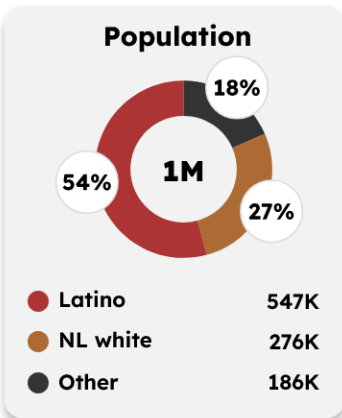
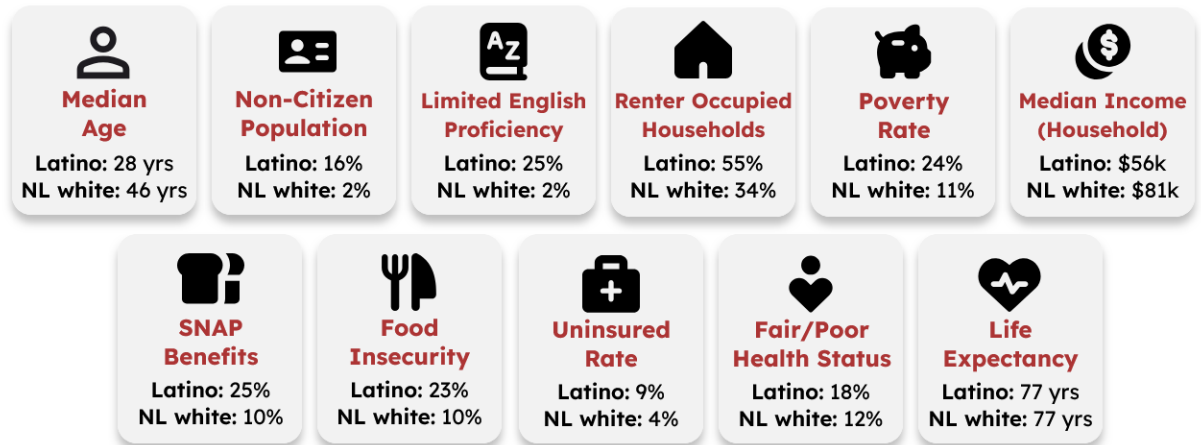


EXTREME HEAT

County Statistics



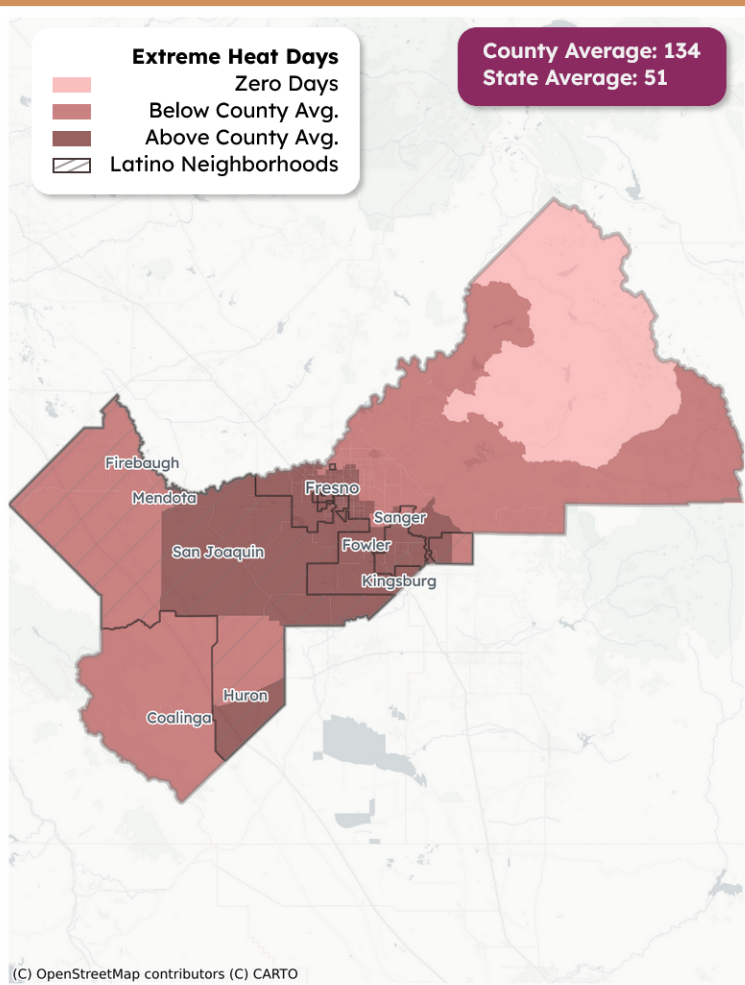
*NL white = Non-Latino white



Neighborhood Statistics

Extreme Heat Days

Latino Neighborhoods and Exposure to Extreme Heat Days ($\geq 90^\circ\text{F}$), 2018–2022



!! **Extreme heat days** are defined as days where the temperature is at or above 90°F .

Annual Number of Extreme Heat Days (2018–2022)

At 90°F , the risk of heat-related illnesses and conditions increases significantly.

Latino neighborhoods	NL white neighborhoods
136 days	105 days
average days $\geq 90^\circ\text{F}$ annually	

Longest Period of Consecutive Extreme Heat Days (2022)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency defines a period of extreme heat in most of the U.S. as a period of 2 to 3 days above 90°F .

Latino neighborhoods	NL white neighborhoods
88 days	58 days
consecutive days $\geq 90^\circ\text{F}$ annually	

Projected Number of Extreme Heat Days by Mid-Century (2035–2064)

Looking forward, both Latino and NL white neighborhoods are projected to experience a similar number of extreme heat days.

Latino neighborhoods	NL white neighborhoods
144 days	145 days
expected days $\geq 90^\circ\text{F}$ annually	

Neighborhood Statistics (cont.)

Barriers and Facilitators To Preventing Heat Exposure

Tree Canopy

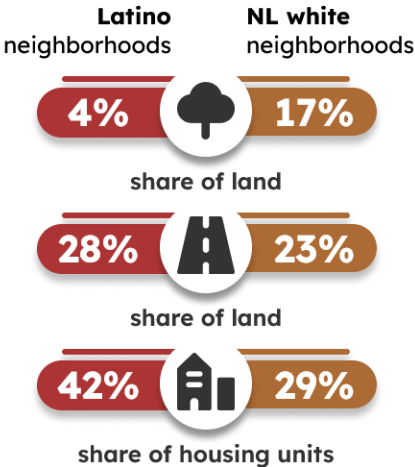
Trees provide natural protection from extreme heat, reducing temperatures in areas with higher canopy coverage. Less tree cover can increase heat exposure.

Impervious Surfaces

Impervious surfaces, such as roads and buildings, increase heat retention and contribute to higher temperatures.

Older Housing Units (built pre-1970)

Older homes' structural characteristics, such as a lack of insulation, single-pane windows, inefficient HVAC systems, and outdated construction materials, can make them more susceptible to extreme temperatures.



Vulnerable Groups

Age

Older adults and children are at higher risk for heat-related illnesses.



Workers in Heat-Exposed Occupations

Not all occupations carry the same risk for heat-related fatalities. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, industries with the highest average heat-related fatalities per year include Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting; Mining; Construction; Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services; and Transportation and Warehousing.



Health

Extreme heat days pose significant health risks, particularly for individuals with pre-existing conditions like cardiovascular disease, asthma, diabetes, and obesity. People with these conditions are among the most vulnerable during extreme heat events due to the added strain on their bodies, which can exacerbate their symptoms or lead to emergencies.

% of Diagnosed Illness in Adults (18+)



Emergency Department Visits (per 10,000 people)



Heat-Related Illness

Heat-related emergency room visits serve as a critical indicator of a neighborhood's vulnerability to extreme temperatures and the effectiveness of its heat mitigation strategies.

Heat-Related Emergency Department Visits



Disadvantaged Communities

Disadvantaged communities, identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency, face significant environmental and socioeconomic challenges. Under Senate Bill 535, funds from California's Cap-and-Trade Program prioritize these areas to reduce pollution, build climate resilience, and improve health and economic outcomes.

