

# Temperature and Rainbow Trout Survival

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## Species Information

**Common Name:** Rainbow Trout  
**Genus:** *Oncorhynchus mykiss*

## Stressor Details

**Stressor Name:** Temperature  
**Units:** °C  
**Metric:** Water Temperature  
**Scale:** linear  
**Function Type:** continuous  
**Vital Rate/Process:** Survivorship

## Life Stage & Context

**Life Stages:** Fry

## Descriptions

### Overview

Percent survival of rainbow trout (gray circles, gray line in image) in relation to test temperature during a 60-d experiment. Rainbow trout survival was similar (98.6–100%) among temperatures of 8–22C but declined significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) at higher temperatures: survival was 72.8% at 24C, 2% at 26C, and 0% at 28C.

In this laboratory experiment, Rainbow trout were obtained as eggs from the Ennis National Fish Hatchery near Ennis, Montana.

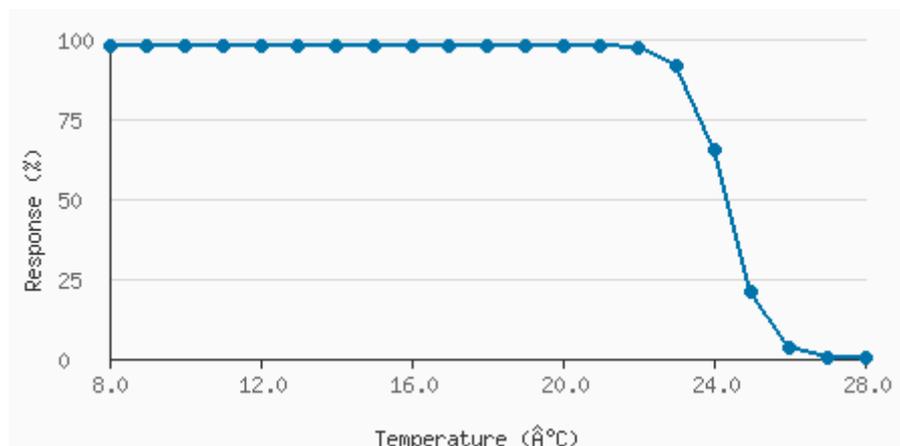
Survival formula is as follows:

$$\text{Survival} = 97.8846 / (1 + e^{-((\text{temperature} - 24.3522) / -0.5033)})$$

### Function Derivation

laboratory experiment

## Stressor Response Data



Stressor (X)	Mean System Capacity (%)	SD	low.limit	up.limit
8	97.8846	3.65	76.6	100

9	97.8846	4	76.6	100
10	97.8846	3.65	76.96	100
11	97.8846	3.29	76.96	100
12	97.8846	2.94	76.25	100
13	97.88459998	3.29	76.25	100
14	97.88459989	3.65	76.25	100
15	97.88459917	4	76.25	100
16	97.88459392	3.65	76.6	100
17	97.88455569	2.94	76.6	100
18	97.88427682	2.94	76.6	100
19	97.8822432	2.94	76.6	100
20	97.86741492	2.94	76.6	100
21	97.75941112	2.94	76.6	100
22	96.97891252	3.29	75.89	100
23	91.64302312	5.43	73.4	100
24	65.40054943	11.12	39.95	93.46
25	21.17666805	8.27	0	51.82
26	3.5702709	2.94	4	27.62
27	0.505470152	0.09	0.44	21.57
28	0.06962114	0.8	0	21.22

## Citations

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## References

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