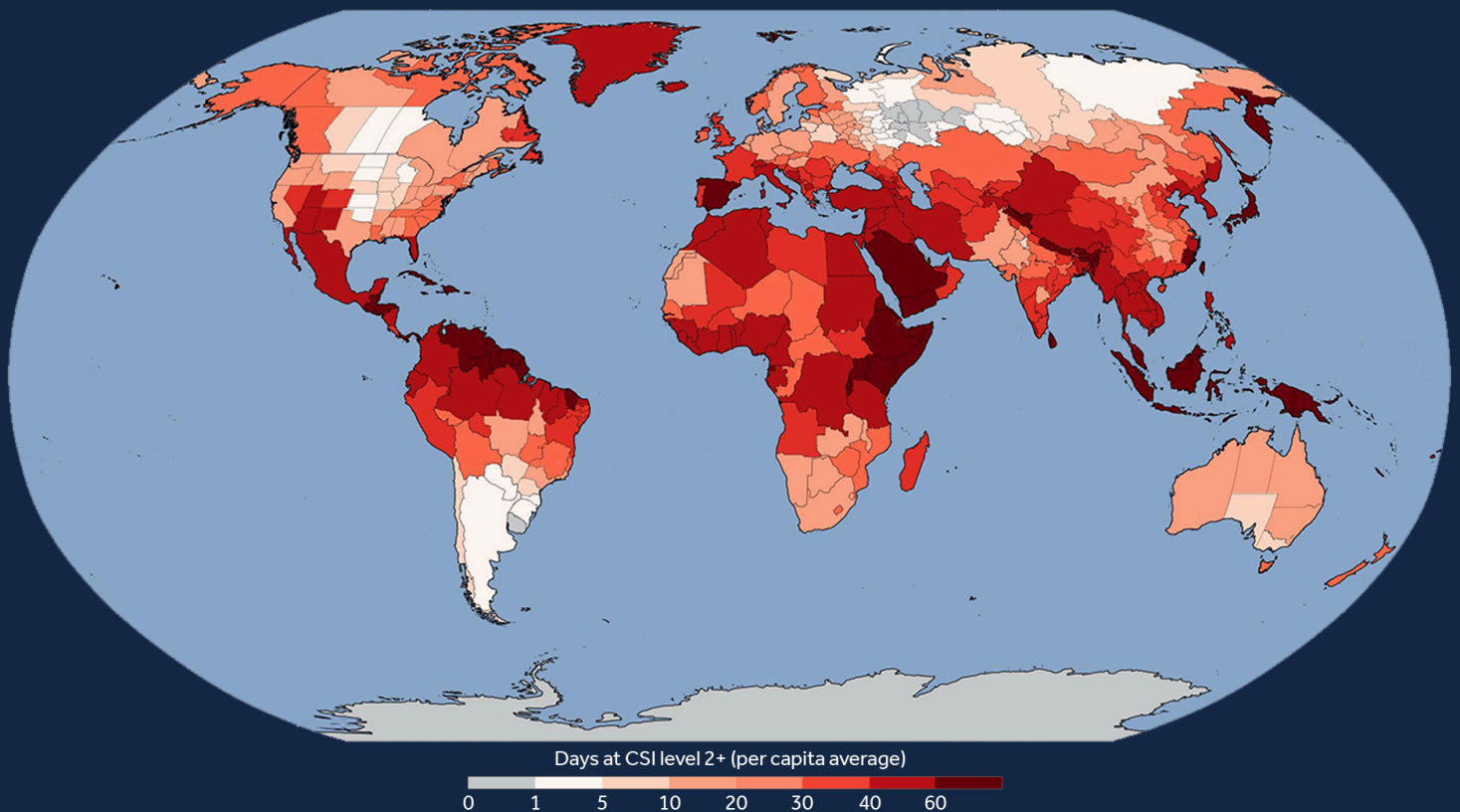


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KEY FACTS

During the past three months (June, July, and August), the effects of human-induced climate change — mainly from burning coal, oil, and methane gas — were evident in most regions of the world, particularly in the form of extreme heat. This analysis uses Climate Central's [Climate Shift Index \(CSI\)](#) to determine the influence of climate change on temperatures around the globe during this period.

Key findings include:

- Every day from June to August 2025, at least one in five people on the planet felt a strong climate change influence.
- Nearly 955 million people experienced 30 or more days of risky heat added by climate change during the last three months. Risky heat days are days with temperatures hotter than 90% of the temperatures recorded in a local area from 1991 to 2020. Heat-related health risks rise when temperatures climb above this local threshold.
- In 183 countries, the average person experienced at least 30 days with temperatures strongly influenced by climate change. The largest share of these countries is in Asia.
- Cities in Europe and Asia top the list of locations where the average person experienced the most unusual heat this season.

DATA

- [Download data](#) for June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, for 240 countries, territories, and dependencies and 940 cities around the world.
- [Explore interactive maps and rankings](#) for countries and cities across six continents.

INTRODUCTION

Humans have increased Earth's temperature, mainly by burning coal, oil, and methane gas. This heat-trapping pollution has caused global temperatures to rise by about 1.3°C (2.2°F) compared to pre-industrial (1850-1900) levels.

From June through August 2025, the effects of carbon pollution were evident in nearly all regions of the world, particularly in the form of extreme heat. See the **Heat and Beyond** box below.

This report documents how human-caused climate change influenced temperatures during this three-month period for people worldwide. We analyzed three measures of heat exposure:

1. **Climate Shift Index (CSI) values:** Developed by Climate Central's scientists, this metric quantifies the local influence of climate change on daily temperatures. People primarily experience climate change through shifts in daily temperatures and weather patterns where they live. Positive CSI levels (1 to 5) indicate temperatures that are increasingly likely because of climate change. This analysis focuses on the average person's experience of unusually warm conditions *strongly* influenced by climate change (CSI level 2 or higher).
2. **Risky heat days:** Risky heat days are days with temperatures hotter than 90% of those observed in a local area over the 1991-2020 period. Heat-related health risks rise when temperatures climb above this local threshold.
3. **Temperature anomalies:** Temperature anomalies show how much warmer or cooler conditions were than the 1991-2020 average. Note that the 1991-2020 baseline already includes about 0.9°C (1.6°F) of warming above pre-industrial levels. Temperature anomalies highlight conditions that people would recognize as unusual. We also refer to anomalies as "temperature differences from normal."

See **Methodology** for more details on the measures above. In this analysis, we look at the number of people exposed to temperature anomalies, days at CSI level 2 or higher, and risky heat days in 240 countries, territories, and dependencies (referred to as "countries" in the rest of the report for simplicity) and 940 global cities. We calculated the country-level temperature anomalies and days at CSI 2 or higher as per capita averages, which allows us to more accurately represent the average person's experience of extreme heat.

RESULTS

→ Every day, at least one in five people on the planet experienced a strong climate change influence.

- Each day from June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, at least 1.8 billion people — 22% of the global population — experienced temperatures made at least twice as likely because of climate change (CSI level 2 or higher).
- Global exposure peaked multiple times during this period — on July 19, Aug. 10, and Aug. 12, around 50% of the global population (about 4.1 billion people) experienced temperatures strongly influenced by climate change (CSI level 2 or higher) each of these days.

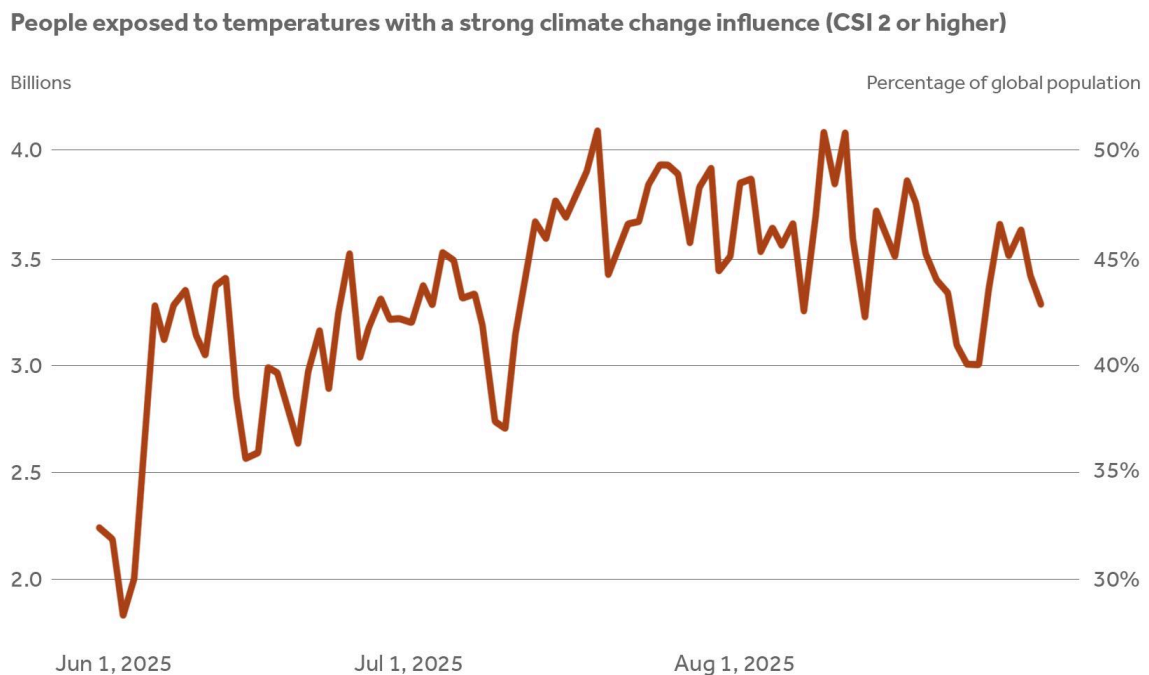


Figure 1. Daily global population exposed to temperatures with a Climate Shift Index (CSI) level 2 or higher during the period of analysis (June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025). Analysis based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index system. Produced Sept. 8, 2025.

→ Climate change increased risky heat — especially for people in Asia

Risky heat days are days with temperatures hotter than 90% of temperatures observed in a local area over the 1991-2020 period, also referred to as temperatures above the 90th percentile. See **Methodology** for details.

- From June to August 2025, the average person on the planet experienced about 27 days of risky heat, and 17 of those were because of climate change.
- **Nearly 955 million people experienced 30 or more days of risky heat added by climate change.** Most of these people (613 million, or 64%) live in Asia (Table 1).
- Countries across Asia, Europe, and North America experienced the most risky heat days added by climate change (Figure 2 and Table 2).
- Thirty-two U.S. cities (primarily located in the southern and western regions) experienced at least 30 additional risky heat days because of climate change (Table 3).

Explore the [full dataset](#) or [interactive maps](#) for details on specific countries and cities.

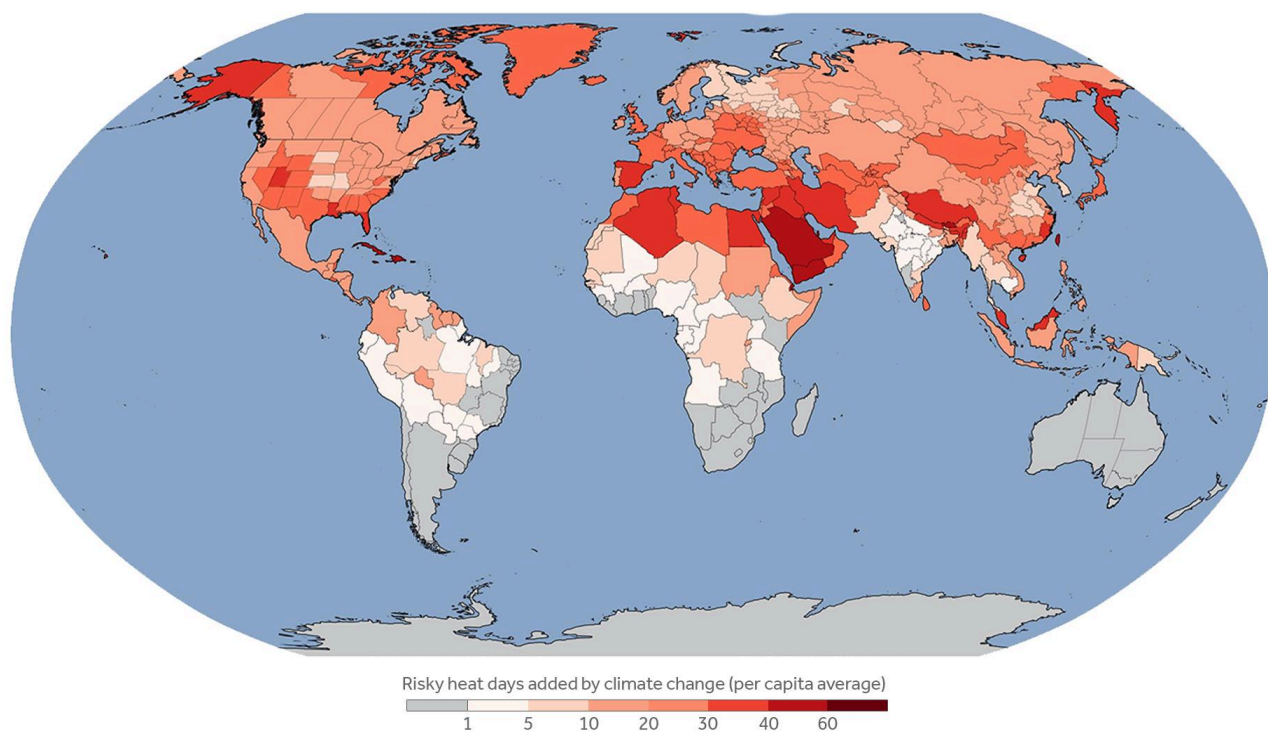


Figure 2. Additional days, from June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, with temperatures above the 90th percentile (risky heat days), because of climate change. Presented as per capita averages for countries and states. Analysis based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system. Data for Antarctica were not included in the analysis. Produced Sept. 8, 2025.

Table 1*Countries with the most people exposed to risky heat days added by climate change*

Country	Continent	People exposed to 30+ days of risky heat (% of country population)	People exposed to 30+ days of risky heat added by climate change (% of country population)
China	Asia	1.4 billion (96%)	112 million (8%)
India	Asia	136 million (10%)	66 million (5%)
Egypt	Africa	109 million (97%)	64 million (57%)
Islamic Republic of Iran	Asia	89 million (100%)	61 million (69%)
Türkiye	Asia	85 million (100%)	49 million (58%)
United States of America	North America	278 million (81%)	42 million (12%)
Iraq	Asia	43 million (100%)	34 million (79%)
Algeria	Africa	46 million (95%)	34 million (71)
Saudi Arabia	Asia	35 million (95%)	34 million (91%)
Bangladesh	Asia	57 million (34%)	30 million (18%)
Spain	Europe	46 million (98%)	30 million (63%)
Yemen	Asia	31 million (91%)	29 million (84%)
United Kingdom	Europe	69 million (100%)	24 million (35%)
Indonesia	Asia	26 million (9%)	24 million (8%)
Taiwan	Asia	24 million (100%)	24 million (100%)

Note: Risky heat days refer to days with temperatures hotter than 90% of temperatures observed in a local area over the 1991–2020 period. The analysis covers June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, and is based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system. Country populations are estimates based on the U.S. Census Bureau's International Database and rounded to the nearest thousand in the data file, and the nearest million here.

Table 2*Countries with the most risky heat days added by climate change*

Country	Continent	Risky heat days	Risky heat days added by climate change
Jamaica	North America	74	59
Cayman Islands	North America	66	59
Haiti	North America	66	56
Jersey	Europe	67	47
Dominican Republic	North America	60	47
Cuba	North America	54	46
Yemen	Asia	54	45
Taiwan	Asia	48	45
Guernsey	Europe	60	44
Malta	Europe	59	44

Note: Risky heat days refer to days with temperatures hotter than 90% of temperatures observed in a local area over the 1991–2020 period. The period of analysis is June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, and is based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system.

Table 3*U.S. cities with the most risky heat days added by climate change*

City	State	Risky heat days	Risky heat days added by climate change
West Palm Beach	Florida	60	49
Anchorage	Alaska	62	48
Miami	Florida	50	47
San Juan	Puerto Rico	49	46
Grand Junction	Colorado	62	44
Salt Lake City	Utah	56	44
Lafayette	Louisiana	55	42
Gainesville	Florida	55	41
Tampa	Florida	54	41
Lake Charles	Louisiana	48	40
Corpus Christi	Texas	44	40

Note: Risky heat days refer to days with temperatures hotter than 90% of temperatures observed in a local area over the 1991-2020 period. The period of analysis is June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, and is based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system.

→ More than three-quarters of countries experienced at least 30 days with unusual heat strongly influenced by climate change

- In more than three-quarters of analyzed countries (183 out of 240), the average person experienced daily temperatures with a *strong* influence of climate change (CSI 2 or higher) for at least 30 days during the last three months (Figure 3).
- Fifty-three of these countries were in Asia, and are collectively home to nearly 3.1 billion people.
- Many countries that experienced at least 30 days at CSI 2 or higher also experienced exceptionally warm temperatures during the past three months, mostly in Asia and Europe (Table 4 and Figure 4).

Explore the [full dataset](#) or [interactive maps](#) for details on specific countries.

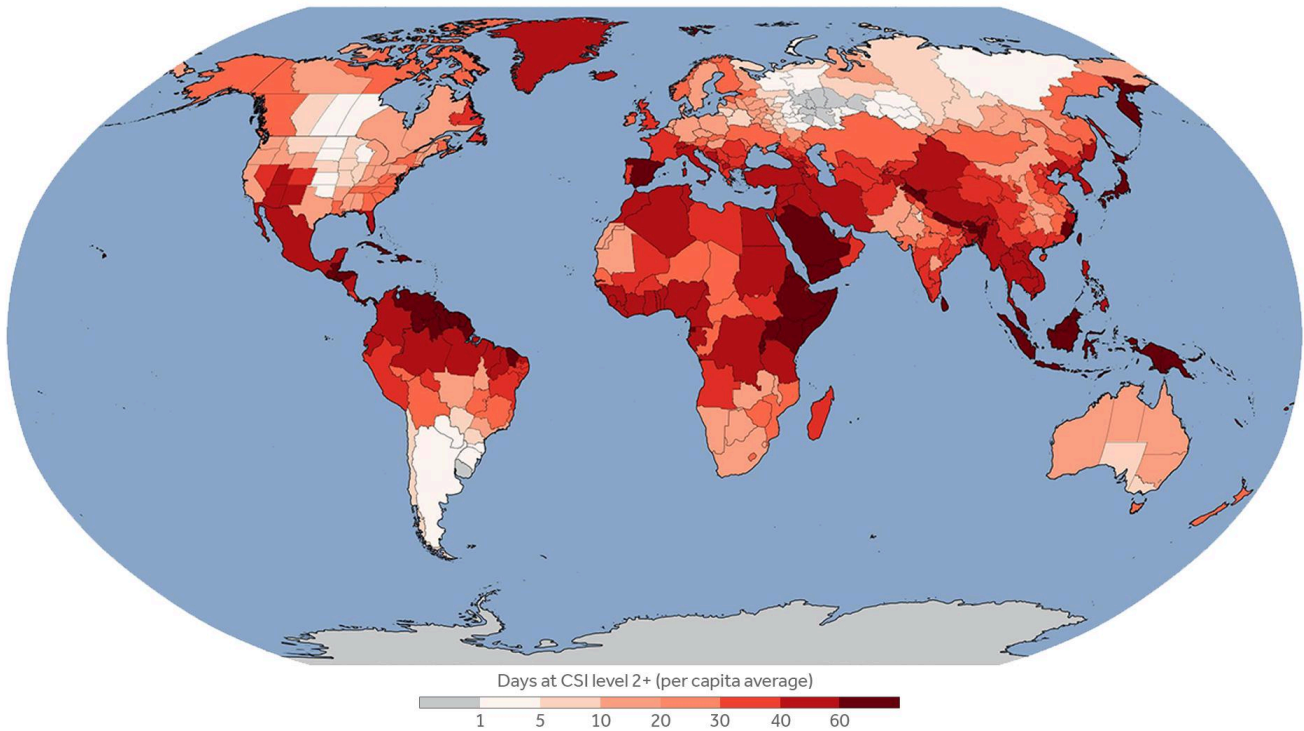


Figure 3. Number of days with temperatures made twice as likely by climate change (CSI 2 or higher) during June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025. Presented as per capita averages for countries and states. Analysis based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system. Data for Antarctica were not included in the analysis. Produced Sept. 8, 2025

Table 4

Countries with the highest average seasonal temperature difference from normal

Country	Continent	Seasonal temperature difference from normal (°C)	Days at CSI 2 or higher
Kuril Islands	Asia	3.6	82
Tajikistan	Asia	2.2	53
Andorra	Europe	2.2	49
Japan	Asia	2.1	61
Monaco	Europe	2.1	47
Aksai Chin	Asia	2	67
Holy See	Europe	2	65
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Asia	1.9	54
Republic of Korea	Asia	1.9	53
Spain	Europe	1.8	60
Montenegro	Europe	1.7	41
Uzbekistan	Asia	1.7	34
Morocco	Africa	1.6	44
United Kingdom	Europe	1.6	38

France	Europe	1.6	36
Albania	Europe	1.6	35
Jersey	Europe	1.5	74
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Europe	1.5	42
Bulgaria	Europe	1.5	38
Serbia	Europe	1.5	37
Greece	Europe	1.5	36
Kyrgyzstan	Europe	1.5	31

Note: Temperature anomalies (difference from normal) are per capita averages, in °C, compared to the 1991-2020 normal. The period of analysis is June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, and is based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system. Days at CSI 2 or higher refers to days made at least twice as likely by human-caused climate change.

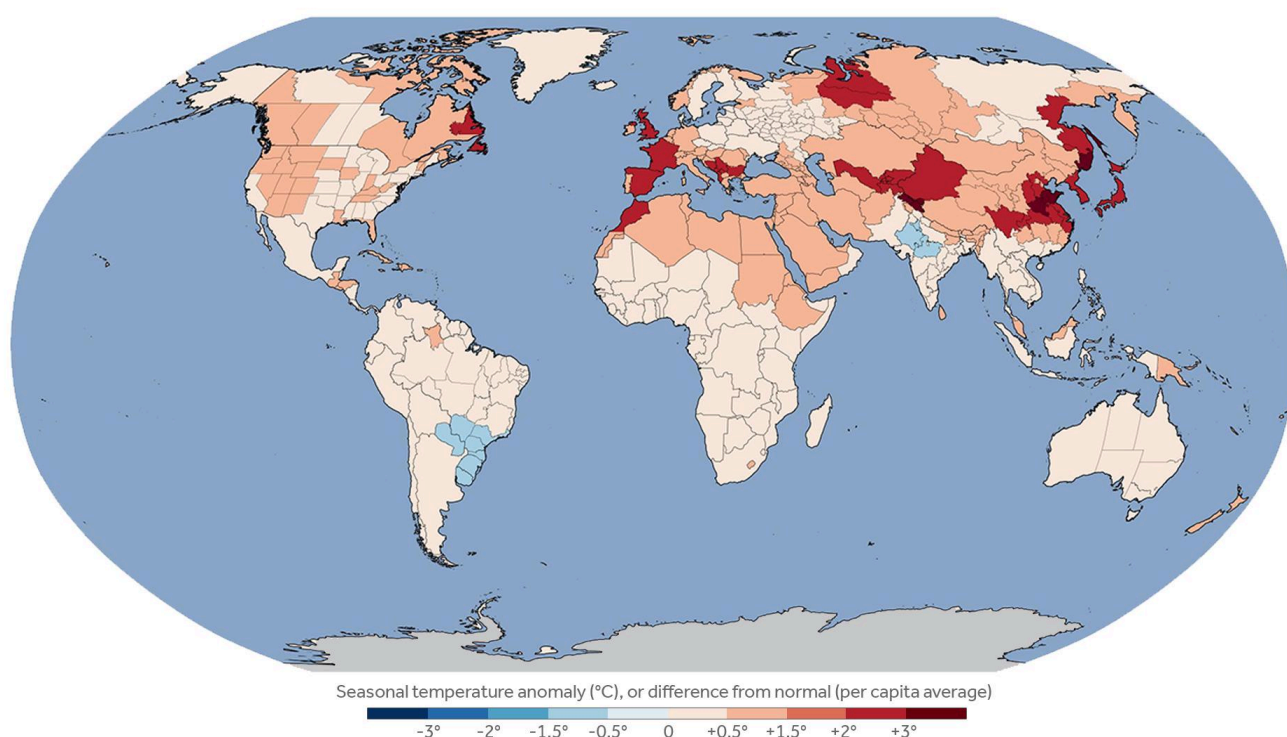


Figure 4. Temperature anomalies (°C) during June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, compared to the 1991-2020 normal. Presented as per capita averages for countries and states. Analysis based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system. Data for Antarctica were not included in the analysis. Produced Sept. 8, 2025

→ Nearly half of global cities experienced at least 30 days of unusual heat fueled by climate change

- In 461 global cities (of 940 analyzed), the average person experienced at least 30 days with a *strong* influence of climate change — CSI level 2 or higher (Table 5).

Table 5*Global cities with the most days with a strong climate change influence*

City	Country	Continent	Days at CSI 2 or higher	Seasonal temperature difference from normal (°C)
Kingston	Jamaica	North America	92	0.9
Guatemala City	Guatemala	North America	92	0.8
Dushanbe	Tajikistan	Asia	91	3.9
Honolulu	United States of America	North America	91	0.5
Mecca	Saudi Arabia	Asia	90	1.1
Saint Peter Port	Guernsey	Europe	89	1.4
Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	Asia	88	1
Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte	Sri Lanka	Asia	87	0.8
Bamenda	Cameroon	Africa	87	0.5
Saint-Denis	Reunion	Africa	87	0.2
Kathmandu	Nepal	Asia	86	0.8
George Town	Cayman Islands	North America	86	0.7
San Juan	United States of America	North America	86	0.5

Note. A strong climate influence refers to days at CSI 2 or higher. All CSI values refer to average daily temperature. Temperature anomalies (difference from normal) are averages, in °C, compared to the 1991–2020 normal. The period of analysis is June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, and is based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system.

→ Global megacities

Cities are hotspots of heat risk due to their high population density and land development patterns that intensify heat in [urban heat islands](#). This is especially true for the world's largest cities. This analysis includes 39 megacities — cities with populations over 10 million.

- Of those 39 megacities, 23 (with a combined population of nearly 439 million) endured heat that was *strongly* influenced by climate change (CSI level 2 or higher) for 30 days or more (Table 6).

Table 6*Global megacities with the most days with a strong climate change influence*

Megacity	Country	Continent	Days at CSI 2 or higher	Seasonal temperature anomaly (°C)
Lagos	Nigeria	Africa	73	0.3
Osaka	Japan	Asia	71	1.9
Tehran	Islamic Republic of Iran	Asia	70	0.9
Tokyo	Japan	Asia	62	2.9
Mumbai	India	Asia	58	0.2
Cairo	Egypt	Africa	58	0.9
Bangkok	Thailand	Asia	58	0.2
Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	Asia	55	0.3
Seoul	Republic of Korea	Asia	54	1.9
Dhaka	Bangladesh	Asia	52	0.3

Note: A strong climate influence refers to days at CSI 2 or higher. All CSI values refer to average daily temperature. Temperature anomalies (difference from normal) are averages, in °C, compared to the 1991–2020 normal. The analysis covers June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, and is based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system.

Explore [interactive maps](#) for details on specific U.S. states and cities.

→ U.S. cities

- In 42 U.S. cities (mostly in the southern and western regions), the average person experienced at least 30 days with a *strong* influence of climate change — CSI level 2 or higher (Table 7).

Table 7*U.S. cities with the most days with a strong climate change influence*

City	State	Days at CSI 2 or higher	Seasonal temperature difference from normal (°F)
Honolulu	Hawaii	91	0.9
San Juan	Puerto Rico	86	0.9
West Palm Beach	Florida	67	1.3
Miami	Florida	65	0.9
Tampa	Florida	61	1.1
Sarasota	Florida	60	1.2

Flagstaff	Arizona	56	2.2
Prescott	Arizona	55	1.7
Victoria	Texas	55	1.6
Gainesville	Florida	55	1.5
Fort Myers	Florida	55	0.5
Tucson	Arizona	52	2.4
Salt Lake City	Utah	51	2.6
Phoenix	Arizona	51	1.7
Albuquerque	New Mexico	51	1.6

Note: A strong climate influence refers to days at CSI 2 or higher. All CSI values refer to average daily temperature. Temperature anomalies (difference from normal) are averages, in °F, compared to the 1991-2020 normal. The period of analysis is June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, and is based on ECMWF ERA5 data and the Climate Shift Index (CSI) system.

Heat and Beyond: Impacts of extreme weather over the past 3 months

Dangerous extreme heat

Human-caused climate change is fueling dangerous heat waves for billions and making these events longer and more likely. Exposure to extreme heat can cause serious but preventable [heat-related illness](#) and, in severe cases, fatal heat stroke. Heat hazards often have under-reported impacts on health, agriculture, water supplies, and more.

During June to August 2025, severe heat waves hit [Europe](#) repeatedly, leading to the closure of over 1,350 schools in [France](#) and the banning of outdoor work in parts of [Italy](#). In one tragic incident, a tour guide [collapsed and died](#) near the Colosseum. [Spain](#) experienced record high temperatures, as did traditionally cooler countries such as the [United Kingdom](#), [Norway](#), [Sweden](#), and [Finland](#).

In [Japan](#), over 10,000 people were hospitalized due to heat-related illnesses amidst heatstroke alerts [issued](#) in 19 prefectures. [South Korea](#) also felt the impacts of extreme heat, recording 21 tropical nights [in July](#) and reporting [19 heat-related deaths](#).

Dangerous heat conditions were reported in [Egypt](#), where some regions [faced](#) temperatures of around 43°C. [Iraq](#) and [Iran](#) became regional [hotspots](#), with temperatures nearing 50°C, while residents [endured](#) power outages amid the suffocating heat.

Official figures on heat-related deaths will likely be released later in the year, but public health officials have already [estimated](#) that more than 400 people died from extreme

heat this season in **Maricopa County, Arizona**, alone. In **Europe**, scientists predict that the heat caused approximately 2,300 deaths across 12 cities, with around 1,500 of those attributable to climate change.

*Find more resources for reporting on extreme heat from Climate Central in our **Extreme Weather Toolkit: Extreme Heat**.*

Destructive, deadly flooding

Climate change is bringing heavier rain and increased flood risk to many parts of the world. The events below from the past three months are consistent with what is expected in a world warmed by carbon pollution.

In **China**, severe storms brought record rainfall, displacing thousands and causing widespread destruction. In the Western Pacific, Tropical Storm Wutip and Typhoons Podul, Danas, and Wipha brought torrential rains, school and business closures, and significant damage and death in **Japan**, **Myanmar**, the **Philippines**, and **Vietnam**. In **Hong Kong**, the heaviest daily rainfall since 1984 shut down schools, disrupted hospital services, and forced road closures, while in **South Korea**, the rain killed at least 18 people.

In **India** and **Pakistan**, monsoon rains and flash floods have continuously swept provinces and claimed at least 1,860 lives. Heavy rainfall also led to devastation in **South Africa**, killing at least 78 people, many of whom were children. In **Nigeria**, flash floods killed at least 23 people and left thousands homeless, while **Cape Verde** declared a state of emergency after some regions received more than 150% of their average annual rainfall in just five hours, overwhelming emergency services.

In the **U.S.**, four 1-in-1,000-year rainfall events destroyed entire communities within a single week. A nightmare flash flood in central **Texas** killed more than 130 people — many of whom were children — becoming one of the deadliest floods in American history.

*Find more resources for reporting on rainfall and flooding from Climate Central in our **Extreme Weather Toolkit: Rain and Flooding**.*

Wildfires fueled by hotter, drier weather

More frequent hot, dry, and windy conditions contribute to more wildfires that put people and ecosystems at risk. Human-caused warming, poor land management practices, and sprawling development have increased both the availability of fuel and the frequency of weather conditions that spark and spread dangerous fires.

Over the past three months, the world has witnessed a devastating surge in wildfires, with **Europe** experiencing its worst recorded year in history. More than one million hectares burned across the continent, with some of the [hardest-hit countries](#) including **Italy**, **Portugal**, **Romania**, and **Spain**. In **Türkiye**, **Greece**, **Cyprus**, **Bulgaria**, and **Syria**, dry conditions, strong winds, and unseasonably high temperatures fueled [deadly](#) fires. These [unprecedented fires](#) have been directly [linked](#) to increasingly extreme weather conditions driven by climate change.

Amidst [record-breaking](#) temperatures that at times exceeded 40°C, the intensity of fires [forced](#) mass evacuations, [destroyed](#) homes, and [overwhelmed](#) emergency services. In **Portugal**, an area 10 times the size of Manhattan burned while **France** grappled with an unprecedented fire the size of Paris. Even countries less frequently affected, such as **Germany**, experienced wildfires that displaced thousands.

Across the Atlantic, **Canada** faced its second-worst wildfire season on record, with more than 200 active fires [reported](#) in a single day. First Nations communities were among the [most affected](#). Thousands of people were [forced](#) to evacuate, and smoke plumes degraded [air quality](#) not only in **Canada** but also in **Europe**. The smoke also reached parts of the **U.S.**, where additional wildfires were also being reported; **Colorado** and **Oregon** battled some of the largest wildfires in their histories.

Recent research [suggests](#) that wildfire-related mortality and long-term health impacts are largely underestimated.

Find more resources for reporting on wildfires from Climate Central in our [Extreme Weather Toolkit: Wildfires](#).

METHODOLOGY

Calculating the Climate Shift Index (CSI)

The CSI is grounded in [peer-reviewed attribution science](#) and was launched by Climate Central in 2022. The data is accessible via our [free map tool](#). Positive CSI levels 1 to 5 indicate conditions that are increasingly likely in today's climate. A CSI level of 1 means that climate change is detectable (technically, the temperature is at least 1.5 times more likely). CSI levels 2 and higher correspond with the multipliers (2 = at least 2 times more likely, 3 = at least 3 times more likely, etc.). CSI level 5 events would be very difficult to encounter in a world without climate change — not impossible, but extremely unlikely.

All CSI levels reported in this brief are based on daily average temperatures and [ECMWF ERA5 data](#) from June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025. See the [frequently asked questions](#) for details on computing the CSI, including a summary of the multi-model approach described in [Gilford et al. \(2022\)](#).

Daily Global Population Exposure

For each day, we identified the grid cells with CSI values of 2 or higher. Using 2020 [Gridded Population of the World v4](#) estimates, we calculated the proportion of the population living in each of these cells. Where CSI values were 2 or higher, we summed the proportions globally and multiplied by the estimated global population of 8.2 billion to produce an up-to-date estimate of the global population exposed to CSI level 2 or higher.

Country Analysis

The country-level analysis includes 240 countries, territories, and dependencies. It excludes entities that are smaller than 0.25°, the size of a grid cell. We calculated the average temperature anomaly, number of days at or above CSI 2, and population exposure to CSI 2 (based on average temperature) over the June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, period. For each country, we then selected the data within its geographical boundary and found the population-weighted temperature anomaly and the population-weighted number of days at CSI level 2. Reported temperature anomalies are relative to each country's 1991-2020 normal daily June, July, and August temperatures.

Where possible, population estimates were drawn from the [U.S. Census Bureau's International Database](#) and rounded to the nearest thousand. Other estimates were drawn from the [Gridded Population of the World v4](#).

U.S. State Analysis

The state-level analysis includes 50 states and the District of Columbia in the United States. It excludes entities that are smaller than 0.25°, the size of a grid cell. We calculated the temperature anomaly, number of days at or above CSI 2, and population exposure to CSI 2 (based on average temperature) over the June 1 to Aug. 31, 2025 period. For each state, we then selected the data within its geographical boundary and found the population-weighted temperature anomaly and the population-weighted number of days at CSI 2. Reported temperature anomalies are relative to each state's 1991-2020 normal daily June, July, and August temperatures.

Population estimates were drawn from the [Gridded Population of the World v4](#).

City Analysis

We analyzed 940 cities from around the world, drawn from [Simplemaps](#). We include cities that meet one or more of the following criteria: it has a population of more than 1 million; it is the capital of a country, territory, or province; it has the largest population in a country or territory; or it is one of the 100 most-populated cities in China (which excludes some cities

that have a population of 1 million or more). We also include a selected list of additional U.S. cities.

For each city, we found the CSI and temperature anomaly time series from the nearest 0.25° grid cell. We then computed the mean temperature anomalies over June 2025, July 2025, and August 2025, and the number of days at CSI level 2 (based on average temperature). Reported temperature anomalies are relative to each city's 1991-2020 normal daily June, July, and August temperatures.

Risky Heat Days

The analysis of risky heat days considered days with temperatures hotter than 90% of temperatures observed in a local area over the 1991-2020 period. This 90th temperature percentile is a conservative approximation of the local minimum mortality temperature (MMT) — the daily average temperature with the lowest risk of heat-related death — based on [Tobías et al. \(2021\)](#) and [Gasparrini et al. \(2015\)](#). Above the MMT, relative risks of heat-related illness and death [increase steeply](#), because people are not used to or cannot cope with these temperatures. MMTs [vary across climatic zones](#), tending to be higher in temperate and continental regions and lower in arid and tropical ones, because health-related heat thresholds depend on the local climate and related long-term adaptation among local populations.

To find the risky days added by climate change, we calculated counterfactual temperatures — estimates of what temperatures would have been in a world without climate change. Using our CSI model, we determined the probability of meeting or exceeding an observed temperature in today's climate, then found the equivalent temperature in a world without climate change. For each day and location, if the counterfactual temperature was below the threshold but the observed temperature was above it, we counted that day as added by climate change.

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