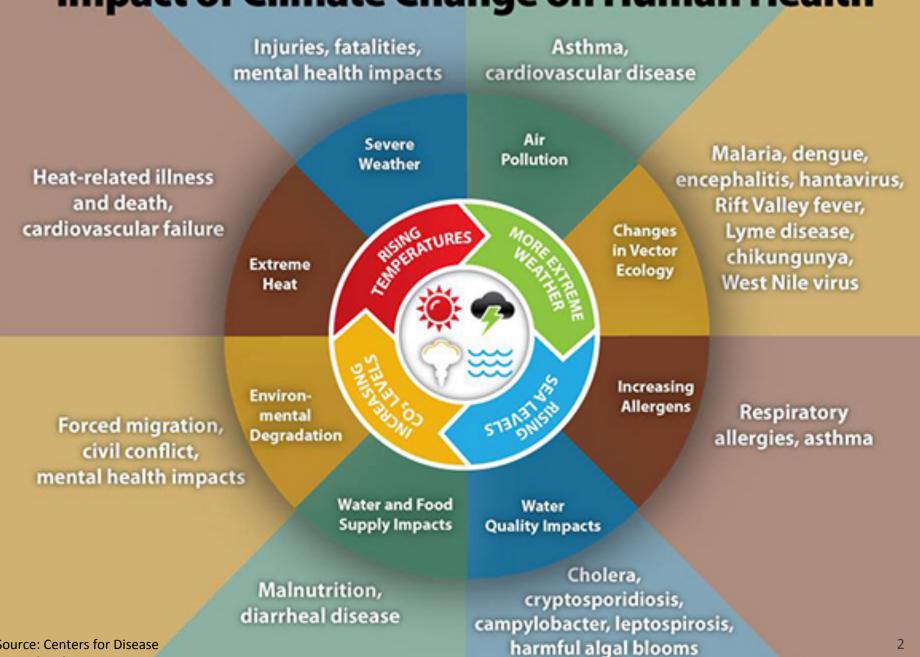
Climate Change Adaptation: Leadership to Build Resiliency in California's Communities

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Impact of Climate Change on Human Health



Source: Centers for Disease **Control and Prevention**

The Importance of Adaptation

Mitigation

- Sustainable transportation
- Energy conservation
- Building Code changes to improve energy efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Expand deep lake water cooling
- Improve vehicle fuel efficiency
- Capture and use landfill & digester gas

Adaptation

- Geothermal
- Solar thermal
- District heating
- Building design for natural ventilation
- Tree planting & care
- Local food production
- Water conservation
- Green roofs

- Infrastructure upgrades: sewers & culverts
- Residential programs: sewer backflow & downspout disconnection
- Health programs: West Nile, Lyme disease, Shade Policy, cooling centres, smog alerts, Air Quality Health Index
- Emergency & business continuity planning
- Help for vulnerable people

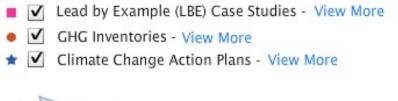
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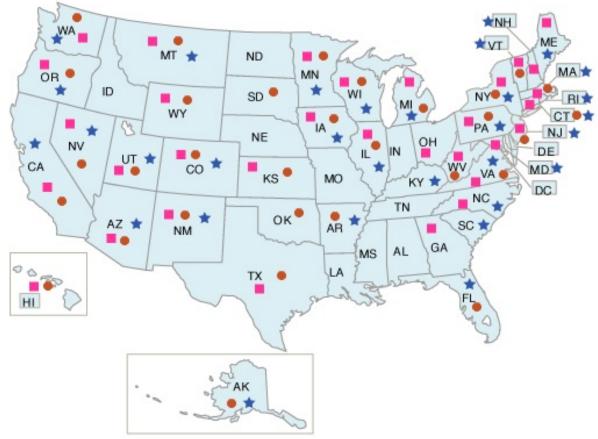
Actions that reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change.

Adaptation: the locally responsible thing to do

Actions that minimize or prevent the negative impacts of climate change.

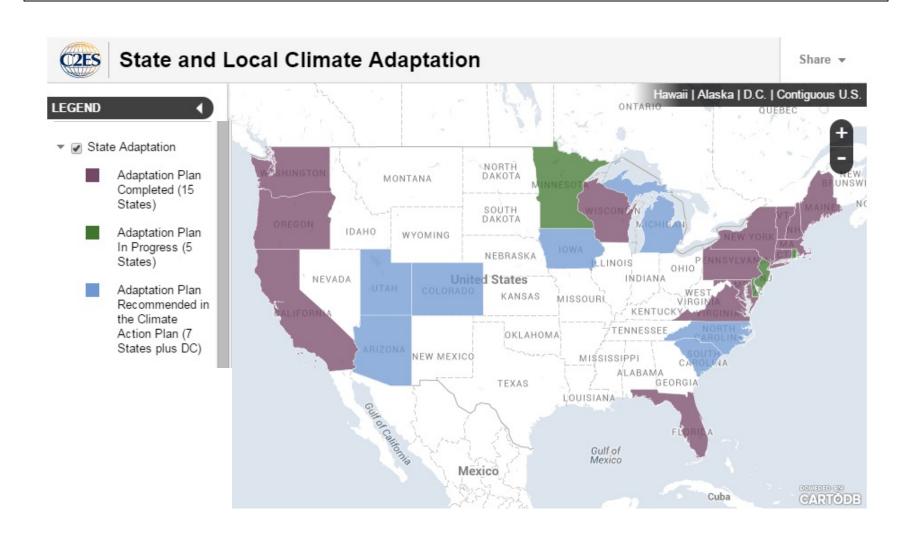
Climate Change Planning Across the U.S.





Source: U.S. EPA

State and Local Adaptation Planning



Adaptation Efforts in the U.S.

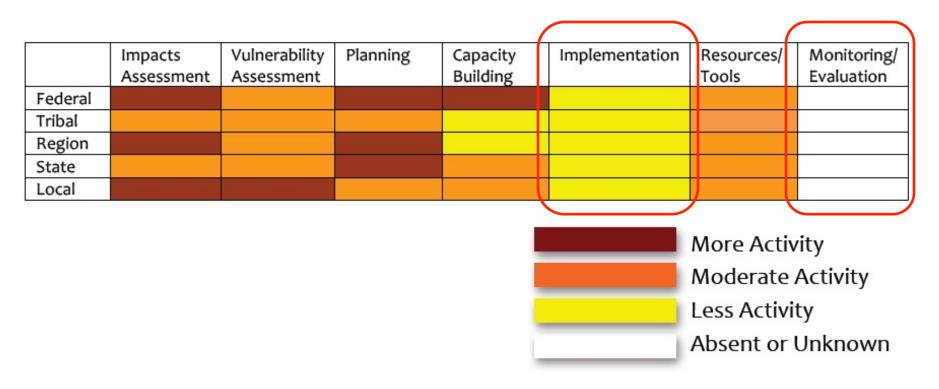


Figure 1. Activity levels vary in the stages of the adaptation process relating to human communities and the built environment in the United States.

Adaptation Efforts in California

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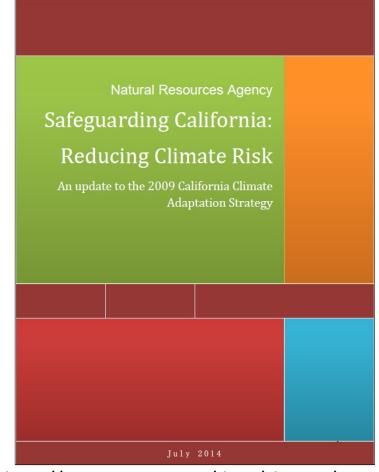
- Assessment documents
- Tools: Cal-Adapt, Adaptation Planning Guide

Regional

Organized collaboratives

Local

 Cities & counties building on mitigation efforts



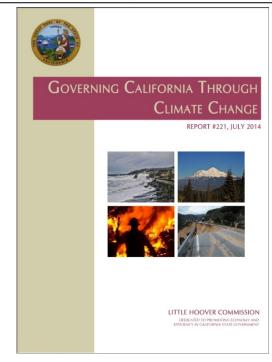
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Adaptation Recommendations for California

- State leadership and action frameworks
- Strengthened local/ state discussions and collaboration
- Independent science advisory board
- Greater adaptation emphasis across levels of government



"California's Adaptation Efforts to Climate Change Impacts on Environmental Quality and Public Health"



http://www.lhc.ca.gov/studies/221/ Report221.pdf

Adaptation Leadership and Legislation

- Guiding principles for adaptation actions
- State commitments to resiliency building
- Regional adaptation hearings
- Legislation SB 246, Climate Action Team



Thank You

