

Inequitable Impacts from Extreme Heat in the Portland Metro Region

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2021 Oregon Heatwave Death Toll Confirmed Hyperthermia Deaths between June 24th to July 13th

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Residence Types of Victims

Disproportionate Impacts of Heat on Communities



Gain and Loss of Canopy: City of Portland ('14-'20)



Canopy Change(Gain - Loss) (square meter)

Canopy Change Density (square meter /

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Canopy Change ('14-20) by [populous] Neighborhood



Access to Air Conditioning and Extreme Heat Primary Takeaways

- AC installations are not random in Portland largely predictable by level of income in an area
- Higher levels of AC in the cooler NW/SW parts of the city, Beaumont/Grant Park, Mt. Tabor, Argay Terrace, and Pleasant Valley
- Lower levels of AC in Roseway, Sumner, Woodlawn, Kenton, Piedmont, Humboldt, Vernon, Eliot, Brentwood-Darlington
- Spatial analysis highlights inequities in access to cooling on a city-scale
- Urban-scale resilient cooling strategies* are needed