

Extreme Heat Returns to the Pacific Northwest

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The Pacific Northwest is in the early stages of an extreme heat event. This event will mark the first time on record that Portland, and possibly Seattle, experience extreme heat events in three consecutive years.

Portland's Extreme Heat Events:

Dates	Duration	Peak High
July 13-18, 1941	6 days	103
June 30-July 2, 1942	4 days	105
August 8-11, 1971	4 days	101
August 9-13, 1977	5 days	104
August 6-12, 1981	7 days	107
July 19-23, 1994	5 days	103
July 26-28, 1998	3 days	101
July 22-24, 2004	3 days	103
August 14-16, 2008	3 days	102
July 26-August 2, 2009	8 days	106
August 18-20, 2016	3 days	100
June 24-29, 2021	6 days	116
July 24-31, 2022	8 days	102

Seattle's Extreme Heat Events:

Dates	Duration	Peak High
July 10-13, 1961	4 days	97
July 15-20, 1979	6 days	98
June 21-24, 1992	4 days	92
July 19-23, 1994	5 days	100
June 28-July 1, 1995	4 days	96
July 26-28, 1998	3 days	97
July 20-24, 2006	5 days	97
July 25-August 3, 2009	10 days	103
July 1-5, 2015	5 days	93
July 23-26, 2018	4 days	92
August 6-9, 2018	4 days	94
June 24-29, 2021	6 days	108
August 11-13, 2021	3 days	95
July 24-31, 2022	8 days	95