

# Snapshot of health system climate vulnerability and performance in...

## Utah

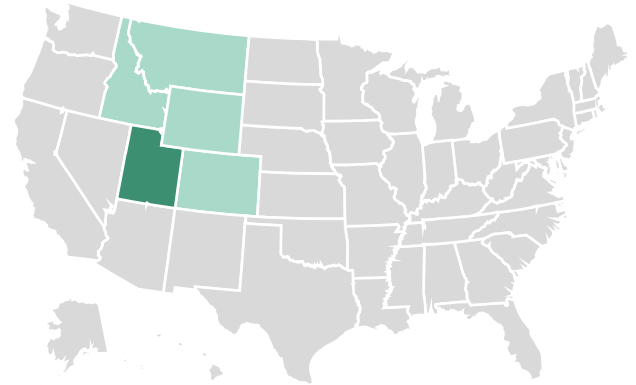


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Utah ranks #35 overall.

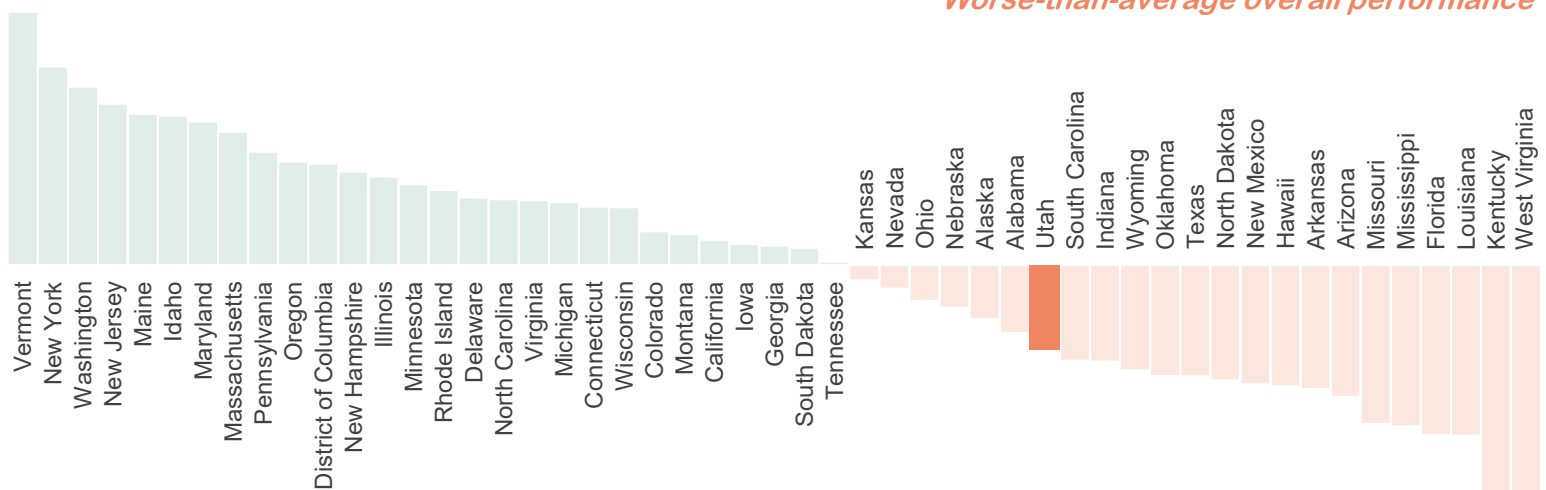
	National Rank	Rank Among Rocky Mountain States*
Average Annual Air Quality Index	49 of 51	5 of 5
Health Risk from Extreme Heat	40	5
Health Care Facility Risk from Natural Hazards	43	5
Health Care Facility Flood Risk	8	3
State Energy Efficiency Policy	23	2
State Electricity Emissions and Their Health Impact	45	4
Health Care Sector Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions	28	3
Health Care Worker Commuting Emissions	13	5

Utah ranks #4 in the Rocky Mountain region.



\*Note: Rocky Mountain region includes CO, ID, MT, UT, WY.

## How Utah Compares to All States



**Table 1. Indicators of State Health System Climate Vulnerability and Performance**

Indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	State rank
<b>Average Annual Air Quality Index</b> Scale of 0–500, with values below 100 generally considered good/moderate air quality	2022	57	42	49
<b>Health Risk from Extreme Heat</b> CDC/ATSDR <sup>a</sup> Heat and Health Index (0–1), with 1 indicating greatest risk	2024	0.57	0.51	40
<b>Health Care Facility Risk from Natural Hazards</b> FEMA <sup>b</sup> National Risk Index (0–100), with 100 indicating greatest risk	2023	73	54	43
<b>Health Care Facility Flood Risk</b> Percent of inpatient facility beds in high-hazard flood zones	2023	0.4%	2.5%	8
<b>State Energy Efficiency Policy</b> ACEEE <sup>c</sup> Energy Efficiency Scorecard (0–50), with 50 indicating best performance	2022	17	17	23
<b>State Electricity Emissions and Their Health Impact</b> Health impact per unit of electricity generated, <sup>d</sup> where lower values indicate less health impact from emissions	2021	0.793	0.464	45
<b>Health Care Sector Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions</b> Kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e) <sup>e</sup>	2020	1,325	1,362	28
<b>Health Care Worker Commuting Emissions</b> Transportation-related GHG emissions from health care facility employee commuting (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e per employee)	2022	1,879	2,169	13



**Utah ranked best on:**

**Health Care Facility Flood Risk**

Compared to other states, Utah has a smaller proportion of inpatient facility beds in high-hazard flood zones.



**Utah ranked worst on:**

**Average Annual Air Quality Index**

Residents of Utah experience poorer average air quality than other states in a given year.

**Notes:** (–) Indicates missing data. (a) Centers for Disease Control/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR). (b) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). (c) American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE). (d) Measured in Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) per gigawatt-hour (GWh) of electricity generated; DALYs are a common measure of the burden of disease, representing years of healthy life lost. (e) Kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub>e stands for “carbon dioxide equivalent,” a standard measure of the warming effect of greenhouse gases.