

Average maximum heat index during this timeframe (RDU Airport)

107.6°F

Total Emergency Department visits for heat-related illness

556

Percent of Emergency Department visits Hospitalized

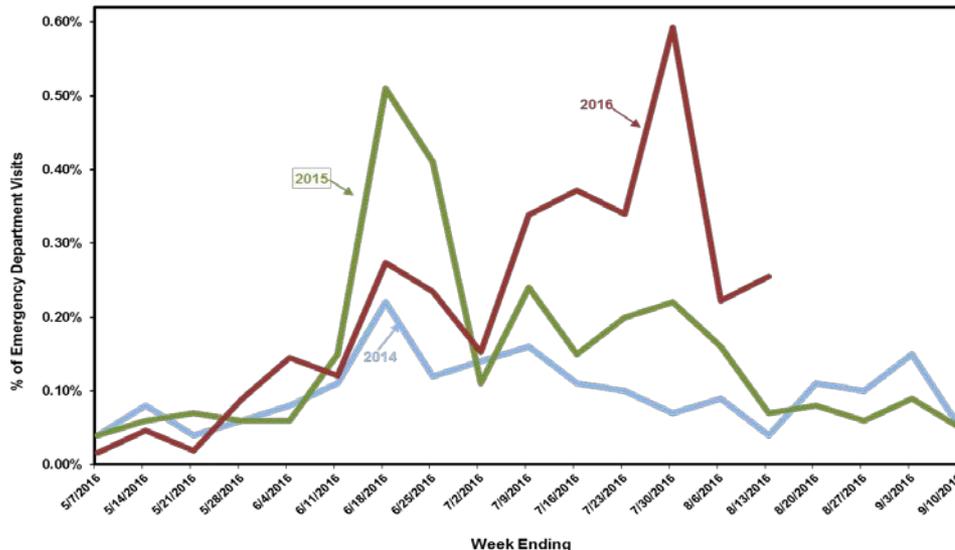
8%

Heat-related illness death

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Proportion of ED Visits attributed to Heat Related Illness 2016 compared with previous 2 years

Statewide Emergency Department Heat-Related Illness (May-September)
Source: NC DETECT Data



Week ending dates displayed are for 2016. Week ending dates may vary by a few days for earlier years.

Data Facts

- 80% of all ED visits for heat-related illness were among adults 18 to 64 years of age.
- Exposures include both occupational (e.g., roofing, construction, landscaping) and recreational (e.g., walking, sports) activities, as well as no air conditioning access.

Recommendations

- Drink fluids
- Spend some time in air conditioning
- Reduce activity between 11 am – 4 pm
- Consult your doctor if you take medications that impact the body's ability to lose heat