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<b>Extended Data Fig. 1</b>	Graphic representation of temperature anomaly measure used in the analysis.	Ezzati_98528_Extended_Data_Figure_1.tiff	The graph shows how monthly temperatures in July two example states (Florida in red and Minnesota in blue) (left panel) for 1980-2017 are used to calculate temperature anomalies. As seen, a warmer state like Florida (top right) can have a smaller inter-annual variation in a particular month (here, July) compared with a cooler state like Minnesota (bottom right).
<b>Extended Data Fig. 2</b>	Average size of temperature anomaly ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) from 1980 to 2017, by state and month.	Ezzati_98528_Extended_Data_Figure_2.tiff	The value for each state and month is the mean of the absolute size of anomaly, be it cold or warm, and hence gives an indication of the scale of anomalies around the local average temperatures.
<b>Extended Data Fig. 3</b>	Additional annual injury deaths for the 2017 US population in year in which each month was $+2^{\circ}\text{C}$ warmer compared with 1980-2017 average temperatures.	Ezzati_98528_Extended_Data_Figure_3.tiff	The top row shows breakdown by type of injury, sex and age group. The bottom row shows the break down by type of injury, sex and month. Black dots represent net changes in deaths for each set of bars.
<b>Extended Data Fig. 4</b>	Percent change in death rates in year in which each month was $+2^{\circ}\text{C}$ compared with 1980-2017	Ezzati_98528_Extended_Data_Figure_4.tiff	Coloured dots show the posterior means, obtained at posterior draw level. Error bars represent 95% Credible Intervals.

	average temperatures by type of injury, sex and (A) age group or (B) month.		
<b>Extended Data Fig. 5</b>	Number of deaths by type of transport injury, month, sex and age group in the contiguous United States for 1980-2017.	Ezzati_98528_Extended_Data_Figure_5.tiff	N/A

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### 8 Anomalously warm temperatures are associated with increased injury deaths

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28 **Temperatures which deviate from long-term local norm affect human health, and are**  
29 **projected to become more frequent as the global climate changes.<sup>1</sup>** There is limited data  
30 **on how such anomalies affect deaths from injuries. Here, we used data on mortality and**  
31 **temperature over 38 years (1980-2017) in the contiguous USA and formulated a**  
32 **Bayesian spatio-temporal model to quantify how anomalous temperatures, defined as**  
33 **deviations of monthly temperature from the local average monthly temperature over**  
34 **the entire analysis period, affect deaths from unintentional (transport, falls and**  
35 **drownings) and intentional (assault and suicide) injuries, by age group and sex. We**  
36 **found that a 1.5°C anomalously warm year, as envisioned under the Paris Climate**  
37 **Agreement,<sup>2</sup> would be associated with an estimated 1,601 (95% credible interval 1,430-**  
38 **1,776) additional injury deaths. 84% of these additional deaths would occur in males,**  
39 **mostly in adolescent to middle ages. These deaths would comprise of increases in deaths**  
40 **from drownings, transport, assault and suicide, offset partly by a decline in deaths from**  
41 **falls in older ages. The findings demonstrate the need for targeted interventions against**  
42 **injuries during periods of anomalously high temperatures, especially as these episodes**  
43 **are likely to increase with global climate change.**

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45 Anomalously warm and cold weather events are an important public health concern in  
46 today's world, and one of the key drivers for seeking adaptation measures against  
47 anthropogenic climate change.<sup>3-5</sup> Current assessments of the health effects of weather and  
48 climate, and by extension of global climate change, largely focus on parasitic and infectious  
49 diseases and cardiorespiratory and other chronic diseases.<sup>3-8</sup> Less research has been  
50 conducted on injuries,<sup>9-12</sup> especially in a consistent way across injury types and demographic  
51 subgroups of the population. There are two reasons to investigate a potential role for  
52 temperature anomalies on injury mortality. First, death rates from injuries vary seasonally

53 and the seasonality varies by age group,<sup>13,14</sup> which motivates investigating whether  
54 temperature contributes to their pathogenesis. Second, there are plausible behavioural and  
55 physiological pathways for a relationship between temperature and injury – for example  
56 changes in alcohol drinking,<sup>15</sup> driving patterns and performance,<sup>12,16–24</sup> and levels of anger<sup>25–</sup>  
57<sup>27</sup> – which motivates testing whether injury deaths are affected by temperature anomalies.  
58 Our aim was to evaluate how deaths from various injuries in the USA might be affected by  
59 anomalously warm and temperatures that occur today and are expected to become  
60 increasingly common as a result of global climate change.<sup>1</sup>

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62 We used vital registration data on all injury deaths in the contiguous USA (i.e., excluding  
63 Alaska and Hawaii) from 1980 to 2017, with information on sex, age at death, underlying  
64 cause of death and county and state of residence. From 1980 to 2017, 4,145,963 boys and  
65 men and 1,825,817 girls and women died from an injury in the contiguous USA, accounting  
66 for 9.3% and 4.2% of all male and female deaths respectively. 95.7% of male injury deaths  
67 and 94% of female injury deaths were in those aged 15 years and older, and over half  
68 (52.3%) of male injury deaths were in those aged 15–44 years (Figure 1). By contrast with  
69 males, there was less of an age gradient in females after 15 years of age.

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71 Injuries from transport, falls, drownings, assault, and suicide accounted for 78.6% of injury  
72 deaths in males and 71.8% in females. The remainder were from a heterogeneous group of  
73 “other injuries” (Figure 1), within which the composition of injuries that led to death varied  
74 by sex and age group. Transport was the leading injury cause of death in women younger  
75 than 75 years and in men younger than 35 years. Between 35 and 74 years of age, more men  
76 died of suicide than any other injury. Above 75 years of age, falls were the largest cause of  
77 injury-related death in both men and women.

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79 There was a decline in age-standardised death rates of three out of five major injuries  
80 (transport, drownings and assault) from 1980 to 2017, although assault deaths have more  
81 recently (since 2014) increased (Figure 2). By contrast, age-standardised death rates from  
82 falls increased over time while those from suicide initially decreased followed by an increase  
83 to surpass 1980 levels. The largest overall decline over time was for transport deaths in both  
84 sexes and for deaths from drownings in men, which declined by more than 50% from 1980 to  
85 2017. Age-standardised death rates for transport injuries and drownings peaked in summer  
86 months but deaths from other major injuries did not have clear seasonal patterns.

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88 We defined a measure of anomalous temperature for each county and month, which  
89 represents the deviation from the county's average temperature in that month over the entire  
90 analysis period (Extended Data Figure 1). County-level anomalies were aggregated to state  
91 level with use of population weights. This generated a number for each state and month that  
92 measured deviation from long-term average of the state in that month. Average size of  
93 anomaly over the study period (1980-2017), a measure of how variable temperatures are  
94 around their state-month long-term average, ranged from 0.4°C for Florida in September, to  
95 3.4°C for North Dakota in February (Extended Data Figure 2). Taken across all states and  
96 months, the average size of anomaly had a median value of 1.2°C. Temperature anomalies  
97 were largest in January and December and smallest in August and September. Additionally,  
98 they were larger in northern and central states than in southern and coastal ones.

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100 We analysed the association of monthly injury death rates with anomalous temperature using  
101 a Bayesian spatio-temporal model, described in detail in Methods. We used the resultant risk  
102 estimates and the age-sex-specific death rates from each injury in 2017, to estimate additional

103 deaths if each month in each state were +1.5°C above its long-term average as envisioned  
104 under the Paris Climate Agreement.<sup>2</sup> We present additional results, based on +2°C, which is  
105 the upper bound of the Paris Climate Agreement as Extended Data. Based on this analysis,  
106 there would be an estimated 1,601 (95% credible interval 1,430-1,776) excess injury deaths,  
107 equivalent to 0.75% of all injury deaths in 2017, in a year in which each month in each state  
108 was +1.5°C warmer than its long-term average (Figure 3). The number of excess injury  
109 deaths would increase to 2,135 (95% credible interval 1,906-2,368), equivalent to 1.0% of all  
110 injury deaths in 2017, in each year in which each month in each state was +2°C warmer than  
111 its long-term average (Extended Data Figure 3).

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113 Deaths from drowning, transport, assault and suicide would increase, partly offset by a  
114 decline in deaths from falls in middle and older ages and in winter months (Figure 3). Most  
115 excess deaths would be from transport injuries (739; 650-814 in the +1.5°C warmer scenario)  
116 followed closely by suicide (540; 445-631). 84% of the excess deaths would occur in males  
117 and 16% in females. 92% of all male excess deaths would occur in those aged 15-64 years,  
118 who have higher rates of deaths from transport and suicide. In those aged 85 years and older,  
119 there would be an estimated decline in injury deaths, because deaths from falls are expected  
120 to decline in a warmer year.

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122 Proportionally, deaths from drownings are estimated to increase more than those of other  
123 injury types, by as much 13.7% (12.5, 15.2) for a +1.5°C anomaly in men aged 15-24 years  
124 (Figure 4). The smallest proportional increase was that of assault and suicide (less than 3% in  
125 all age and sex groups). There was a larger percent increase in transport deaths for males than  
126 for females, especially in young and middle-ages (e.g., 2.0% (1.6, 2.6) for 25-34 year old

127 men versus 0.5% (-0.3, 1.4) for women of the same age) (Figure 4). We present additional  
128 results, based on +2°C, as Extended Data (Extended Data Figure 4).

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130 That anomalously warm temperature influences deaths from drowning, although not  
131 previously quantified, is highly plausible because swimming is likely to be more common  
132 when temperature is higher. The higher relative and absolute impacts on men compared with  
133 women may reflect differences in their behaviours. For example, over half of swimming  
134 deaths for males occur in natural water, compared to about one quarter for females.<sup>28</sup> The  
135 former may rise more in warmer weather. Similarly, deaths from falls declined more in older  
136 ages because falls in the elderly are more likely to be due to slipping on ice than those in  
137 younger people.<sup>29–31</sup>

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139 The pathways from anomalous temperature to transport injury are more varied. Firstly,  
140 driving performance deteriorates at higher temperatures.<sup>20–23</sup> Further, alcohol consumption  
141 increases in warm temperatures,<sup>15</sup> which also provides an explanation for why teenagers, who  
142 are more likely than other age groups to crash while intoxicated,<sup>32</sup> could experience a larger  
143 proportional rise in deaths from transport when temperatures are anomalously warm than  
144 older adults. Lastly, warmer temperatures generally increase road traffic in North  
145 America;<sup>12,16–19,24</sup> coupled with more people outdoors in warmer weather,<sup>33</sup> this increase  
146 could lead to more fatal collisions.

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148 Pathways linking anomalously high temperatures and deaths from assault and suicide are less  
149 established. One hypothesis is that, more time spent outdoors in anomalously warmer  
150 temperatures leads to an increased number of face-to-face interactions, and hence arguments,  
151 confrontations, and ultimately assaults.<sup>34,35</sup> These effects could be compounded by the greater

anger levels linked to higher temperatures.<sup>25–27</sup> However, further research on the association of temperature and assault, and the factors mediating it, is needed.<sup>36</sup> Regarding suicide, it has been hypothesised that higher temperature is associated with higher levels of distress in younger people.<sup>37</sup> Nonetheless, the mechanisms for the links between temperature and mental health requires further investigation, including whether the relationship varies by age and sex, as indicated by our results. Future research should also investigate the extent to which the increased risk of injury death as a result of anomalous temperature depends on community characteristics such as poverty and deprivation, social connectivity and cohesion, quality of roads and housing, public transportation options, emergency response, and social services.

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The major strength of our study is that we have comprehensively modelled the association of temperature anomaly with injury by type of injury, month, age group and sex. Our measure of temperature anomaly internalises long-term historical experience of each state, and is closer to what climate change may bring about than solely examining daily episodes, or average temperature to which people have adapted. To utilise this metric, we integrated two large disparate national datasets on mortality (vital statistics) and meteorology (ERA5), and developed a bespoke Bayesian spatio-temporal model. A limitation of our study is that, like all observation studies, we cannot rule out confounding of results due to other factors. As described above, our statistical model by design adjusts for factors related to month, state and state-month that are either invariant over time or that change linearly. Rather, the confounding factors would be those with anomalies that are similar to those of monthly temperature in each state, such as air pollution. However, to our knowledge, there is currently no evidence of an association between air pollution and injury mortality. We analysed the associations between anomalous temperature and injury mortality at the state level because the small number of events and computational demands made county-level analyses

177 unfeasible. Analyses at finer spatial resolution, such as county or district,<sup>50</sup> would be ideal  
178 because the impacts of anomalously warm and cold temperature on deaths from injuries may  
179 depend on socioeconomic (e.g., poverty; social connectivity and cohesion; availability of  
180 guns), environmental (e.g., availability of swimming pools; distance to bodies of water),  
181 infrastructure (e.g., quality and safety of roads; public transportation options), and health and  
182 social services (e.g., counselling and mental health services; emergency response). We used  
183 categories of injuries that are relevant for public health purposes and for designing and  
184 implementing interventions. It may be possible to further split each category. For example,  
185 92% of all transport injuries in males and 96% in females are from road traffic injuries, with  
186 the remainder being classified as other transport injuries (Extended Data Figure 5). Similarly,  
187 suicides can be classified based on the means of suicide. To the extent that these sub-  
188 categories are relevant for interventions, they should be separately analysed in future studies.  
189 Finally, as with any Bayesian model, choices of prior distributions and hyper-parameters are  
190 necessary. There are alternatives to the priors we used. For example, our weakly informative  
191 gamma priors could have been replaced with penalised complexity priors<sup>51</sup> or uniform priors  
192 on the standard deviation scale.<sup>52</sup> We tested a limited number of alternatives and found that  
193 our results were robust to such specifications.

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196 Our work highlights how deaths from injuries are currently susceptible to temperature  
197 anomalies and could also be modified by rising temperatures resulting from climate change,  
198 unless countered by social infrastructure and health system interventions that mitigate these  
199 impacts. Though absolute impacts on mortality are modest, some groups, especially men in  
200 young to middle-ages, experience larger impacts. Therefore, a combination of public health  
201 interventions that broadly target injuries in these groups – for example targeted messaging for

202 younger males on the risks of transport injury and drowning – and those that trigger in  
203 relation to forecasted high temperature periods – for example additional targeted blood  
204 alcohol level checks – should be a public health priority.

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300 **Methods**

301 *Data sources*

302 We used data on deaths by sex, age, underlying cause of death and state of residence in the  
303 contiguous USA from 1980 to 2017 through the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)  
304 ([https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/dvs\\_data\\_release.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/dvs_data_release.htm)) and on population from the NCHS  
305 bridged-race dataset for 1990 to 2017 ([https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged\\_race.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/bridged_race.htm)) and  
306 from the US Census Bureau prior to 1990 ([https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-  
307 series/demo/popest/1980s-county.html](https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/1980s-county.html)). We did not include Alaska and Hawaii, (which  
308 together made up 0.5% of the US population in 2017) because their climates and environment  
309 are distinct from other states due to their substantial physical distance. We calculated  
310 monthly population counts through linear interpolation, assigning each yearly count to July.

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312 The underlying cause of death was coded according to the international classification of  
313 diseases (ICD) system (9<sup>th</sup> revision from 1980 to 1998 and 10<sup>th</sup> revision thereafter). The 6  
314 million injury deaths fell into six categories: transport, falls, drownings, assault, suicide and  
315 an aggregate set of other injuries (Supplementary Table 1). We report the results of all of  
316 these categories except other injuries (1,402,941 deaths or 23% of total injury deaths during  
317 1980-2017), because the composition of this aggregate group varies by sex, age group, state  
318 and time.

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320 We obtained data on temperature from ERA5, which uses data from global in-situ and  
321 satellite measurements to generate a worldwide meteorological dataset, with full space and  
322 time coverage over our analysis period.<sup>38</sup> We used gridded four-times-daily estimates at a  
323 resolution of 30 km to generate monthly temperatures by county.

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325 *Anomalous temperature metric*

326 With few exceptions,<sup>9,39</sup> current climate change risk assessments extrapolate from  
327 associations of daily mortality with daily temperature.<sup>7,8,40–42</sup> Climate change, however, will  
328 fundamentally modify weather, including seasonal weather patterns, compared to long-term  
329 averages, and hence can disrupt existing forms of adaptation. To mimic the conditions that  
330 may arise with global climate change, we developed methodology to examine how deviations  
331 from long-term average temperature may impact injury death rates.

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333 We first defined a measure of anomalous temperature for each county and month, which  
334 represents the deviation from the average temperature of the county in that month over the  
335 entire analysis period. To calculate the magnitude of temperature anomaly, we first calculated  
336 average temperatures for each month in each county over the entire 38 years of analysis. We  
337 subtracted these long-term average temperatures from respective monthly temperature values  
338 to generate a temperature anomaly time series for each month and year in each county  
339 (Extended Data Figure 1). The temperature anomaly metric measures the extent that  
340 temperature experienced in a specific month, year and county is warmer or cooler than the  
341 long-term average to which the population has acclimatised. These values can be different for  
342 different months in the same county, and different counties in the same month. Further, a  
343 county with higher, but more stable, temperature in a specific month has smaller anomalies  
344 than one with lower but more inter-annually variable temperature. County-level anomalies  
345 were aggregated to state level with use of population weights for analysing their associations  
346 with mortality.

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#### 348 *Statistical methods*

349 We analysed the association of monthly injury death rates with anomalous temperature using  
350 a Bayesian spatio-temporal model, which leveraged variations over space and time to infer

351 associations. We modelled the number of deaths in each month in each year as following a  
352 Poisson distribution:

$$deaths_{state-time} \sim Poisson(death\ rate_{state-time} \cdot population_{state-time})$$

353 with log-transformed death rates modelled as a sum of components that depend on location  
354 (state) of death, month of year, overall time (in months) and temperature anomaly:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(death\ rate_{state-time}) = & \\ & \alpha_0 + \beta_0 \cdot time + \\ & \alpha_{state} + \beta_{state} \cdot time + \\ & \alpha_{month} + \beta_{month} \cdot time + \\ & \zeta_{state-month} + \\ & \psi_{state-month} \cdot time + \\ & v_{time} + \\ & \gamma_{month} \cdot Anomaly_{state-time} + \\ & \varepsilon_{state-time} \end{aligned}$$

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356 The model contained terms that represent the national level and trend in mortality, with  $\alpha_0$  as  
357 the common intercept and  $\beta_0$  the common slope with overall time. Death rates also vary by  
358 month, which may be partly related to temperature and partly due to other monthly factors;  
359 monthly variations tend to be smooth across adjacent months.<sup>13</sup> Therefore, we allowed each  
360 month of the year to systematically have a different mortality level and trend, with  $\alpha_{month}$   
361 the month-specific intercept and  $\beta_{month}$  the month-specific slope with overall time. We used  
362 a first-order random walk prior for the monthly random intercepts and slopes, widely used to  
363 characterise smoothly varying trends.<sup>43</sup> The random walk had a cyclic structure, so that  
364 December was adjacent to January.

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366 We also included state random intercepts and slopes for death rates, with  $\alpha_{state}$  as the state-  
367 specific intercept and  $\beta_{state}$  the state-specific slope with overall time. These terms measure  
368 deviations of each state from national values, and allow variation in level and trend in  
369 mortality by state. We modelled the state-level random intercepts and slopes using the Besag,  
370 York, and Mollie (BYM) spatial model,<sup>44</sup> which includes both spatially-structured random

371 effects with an intrinsic Conditional Autoregressive (ICAR) prior and spatially-unstructured  
372 independent and identically distributed (IID) Gaussian random effects. The extent to which  
373 information is shared between neighbouring states depends on the uncertainty of death rates  
374 in a state and the empirical similarity of death rates in neighbouring states. We also included  
375 state-month interactions for intercepts and slopes ( $\zeta_{state-month}$  and  $\psi_{state-month}$ ), to allow  
376 variation in mortality levels and trends in a particular state for different months and vice-  
377 versa. These state-month interactions were modelled as IID and therefore were of Type I  
378 space-time interactions.<sup>45</sup> Non-linear change over overall time (in months) was captured by a  
379 first-order random walk,  $v_{time}$ .<sup>43</sup> In order to ensure identifiability each set of random walk  
380 terms or state random effects was constrained to sum to zero.

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382 Finally, we included a term that relates log-transformed death rate to the above-defined state-  
383 month temperature anomaly,  $\gamma_{month} \cdot Anomaly_{state-time}$ . The coefficients of  $\gamma_{month}$  represent  
384 the logarithm of the monthly death rate ratio per 1°C increase in anomaly. There was a  
385 separate coefficient for each month which means that an anomaly of the same magnitude  
386 could have different associations with injury mortality in different months. As with the  
387 month-specific intercepts and trends, we used a cyclic first-order random walk to smooth the  
388 coefficient of the temperature anomaly across months. An over-dispersion term ( $\epsilon_{state-time}$ )  
389 captured the variation unaccounted for by other terms in the model, modelled as  $N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2)$ . We  
390 used weakly informative priors so that parameter estimation was driven by the data. As in  
391 previous analyses,<sup>46,47</sup> hyper-priors were defined on the logarithm of the precisions of the  
392 random effects, in other words on  $\log(1/\sigma^2)$ . These were modelled as  $\text{logGamma}(\theta, \delta)$   
393 distributions with shape  $\theta = 1$  and rate  $\delta = 0.001$ . The same hyper-priors were used for all  
394 precision parameters of the random effects in the model. For the common slope, we used  $N(0,$   
395  $1000)$  and for the common intercept a flat prior.

396

397 In addition to representing the spatial (across states) and temporal (across months and years)  
398 patterns of mortality, the intercept terms ( $\alpha_{month}$ ,  $\alpha_{state}$ ,  $\zeta_{state-month}$ ) in our statistical  
399 model implicitly adjust for unobserved factors that influence mortality at the state, month and  
400 state-month level; the slope terms ( $\beta_{month}$ ,  $\beta_{state}$ ,  $\psi_{state-month}$ ) do so for changes in these  
401 factors over time.<sup>46</sup> This means that the only confounding factors would be those that have  
402 the same state-month anomaly as temperature.

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404 We fitted the models using integrated nested Laplace approximation (INLA), using the R-  
405 INLA software, which is computationally more efficient than traditional MCMC for  
406 Bayesian inference<sup>48</sup> The uncertainty in our results were obtained from 5000 draws from the  
407 posterior marginal of each month's excess relative risk. The reported 95% credible intervals  
408 are the 2.5<sup>th</sup> to 97.5<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the sampled values.

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410 Analyses were done separately by injury type, because different injuries can have differing  
411 associations with anomalously warm and cold temperature. Analyses were also done  
412 separately by sex and age group (0-4 years, 10-year age groups from 5 to 84 years, and 85+  
413 years) because injury death rates vary by age group and sex (Figure 1 and Supplementary  
414 Table 2), as might their associations with temperature. We used the resultant risk estimates  
415 and the age-sex-specific death rates from each injury in 2017, to calculate additional deaths if  
416 each month in each state were +1.5°C above its long-term average, not only realistic in our  
417 lifetimes under current projections of global climate change but an agreed upper bound  
418 chosen under the Paris Climate Agreement.<sup>2,49</sup> +1.5°C is also within the range of anomaly  
419 size experienced by some states (Extended Data Figure 2). We did similar calculations for  
420 +2°C, which is the upper bound of the Paris Climate Agreement, and present these as

421 Extended Data. For these calculations, we multiplied the actual death counts for each month,  
422 sex, state and age group in 2017 by the corresponding excess relative risk, which was  
423 calculated as the exponential of the coefficient of the temperature anomaly term from the  
424 above analysis.

425

426 *Sensitivity analyses*

427 We conducted sensitivity analyses to assess how much our results might depend on the  
428 temperature metric used to generate anomalous temperature. First, instead of building our  
429 monthly temperature anomalies based on daily mean temperatures, we used daily maxima  
430 and minima. These measures were strongly correlated to those generated from daily means  
431 (Supplementary Table 3), and therefore we did not run models using these alternatives.

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433 Second, together with temperature anomaly based on daily mean temperatures, we also  
434 included a second measure of anomaly in the model. We tested three different measures for  
435 this sensitivity analysis: (i) temperature anomaly calculated based on 90<sup>th</sup> percentile (°C) of  
436 daily mean temperatures within a month, compared to the average of 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles for each  
437 state and month; (ii) number of days in a month above the long-term 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of  
438 average temperature for each state and month (adjusted for length of month); and (iii) number  
439 of 3+ day episodes above the long-term 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of average temperature for each state  
440 and month (adjusted for length of month). These additional measures were related to more  
441 extreme anomalous situations which may be relevant if the impacts on injuries are related to  
442 more extreme temperatures and how frequent they are in each month.

443

444 The correlations among these variables and anomaly based on mean were between 0.60 and  
445 0.89 (Supplementary Table 4). The estimated rate ratios of temperature anomaly based on

446 daily means (i.e., the anomaly measure used in the main analysis) were robust to the addition  
447 of alternative measures of anomaly, while the coefficients of the additional measures were  
448 generally not significant and with large credible intervals. Therefore, we did not include the  
449 alternative additional measures of extreme anomalous temperature in the main analysis.

450

451 *Comparison with previous studies*

452 While there are no previous studies of how deviations of monthly temperature from long-  
453 term average are associated with injury mortality, our results are broadly in agreement with  
454 those that have analysed associations with absolute temperature and for specific injury types.  
455 A study of suicide in US counties over 37 years (1968-2004) estimated that 1°C higher  
456 monthly temperature would lead to a 0.7% rise in suicides,<sup>9</sup> compared to our findings of 0.7-  
457 1.5% in males and 0.5-2.9% in females in different ages for a +1.5°C anomaly. A cross-  
458 sectional analysis in 100 US counties found that a 1°C higher temperature would lead to a  
459 1.3% increase in death rates from road traffic injuries,<sup>24</sup> compared to our finding of 0.6-3.1%  
460 in males and 0.5-2.0% in females for a +1.5°C anomaly. In a study of six French heatwaves  
461 during 1971-2003, mortality from unintentional injuries rose by up to 4% during a heatwave  
462 period compared to a non-heatwave baseline.<sup>10</sup> A study of daily mortality from all injuries  
463 from Estonia found a 1.24% increase in mortality when daily maximum temperature went  
464 from the 75<sup>th</sup> to 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of long-term distribution.<sup>11</sup>

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503 **Data availability**

504 ERA5 temperature data are downloadable from  
505 <https://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/datasets/reanalysis-datasets/era5>. Vital statistics files  
506 with geographical information can be requested through submission of a proposal to NCHS  
507 (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/nvss-restricted-data.htm>).

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509 **Code availability**

510 The computer code for the Bayesian model used in this work is available at  
511 [www.globalenvhealth.org/code-data-download](http://www.globalenvhealth.org/code-data-download).

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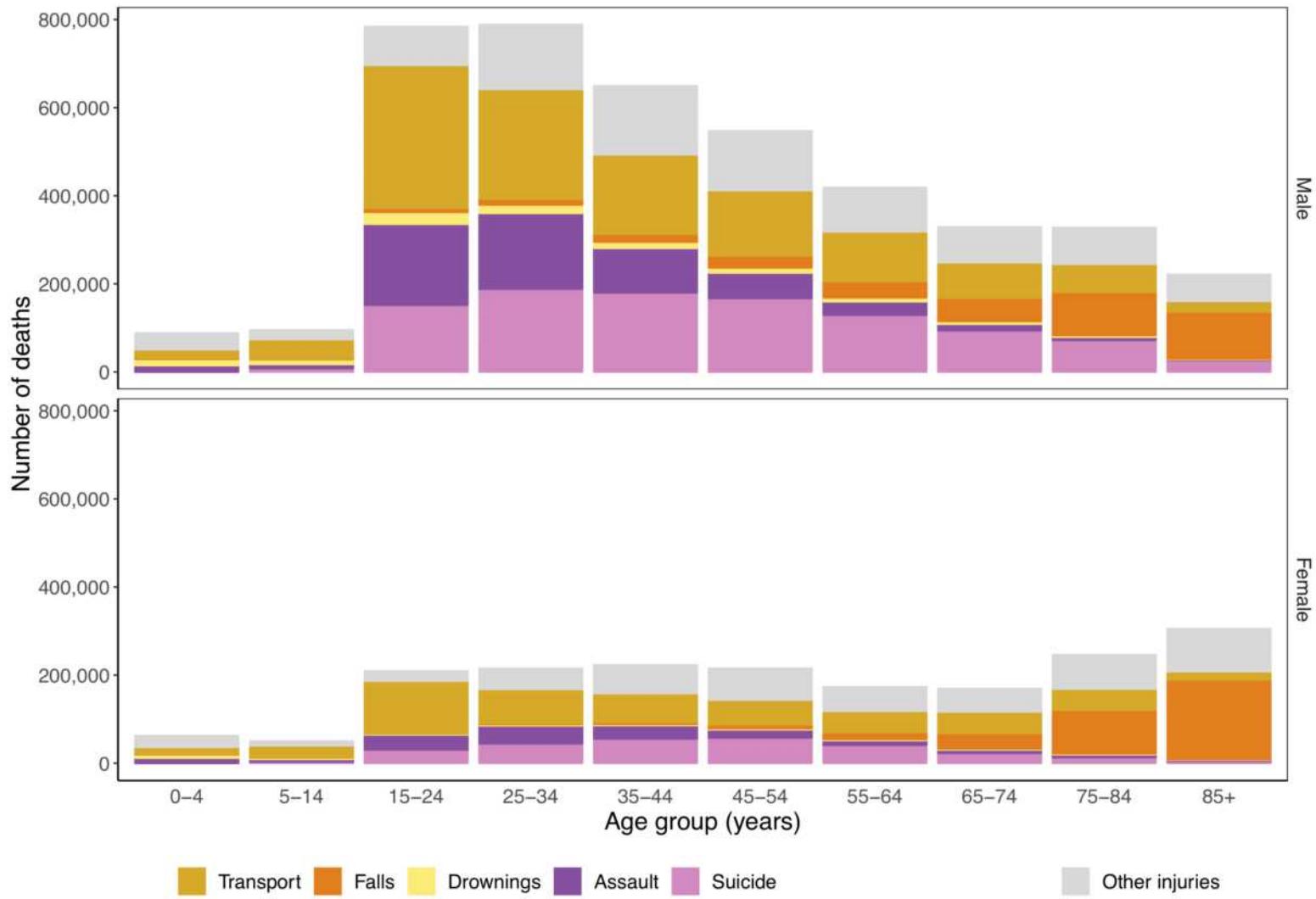
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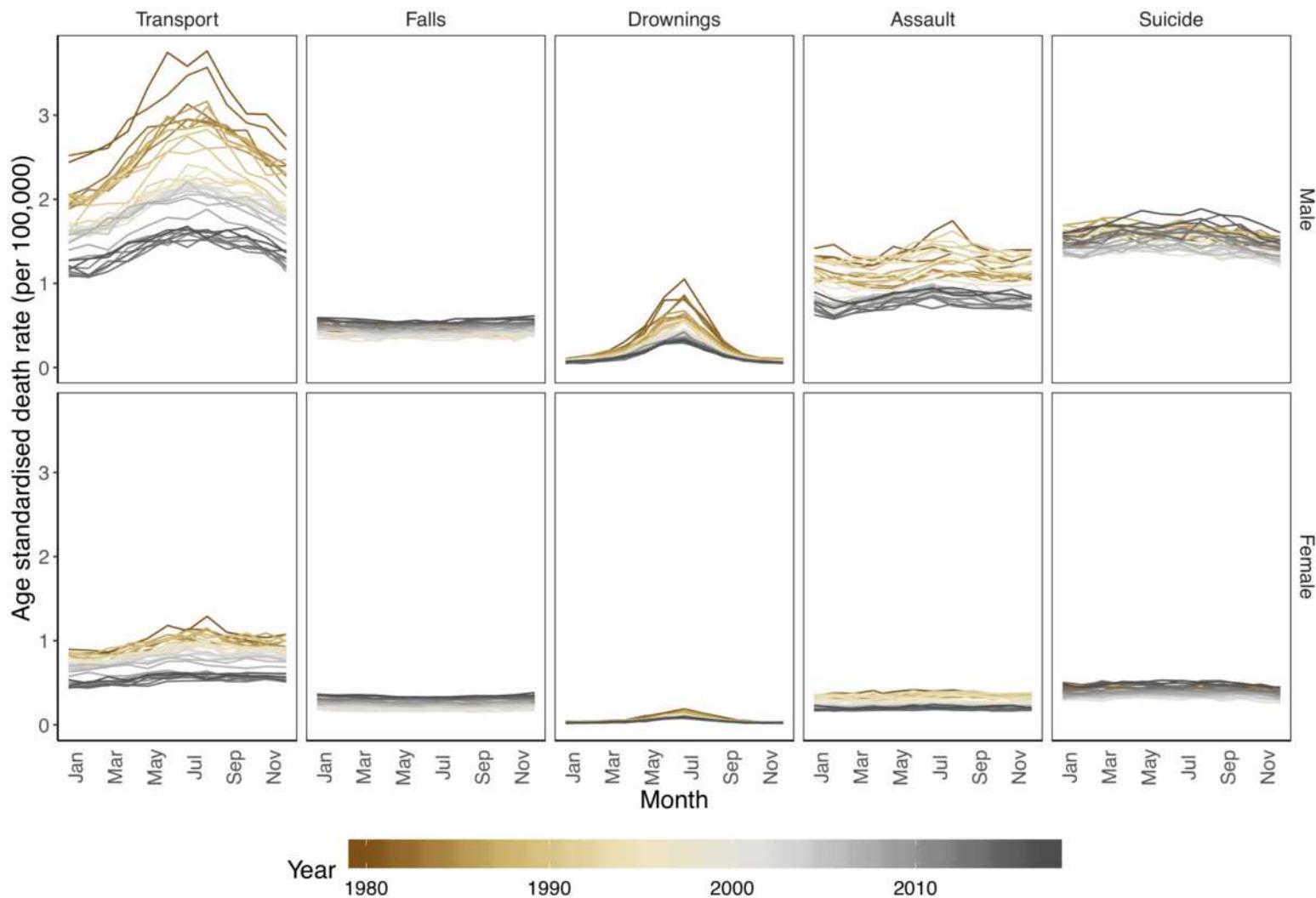
537 **Figure 1.** Number of injury deaths, by type of unintentional (transport, falls, drownings, and  
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540   **Figure 2.** National age-standardised death rates from 1980 to 2017, by type of injury, sex and  
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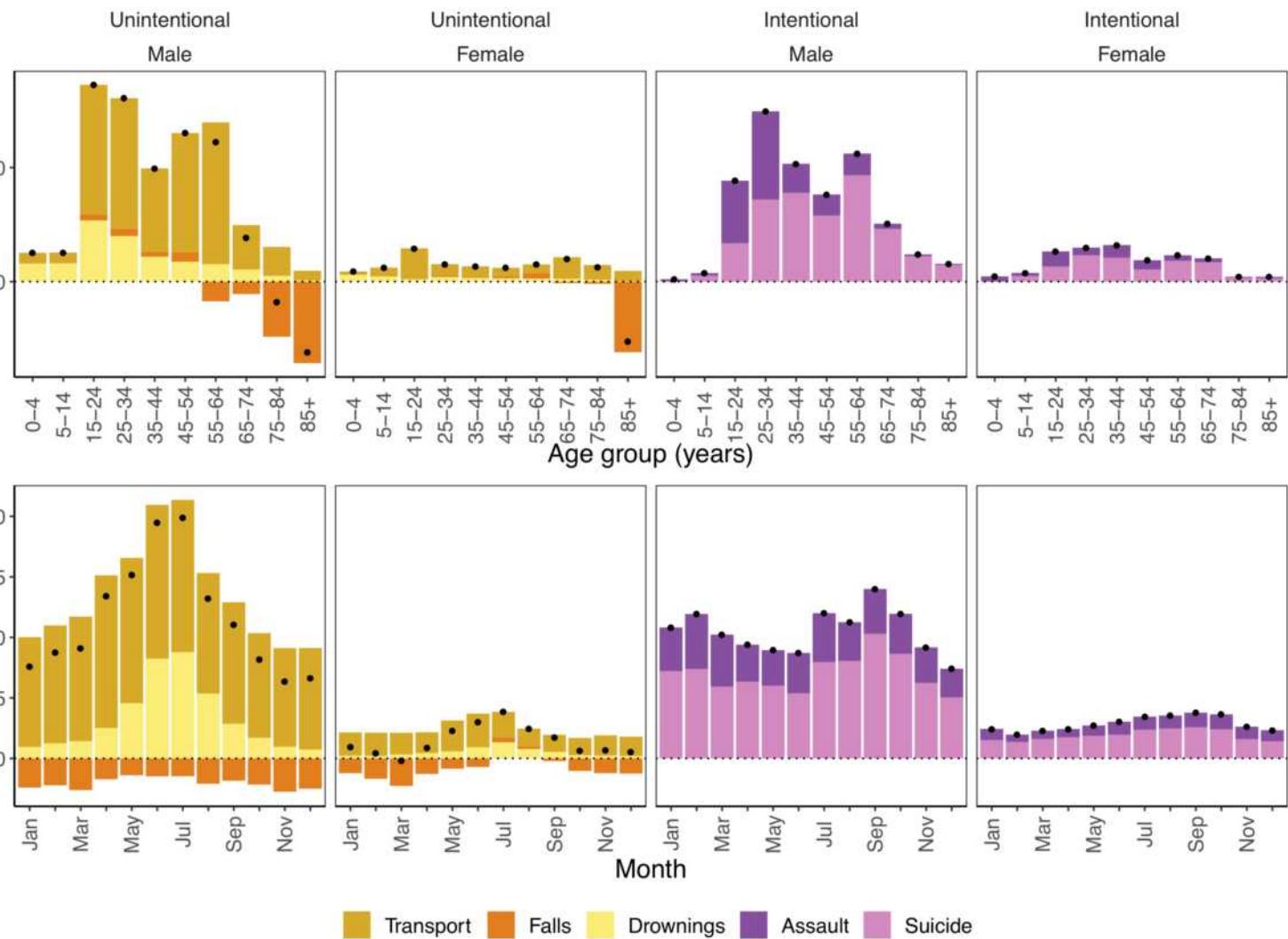
542 **Figure 3.** Additional annual injury deaths for the 2017 US population in year in which each  
543 month was +1.5°C warmer compared with 1980-2017 average temperatures. The top row  
544 shows breakdown by type of injury, sex and age group. The bottom row shows the break  
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546 set of bars. See Extended Data Figure 3 for results for scenario of 2°C warmer.

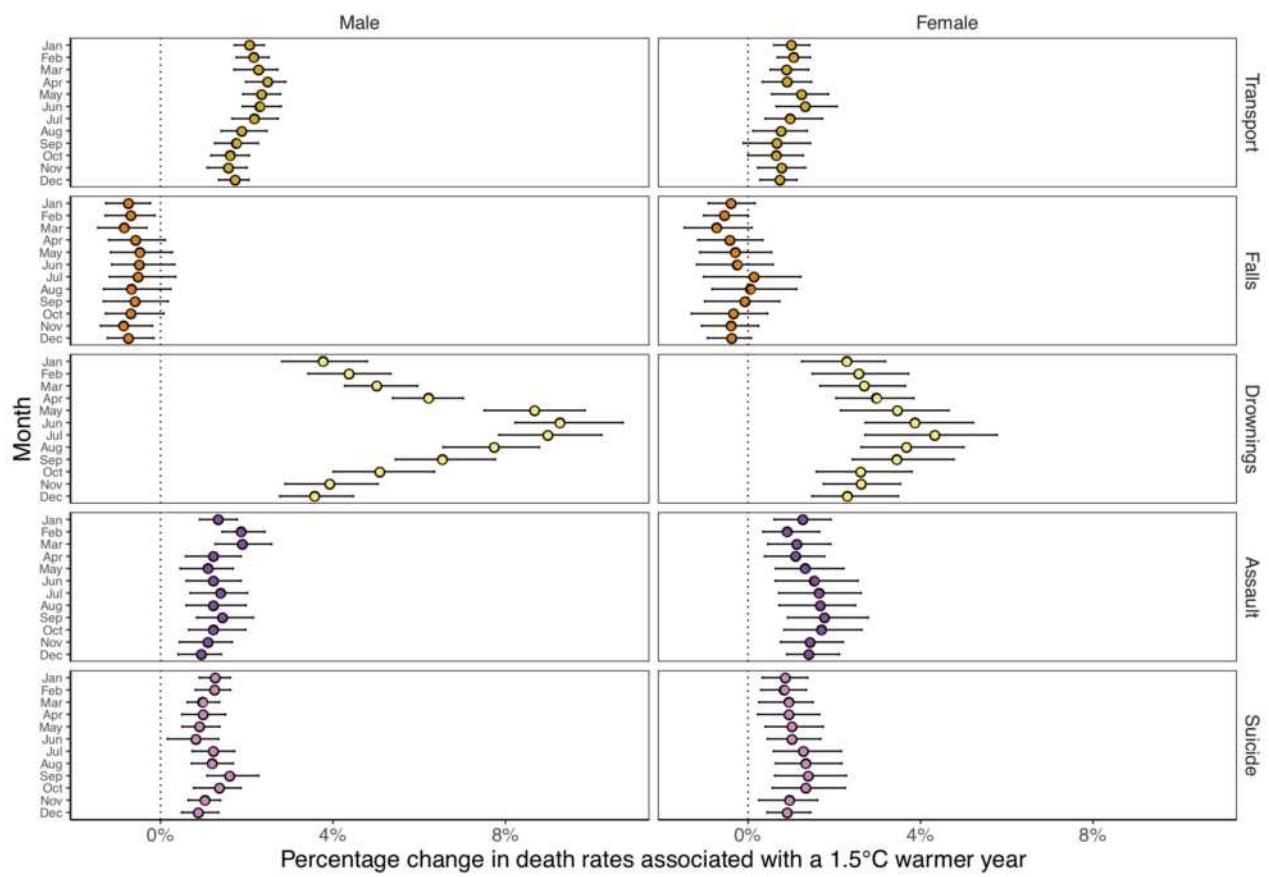
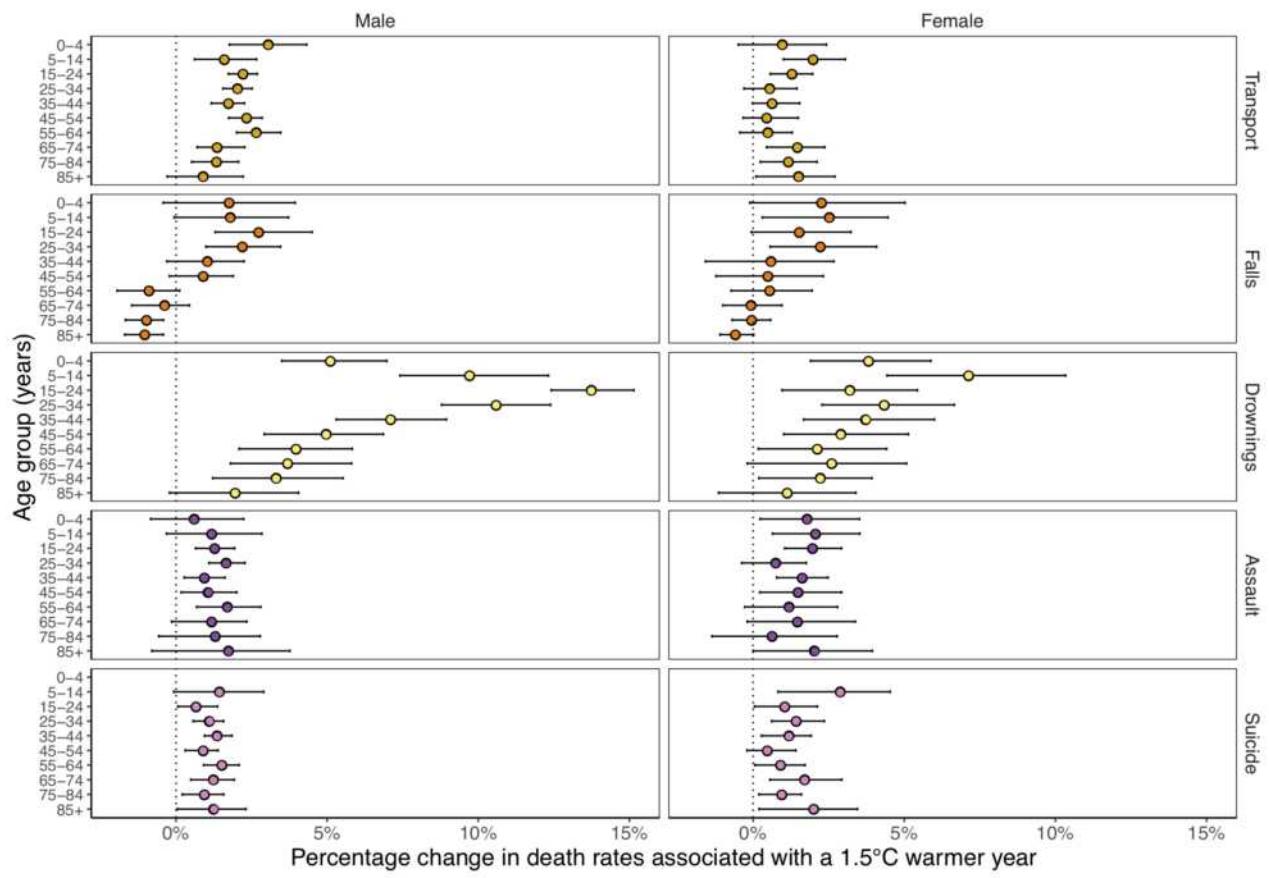
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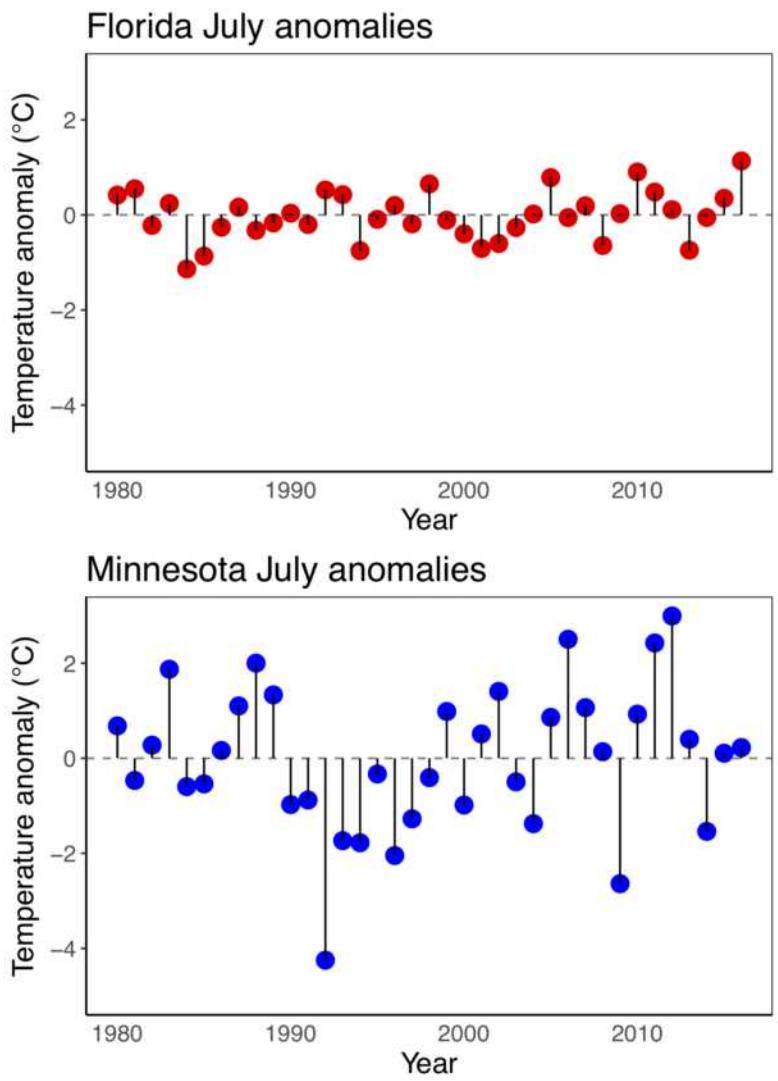
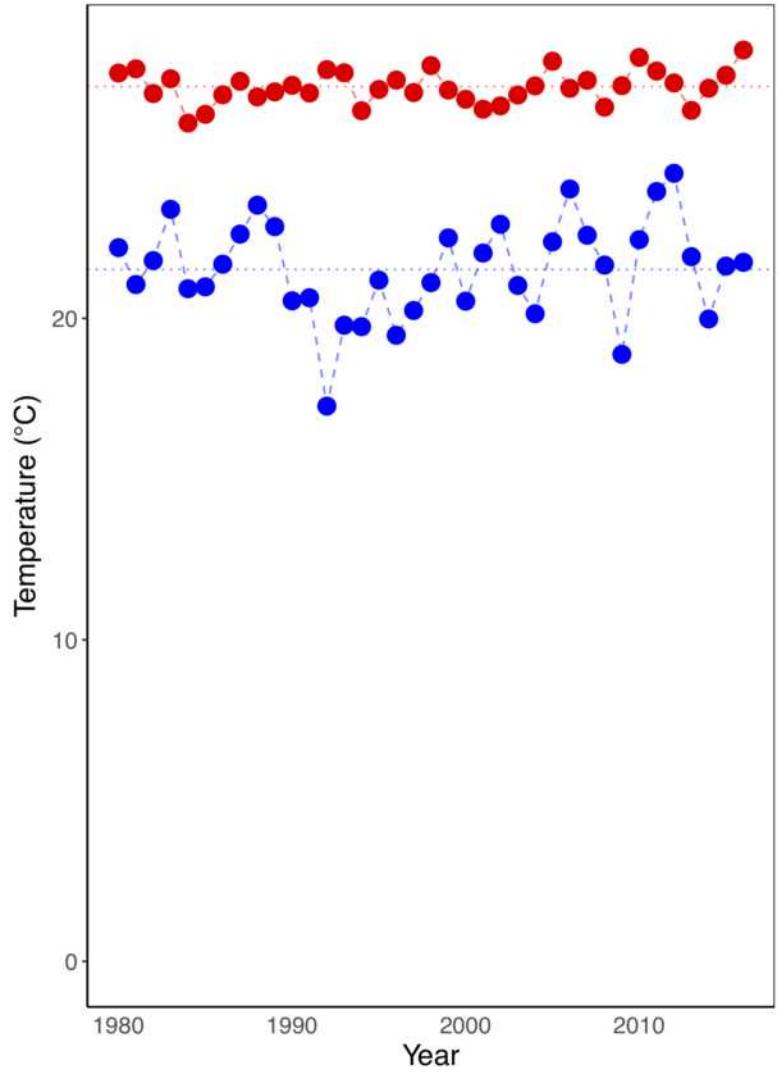


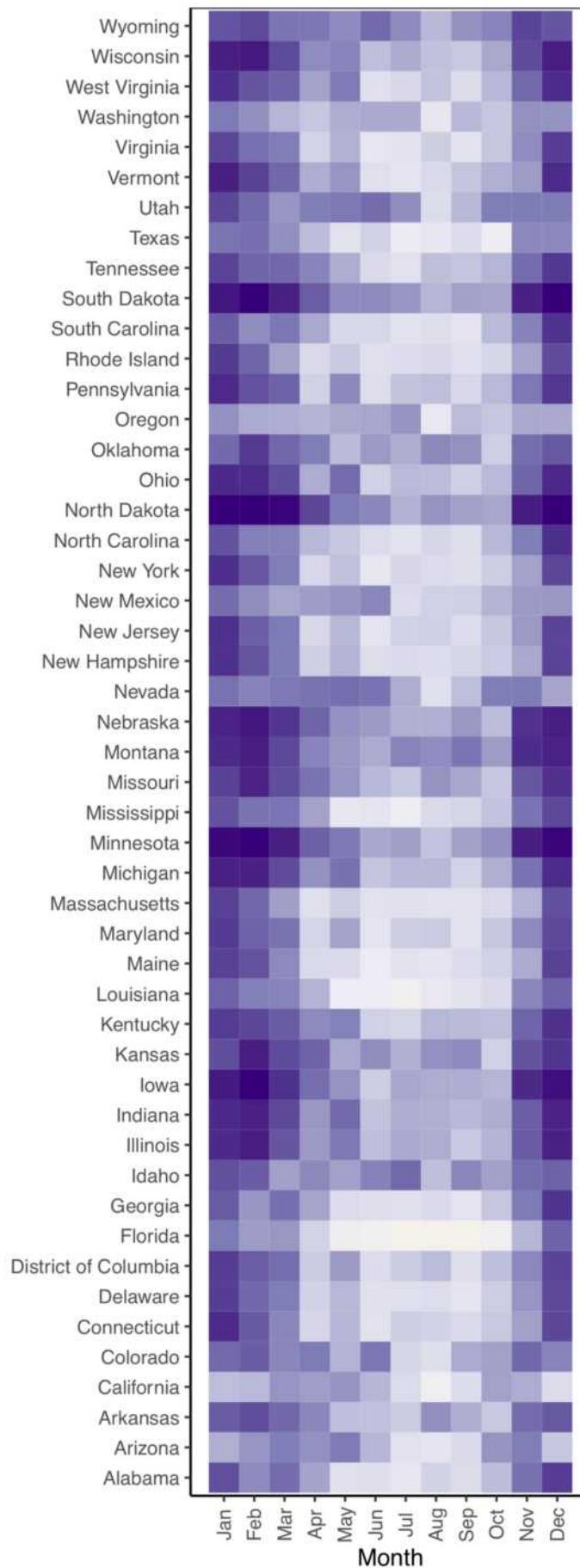


Additional deaths associated with a 1.5°C warmer year (based on 2017 population)

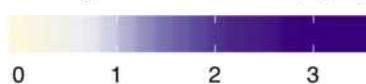








Average size of anomaly ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



Additional deaths associated with a 2°C warmer year (based on 2017 population)

