

42 Children Die in Hot Cars in 2013: A National Tragedy

Thus far in 2013, 42 children have died in motor vehicles from heat stroke.¹ In 2012, there were 33 deaths and 33 in 2011. This year, Texas tops the list for the most heat stroke deaths in 2013 (5), and several states have experienced four: California and Florida. This year, heat strokes since 1998 when tracking first started, we surpassed 600, with a total of 603 kids dying in cars because of the heat.

42. [Unidentified](#), 3 months old, Greensboro, NC, October 3. Police responded to a call and when they arrived a group of people were attempting CPR, to no avail. **84 degrees.**

41. [Markale Marques](#), 1 year old, Scottsdale, AZ, September 21. The father's story, which is being questioned, was that he forgot he was supposed to work on that Saturday and failed to take Markale to the babysitter fearing he would be late to work. **99 degrees.**

40. [Jorden Cartee](#), 2 years old, Anna, TX, September 12. Jorden's father found the boy in the car alive who died in the hospital. Details sketchy. **97 degrees.**

39. [Odeshi Ogene](#), 16 months old, Pontiac, MI, September 12. While Odeshi's mom went to work, the child's father was supposed to be babysitting. "Sheriff Mike Bouchard says Odeshi Ogene was burned on one side of his face from the sun which was magnified by the car window. **77 degrees.**

38. [Graciela Martinez](#), 14 years old, Madera, CA, September 11. Graciela was driven to Madera High School with her brother who left her behind in the older BMW. Realizing she was dead, her brother took her to the hospital. The BMW had a feature which prevents a door from being opened from the inside. **87 degrees.**

37. [Seth Cayton](#), 5 months old, Carson, CA, September 9. Father left child in his SUV and went in the home. He left the home in a different car and Seth remained in the car. When he realized the boy was still in the car, he called first responders who smashed open the SUV's window but Seth was already dead. **82 degrees.**

36. [Cameron Shaw](#), 3 years old, Forrest County, MS, September 5. The boy was found in a car outside a residence in full cardiac arrest, and soon after died. Details sketchy. **91 degrees.**

35. [Lillian Isabel Guerra](#), 6 months old, League City, TX, September 4. Father left the baby in his car in the child's day care center's parking lot when the temperature was **93 degrees.**

34. [James Nelson](#), 2 years old, Shelby Township, MI, September 3. Found strapped to his child seat in a minivan, dead for several hours when he was discovered. **73 degrees.**

33. [Jaylen Hammett](#), 3 years old, Etowah County, September 1. Jaylen and his mother may have been taking a nap and when she awoke, she could not find her son. He was in an unlocked car outside, partly buckled into his car seat, unresponsive. **90 degrees.**

32. [Ivan Villa](#), 20 months old, Burbank, IL, August 30. Was left in the family vehicle in the driveway of their home for over 21 hours. Ian was not dead when he was found but died at the hospital. **96 degrees.**

31. [Hunter Max Harrison](#), 3 years old, Terre Haute, ID, August 30. Boy, who normally would have gone to daycare, was discovered in his father's pickup truck in the parking lot where his father worked with his body temperature at 108 degrees, while it was **95 degrees** outside.

30. [Jamison Gray](#), 3 months old, Scottsdale, AZ, August 28. Left in car in the parking lot of BT's Sports Bar where his father worked as kitchen manager. **103 degrees.**



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29. [Dominick Fenner](#), 7 months old, Hempstead, NY, August 20. Dominick's father forgot to take Dominick out of the car after returning home. His father realized 30 minutes later but by that point the car had reached a temperature of 119 degrees. It was about **85 degrees** outside.
28. [Lucas Adams](#), 3 years old, Pasco, WA, August 18. Lucas was left for an extended period in a car outside of his house. **94 degrees**.
27. [Zander Travis](#), 5 years old, Spokane County, WA, August 14. Zander's nanny thought he was playing at a neighbor's house until his parents found him hours later locked in the trunk of their car. The temperature was **92 degrees**.
26. [Bennett Owen Smith](#), 4 months old, Anniston, AL, August 9. Bennett's mother was supposed to drop him off at day care but drove straight to work instead. It was not until lunch that she realized her son was still inside the car. **88 degrees**.
25. [Hannah Randolph](#), 3 weeks old, Ardmore, OK, August 5. The temperature was hovering around **98 degrees** when Christopher and Angela Randolph stopped their packed car to buy water at a convenience store in Ardmore, Okla., just north of the Texas border. They were moving to Oklahoma to make a new start.
24. [Giovanni Soto](#), 4 months old, El Cajon, CA, July 27. Giovanni was left overnight in a car after he and his parents returned from a shopping trip. The outside temperature was **80 degrees** when Giovanni was found.
23. [Boy](#), 5 years old, Romulus, MI, July 20. With a temperature of **87 degrees**, he climbed into an unlocked car and died. He was being cared for by his grandparents.
22. [Gabriella Gi-Ny Luong](#), 11 months old, Homewood AL, July 17. With a temperature of **90 degrees**, she was left inside a closed SUV in Homewood for three hours.
21. [Isiah Theis](#), 2 years old, Polk County, WI, July 16. With a temperature of **90 degrees**, Isiah wandered from his western Wisconsin home and was found a little more than 24 hours later nearby in a car trunk.
20. [Cyller Nelson](#), 4 years old, Mobile, AL, July 9. With a temperature of **91 degrees**, he was found dead in a car parked in a mobile home park.
19. [Sariah Delafosse](#), 3-years-old, Shreveport, LA, July 5. With the temperature reaching a high of **93 degrees** that day, Sariah's mother left her in the car for 16 to 19 hours.
18. [Nathan Hernandez](#), 8-months-old, Alexandria, Virginia, July 5. The child's mother told hospital staff that she drove the child from Alexandria to her job in Arlington sometime Friday morning and when she was driving home, the mother realized the child was still in the car. Northern Virginia thermometers hit nearly **90 degrees**. The mother was charged with her child's death.
17. [Sybriya Towels](#), 16-months-old, Landsdowne, Maryland, July 5. A male relative of Sybriya was supposed to drop her off at day care but she was left in his truck for four hours. **88 degrees**.
16. [William Bryce Eaves](#), 2-years-old, Winston County, MS, July 1. William was playing hide-and-seek and hid in an unlocked car. But he couldn't get out; it was **94 degrees** that day.
15. [Kyrese Dwayne Anderson](#), 3-year-old boy, Palmetto, Florida, June 22. Kyrese was left in the car on Saturday afternoon while his parents thought he was with the babysitter on a **92 degree** day.
14. [Nathan Hubert](#), 23-months-old, O'Fallon, Illinois, June 20. The mother apparently thought her husband knew to take the baby to the day-care center on the medical school's campus. The father told police he didn't see the baby in the back seat. **91 degrees**.



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13. [Elizabeth Randall](#), 21-months-old, Ammon, Idaho, June 18. Elizabeth was found in the family car for an undetermined amount of time when the temperature was **91 degrees**.

12. [Kashen Michael Oaks](#), 3-years-old, Shawnee, Oklahoma, June 14. Kashen wandered and began climbing in and out of the cars, but couldn't get back out of the car once he had closed the door. The family estimated Kashen had been in the car less than 15 minutes before he was found and the temperature in the car was 125 degrees and climbing. The temperature outside was 96 degrees.

11. [Christiana N. Sandstrom](#), 5-months-old, Moorehead, Minnesota, June 11. The father dropped his wife off at work and shortly after returned to the family's apartment in Moorhead. He had a platoon of six children with him, all of them under the age of 7. **82 degrees**.

10. [Angel Cerrato](#), 15-month-old, Fresno, California, June 7. The family went grocery shopping and upon returning home, the family went into the house. Everyone assumed another had taken Angel, but no one did. **100 degrees**.

9. [Hezekiah Brooks](#), 2-year-old, Escambia, Florida, June 2. The toddler wandered outside after telling his grandfather he was going to see his grandmother in another room. Instead, he found his way out of the house, through the fenced yard, and into the back seat of a car on a hot, muggy afternoon, **92 degrees**.

8. [Jade Downing](#), 2-months-old, Henrico, Virginia, May 26. The mother left her two children unattended in the car at a hotel where she worked the 9:00am to 4pm shift. **76 degrees**.

7. [Jelani A. Downing](#), 20-months-old, Henrico, Virginia, May 26. (See above.)

6. [Noah I. Tamez](#), 1-year-old boy, Corpus Christi, Texas, May 24. Roofers asked Noah's uncle to move his truck. The boy was discovered when the uncle opened up the car. He may have been in the truck for 5 hours. **94 degrees**.

5. [Josefina Espinosa](#), 18-months-old, Sebring, Florida, May 24. The toddler was left in a vehicle by her mother while she was with her boyfriend in another car. **93 degrees**.

4. [Victoria Marks](#), 1-year-old, Dallas, Texas, May 17. One day after her first birthday, toddler died after being left in a hot car at the Dallas ISD elementary school where her mother is a teacher. **90 degrees**.

3. [Bryan Miguel Osceola](#), 11-month-old, Miami-Dade, Florida, May 16. The baby boy had a body temperature of 109 degrees. The child was discovered when his father asked about his whereabouts and his mother recalled leaving him in the vehicle. **84 degrees**.

2. [Lance Duncan](#), 4-year-old boy, Brevard, North Carolina, May 14. The boy had been left in a car much of the day when his grandmother forgot to drop him off at daycare and went to work. **86 degrees**.

1. [Janay Aliah Ives](#), 5-month-old, El Paso, Texas, May 10, Janay was left unattended inside a vehicle for several hours before being found unresponsive at Riverdale High School, where the child's mother is a teacher. **78 degrees**.

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