

HOUSTON HEATH HIGHLIGHTS

Heat Stroke & Pediatric Vehicular Deaths

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Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash-related fatalities among children. **789** children have died due to pediatric vehicular heatstroke since 1998 in the US.

1998

39 pediatric cases

2017

43 pediatric cases

2018

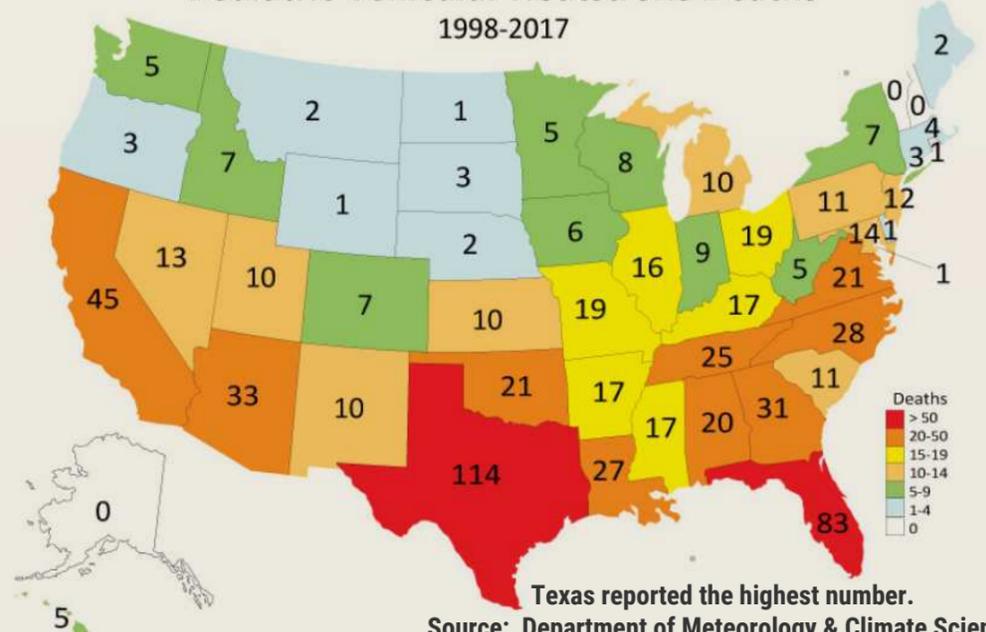
46 pediatric cases

All these deaths could have been prevented

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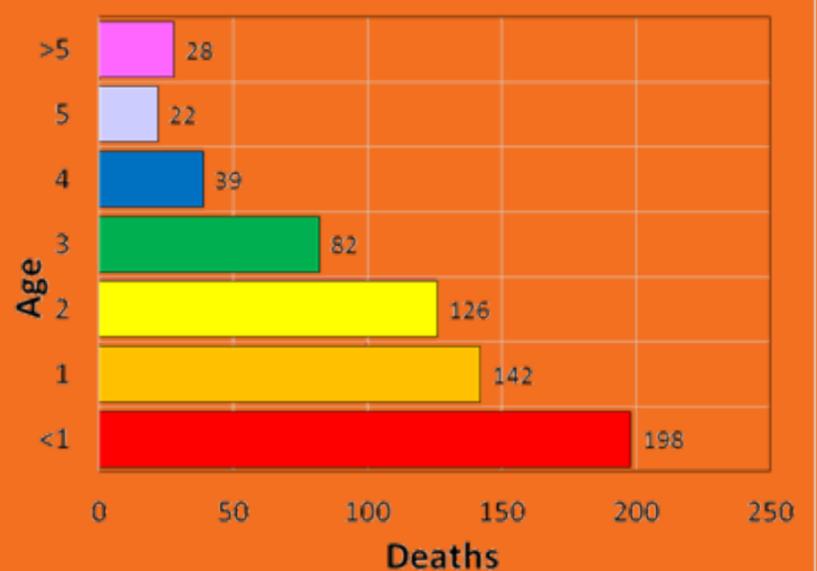
1998-2017



Texas reported the highest number.

Source: Department of Meteorology & Climate Science
San Jose State University <http://noheatstroke.org>

Case distribution by age. United States 1998-2018



Children <5 years are at a higher risk

Safety Tips

- Never leave children unattended in a vehicle. NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE!
- Always check the backseat. Leave your wallet or purse as a reminder.
- Always keep vehicles locked and keys out of reach.
- Make arrangements with your childcare provider to call if your child is absent.
- CALL 9-1-1 if you see a child alone in a vehicle.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/child-safety>