What are the Effects of Climate-Related Risks on Public Health?

A summary of National Climate Assessment information from the U.S. Global Change Research Program about the public health risks associated with climate change.

Human Health Risks Posed by Climate Change—Examples from the Third National Climate Assessment

Climate change is expected to exacerbate existing health disparities, especially for groups such as the elderly, children, those that are sick, and those that are living in poverty.

The map below displays examples of potential health impacts in the U.S. as identified in the third National Climate Assessment.

GAO Examined Some Related Activities of the Federal Government

Enhancing research on the risks of climate change to public health
Raising public awareness of climate change as a public health issue
Supporting the efforts of state and local health authorities

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?
Visit GAO.GOV/GAO-16-122
This work has been released into the public domain.