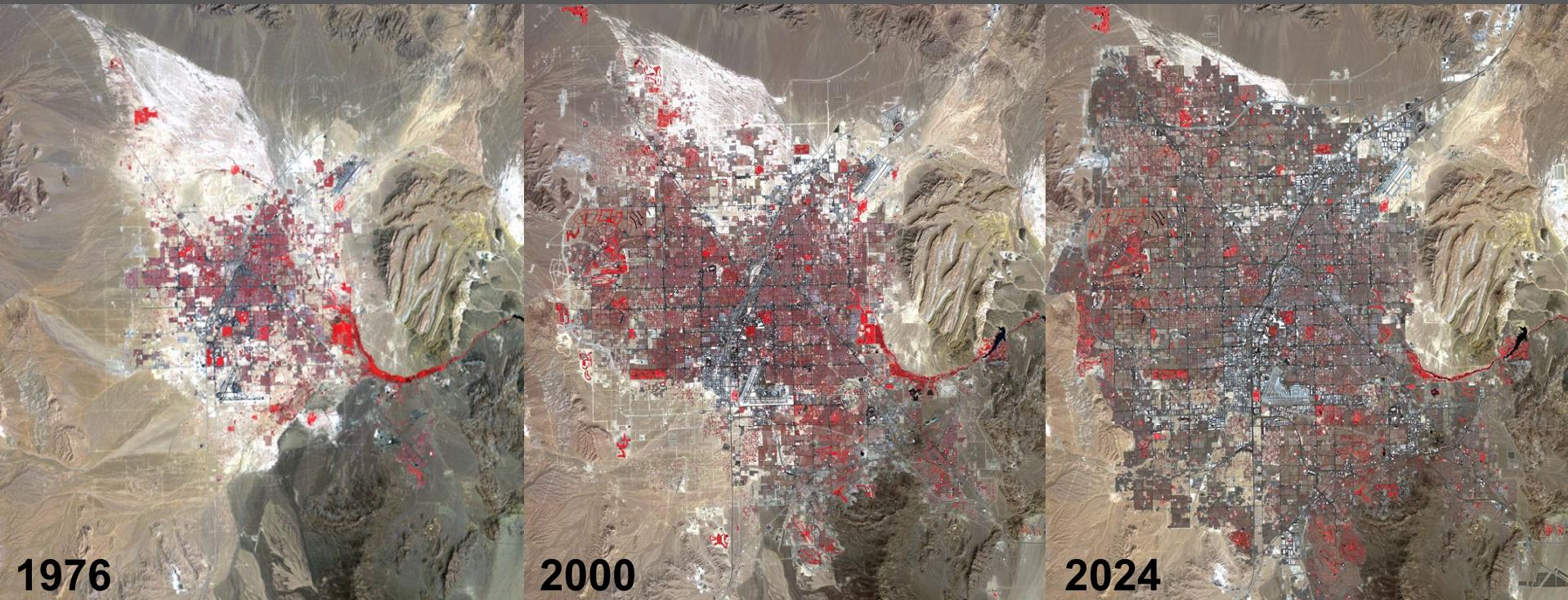
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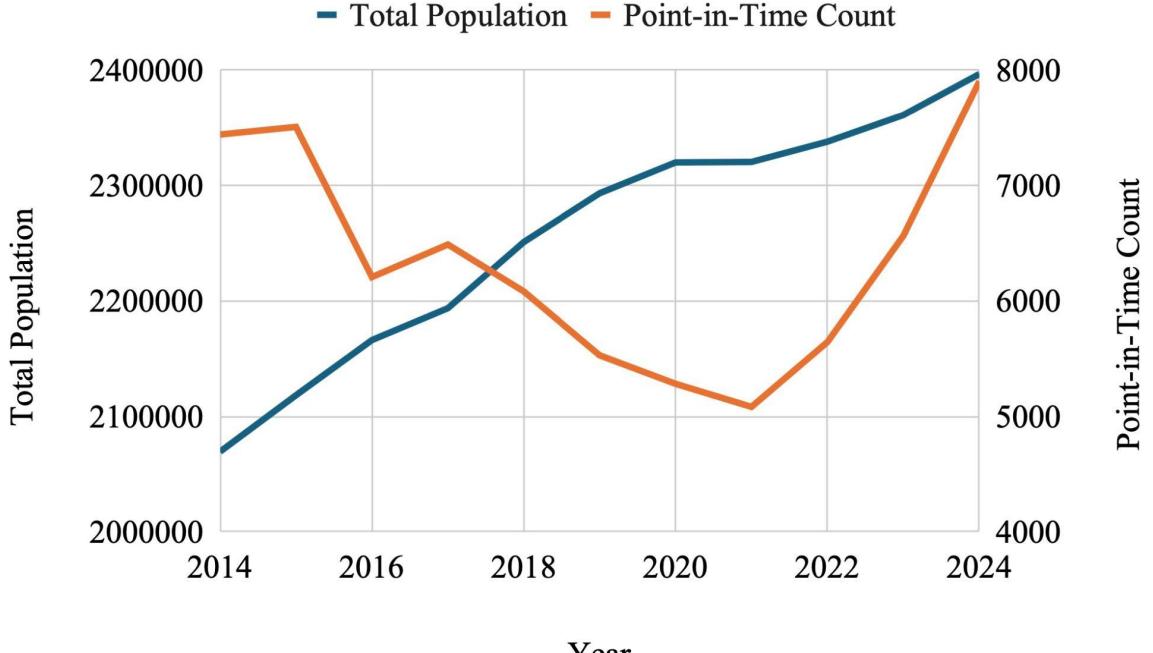
# Integrating Local Knowledge of Homelessness With Climate Risk Metrics to Inform Intervention and Adaptation Planning

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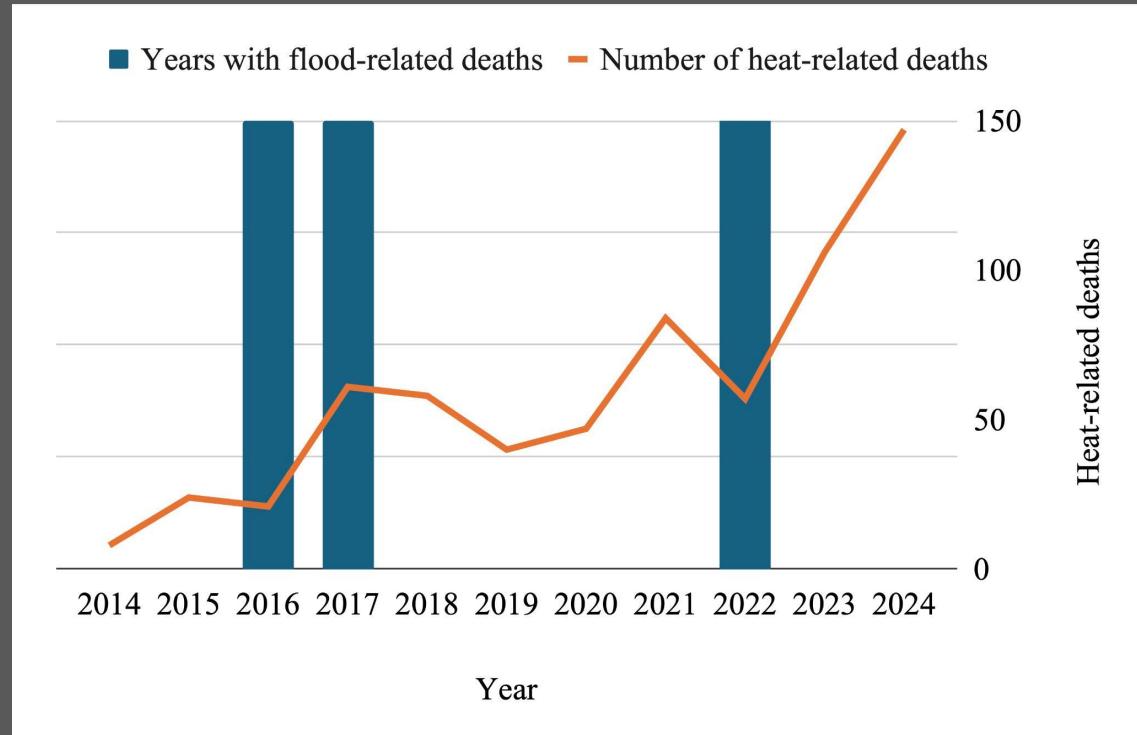
Source: USGS EROS



2024 was a decadal high for the number of people experiencing homelessness recorded on a given night.

Source: Clark County Social Services

People experiencing homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness, are at the forefront of environmental risks.



Source: Southern Nevada Health District

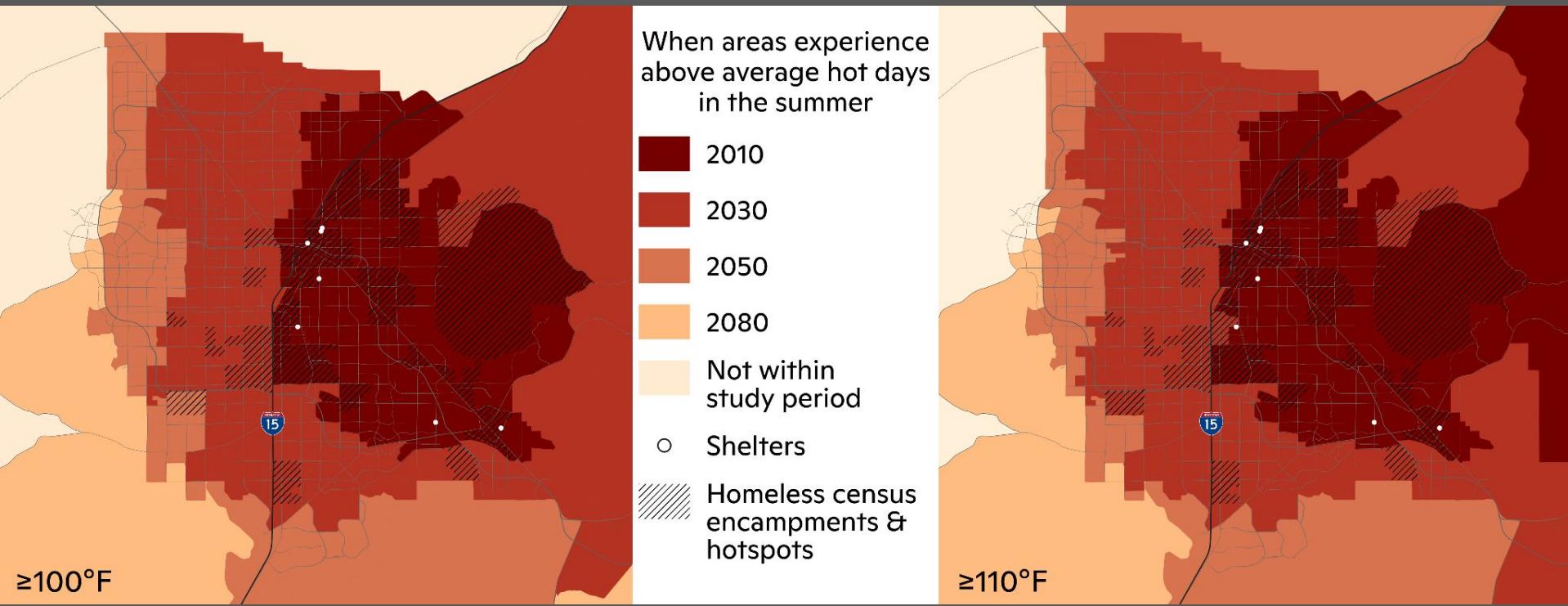
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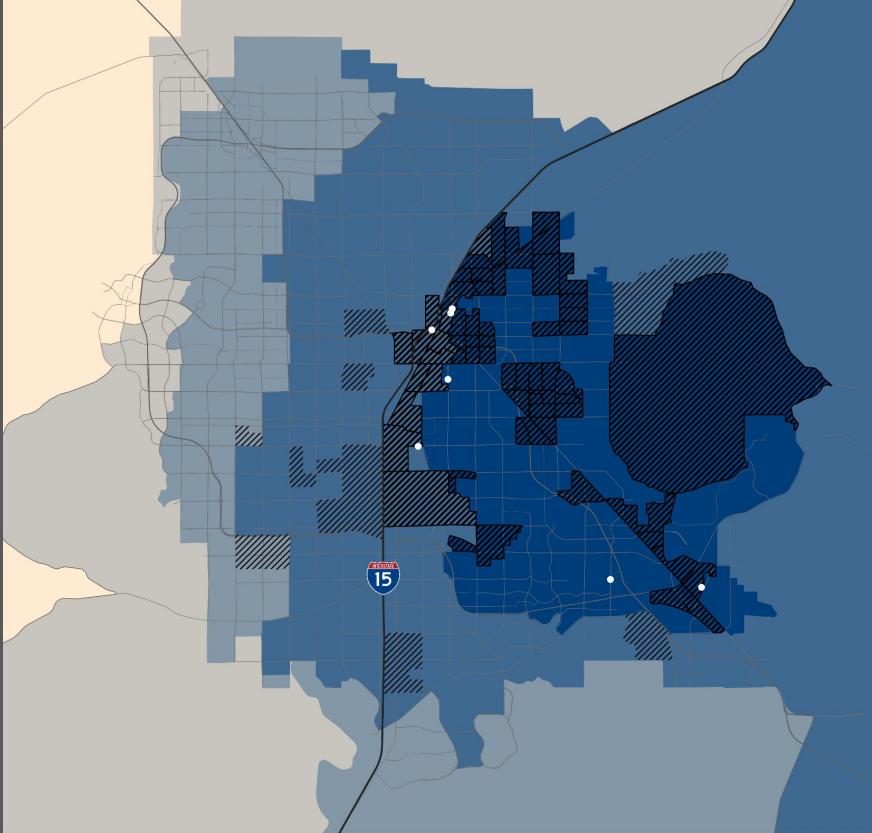


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**More than 80% of areas with encampments and hotspots already experience above average hot days in the summer.**





When areas experience above average hot nights  
≥80°F in the summer

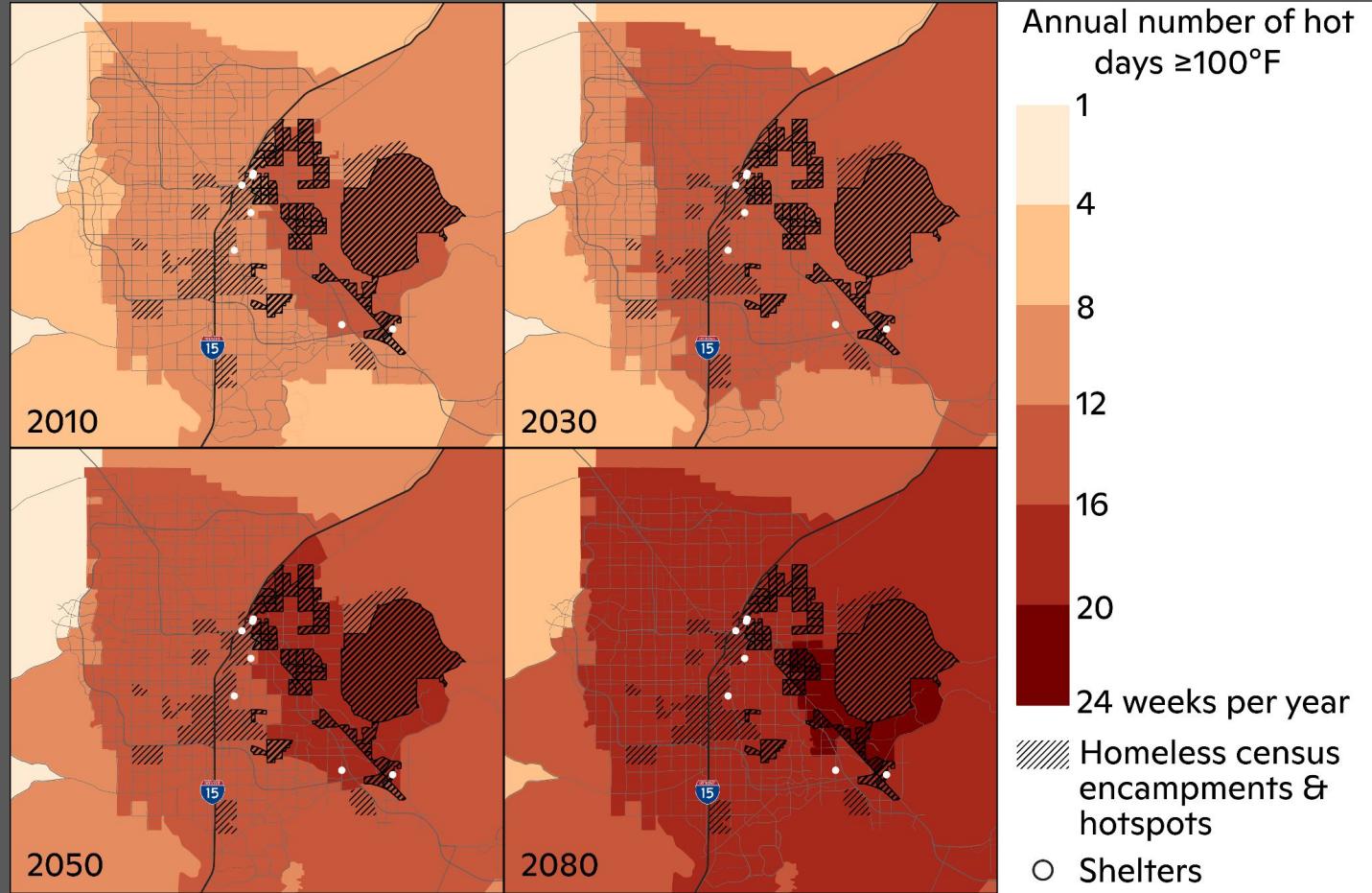
2010    2050    Not within  
study period    Homeless census  
encampments &  
hotspots

2030    2080

○ Shelters

**53** of the same areas that experience above average hot days also experience above average hot nights in the summer.

As the number of  
100°F days  
increases beyond  
summer, unequal  
heat exposure  
persists in areas  
with encampments  
and hotspots.





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# COOLING STATIONS



[www.HelpHopeHome.org](http://www.HelpHopeHome.org)

Due to extreme heat, these locations are open July 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup>-10th, 2024, as daytime cooling stations for those in need of respite from the heat. Two locations are open July 4<sup>th</sup>, (as noted below).

## WALNUT RECREATION CENTER

3075 N. Walnut Road  
(south of E. Cheyenne Avenue)  
Las Vegas, 89115  
Phone: (702) 455-8402  
Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm M-F

## THE SALVATION ARMY

35 West Owens Avenue  
(near Stocker Street)  
Las Vegas, 89030  
Phone: (702) 701-5369  
Hours: 8:00 am-4:00 pm daily  
• Open July 4th

## PEARSON COMMUNITY CENTER

1625 West Carey Avenue  
(west of N. Martin Luther King Blvd)  
Las Vegas, 89032  
Phone: (702) 455-1220  
Hours: 8:00am-6:00pm M-F

## HOLLYWOOD RECREATION CENTER

1650 S. Hollywood Blvd  
(north of American Beauty Ave)  
Las Vegas, 89142  
Phone: (702) 455-0566  
Hours: 6:00am-8:00pm M-F  
8:30am-3:00pm Sat

## ALEXANDER LIBRARY

1755 W. Alexander Road  
(west of N MLK Blvd)  
North Las Vegas, 89032  
Phone: (702) 633-2880  
Hours: 10:30am-8:00 pm M-Tu  
9:00am-9:00pm Wed-Thu  
9:00am-6:00pm Fri-Sat

## NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTER

1638 N Bruce St  
(at Stanley Ave)  
North Las Vegas, 89030  
Phone: (702) 633-1600  
Hours: 9:00am-7:00pm M-Th  
9:00-2:00 pm Sat

## COURTYARD HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER\*\*

314 Foremaster Lane  
(at Main Street)  
Las Vegas, 89101  
Phone: (702) 229-6117  
• Open July 4th

## WHITNEY RECREATION CENTER

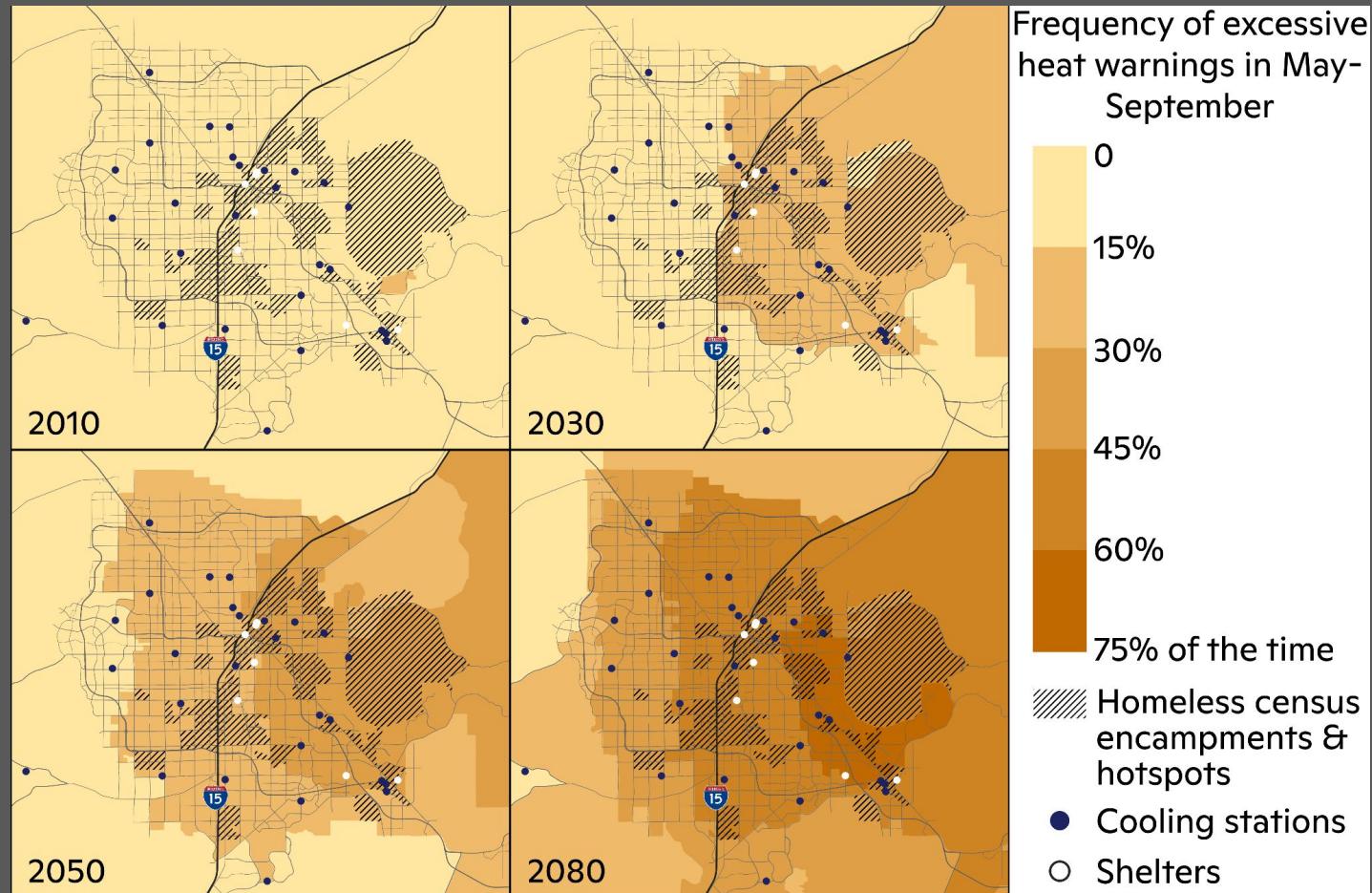
5712 E. Missouri Avenue  
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Las Vegas, 89122  
Phone: (702) 455-7576  
Hours: 8:00am-6:00pm M-F  
Closed Weekends

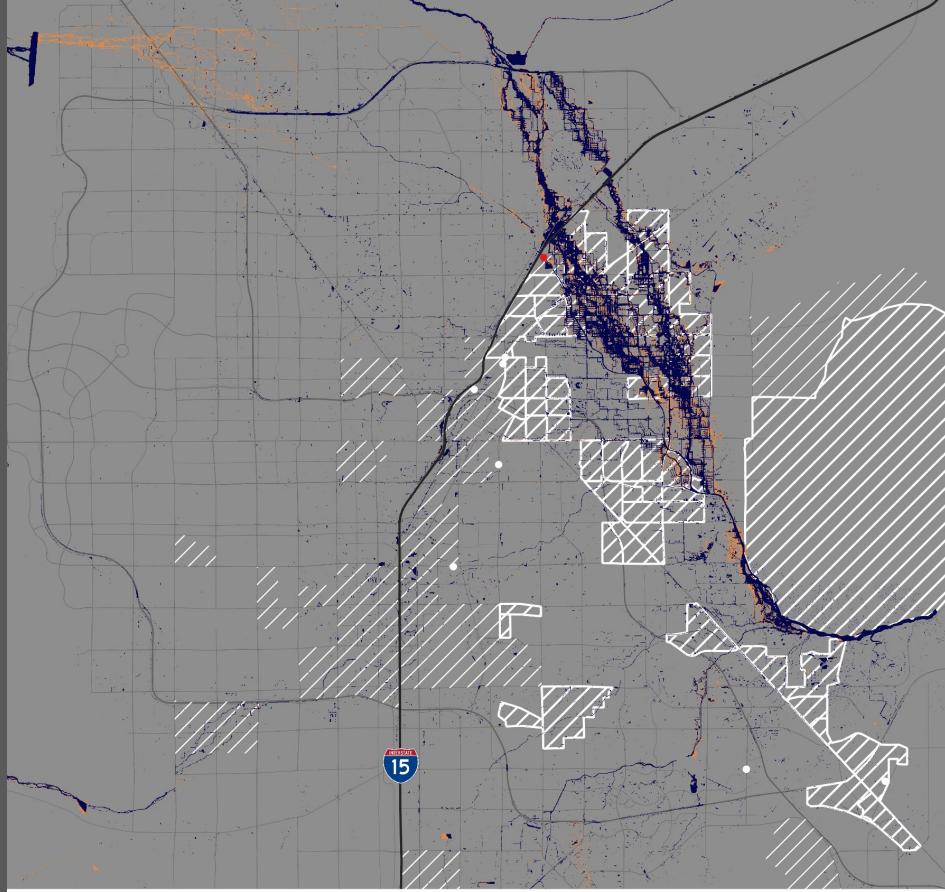
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North Las Vegas, 89032  
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9:00-2:00 pm Sat

The primary county-level heat adaptation strategy is the activation of cooling stations when an excessive heat warning is issued.

Excessive heat warnings are projected to be issued 7x more frequently in 2080 compared to 2010.





In addition to heat risk, people experiencing homelessness who live in tunnels are exposed to flood risk presently and in the future.



Through working with people who have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness and integrating their knowledge into climate and environmental metrics, science can center people to support local change.



Being in community and showing up outside of research builds trust and depth in working relationships.



# Paths for future work

- Survey heat and flooding experiences of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Map Nevada Homeless Alliance Project Connect Events and census-level Point-in-Time Count with climate risks
- Assess cold weather risk in Las Vegas Valley
- Explore seasonal migration of people experiencing homelessness between Reno and Las Vegas

According to the Center for Disease Control Social Vulnerability Index, **64 out of 77** census tracts with encampments and hotspots have high social vulnerability.

