



City of Phoenix Weekly Heat Response Report August 17–23, 2026

Summary

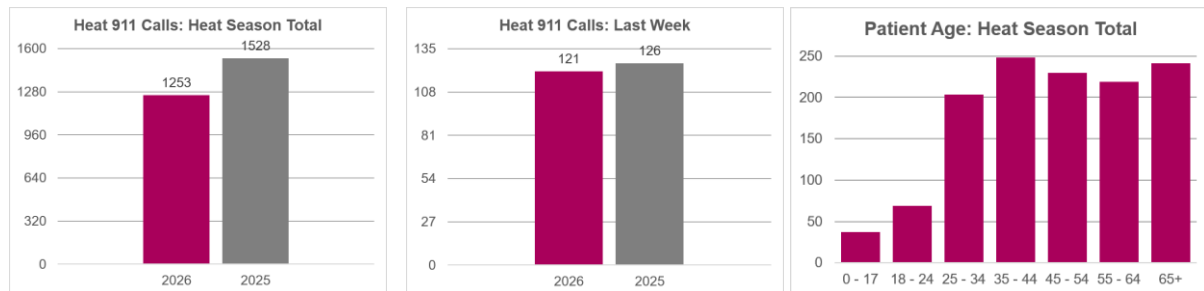
- The reporting week was the second hottest of the season with six days reaching 110°F or higher and three nights failing to fall below 90°F.
- Total visits to extended hour and overnight sites held steady with recent weeks.
- Cold water immersion was used 24 times, setting a new weekly high for the season.

At-a-Glance Key Indicators

	Heat-related 911 calls	Visits to extended hour and overnight heat relief sites	Referrals from extended hour and overnight heat relief sites
Report Week	121	3,292	53
Heat Season Total	1,253	48,904	1,347

Extended hour and overnight heat relief sites: 24/7 respite center at 20 West Jackson St., Cholla Library, Justa Center, and UMOM.

Heat-Related 911 Calls



Note: 911 call data are preliminary at the time of weekly reporting; weekly and seasonal totals are subject to change.

Phoenix Fire responded to 121 heat-related calls, an increase from the previous two weeks. The highest call density occurred in downtown Phoenix between Roosevelt St., Grant. St., 7th St., and 19th Ave. The Laveen area also reported a higher call volume than typical.

Patient Location and Transport Information:

- Most common locations: roadways (56), residential (25), business (20)
- 89 patients (74%) were transported for additional care, including 17 to St. Joe's and 16 to Banner-University.
- Cold water immersion was used 24 times for heat stroke patients (season total: 210).

Heat-Related Deaths

- 113 heat-related deaths have been confirmed in Maricopa County as of 8/22, with 58 of those cases occurring in Phoenix.
- 584 cases were under investigation in Maricopa County as of 8/22, compared to 402 at the same time last year.
- Of the cases reported countywide to date, 69% occurred outdoors, 48% involved substances, and 31% were among people experiencing homelessness.
- For more information: [Maricopa County Department of Public Health Dashboard](#)



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Weather Summary

High temperatures were above historical averages throughout the entire reporting period, with Extreme Heat Warnings in effect daily. High temperatures exceeded 110°F every day except August 20, when the high temperature reached 106°F.

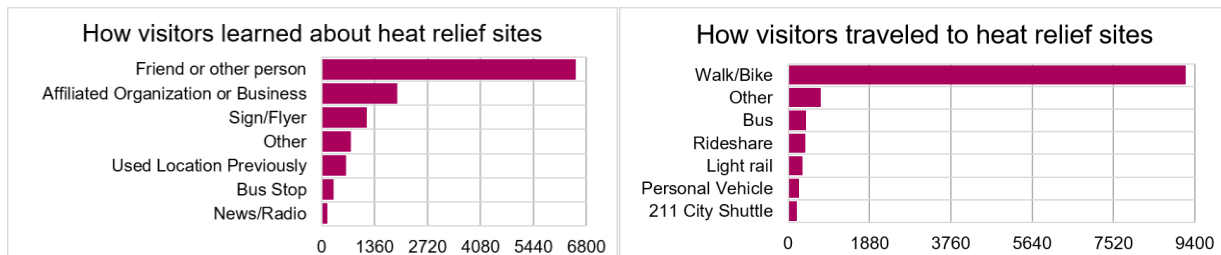
Heat season to date (May 1–Aug 23)	2026	2025	Normal (1991-2020)
100°F+ days	91	91	82.6
110°F+ days	34	36	18.7

Note: The identical count of 100-degree days for 2025 and 2026 is not a typographical error.

Extended Hour and Overnight Heat Relief Sites

Location	Visits: Report week	Visits: Heat season total	Referrals: Extended hour and overnight sites have provided 1,347 referrals to additional services this season, 94% of which were initiated at 20 W. Jackson St. Family Support: 185 families have received specialized heat relief support through UMOM.
20 W. Jackson St.	2,106	32,926	
Justa Center	1,153	15,425	
Cholla Library*	33	553	
TOTAL	3,292	48,904	

*Cholla Library counts are based on engagements with heat response staff and do not reflect all library visits.



City Program Reports

- **Communications:** Produced 23 heat response social media posts that generated 47,476 impressions and 1,247 engagements. Additionally supported nine heat response-focused media requests, including coverage in Outside Magazine of the Phoenix Fire Department's innovative cold water immersion therapy for heat stroke patients.
- **Homeless Solutions:** OHS Street Outreach staff engaged 204 individuals, and distributed water and heat relief supplies as needed. Additional heat-related street outreach activities are conducted by contractual partners.
- **Trailhead Outreach:** CERT volunteers distributed 192 water bottles at Echo Canyon on August 22 and engaged an additional 22 hikers with heat safety information.

Partner Updates and Announcements

- Updated Heat Relief Network operating hours, including schedule changes for the Labor Day Holiday weekend, are available online: <https://hrn.azmag.gov/>