

The heat is on

Land and ocean temperatures, March 2016

CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES

It was the fourth-warmest March since records began in 1895. Drought conditions worsened in the south-west and parts of the southern and central plains. Heavy rains in early March caused flooding in some states.

ALASKA

It was the sixth-warmest March since statewide records began in 1925.

EUROPE

It was the seventh-warmest March since 1910. Much of Central Europe saw below-average precipitation, but it was above-average in parts of the south-east.

ASIA

It was the third-warmest March since 1910. Temperatures were warmer than average across most of Asia, with some locations experiencing temperatures that were 3 deg C or more above average.

BAHRAIN

It was the fifth-warmest March on record since 1902.

NORTH AMERICA

It was the warmest March since continental records began in 1910.

AFRICA

It was the third-warmest March since 1910.

SINGAPORE

It was the second-warmest March on record, and also the driest. The hot and dry weather persisted in April, with the mercury soaring to 36.7 deg C on April 13, the highest in a decade.

SOUTH AMERICA

It was the seventh-warmest March since 1910. Temperatures were much warmer than average across most of the continent, but cooler than average in some parts.

AUSTRALIA

It was the warmest March since records began in 1910, particularly in Victoria and New South Wales. Much of Australia experienced warmer-than-average conditions.

NEW ZEALAND

It was the sixth-warmest March since national records began in 1909, with temperatures above average across the country.



Record coldest



Much cooler than average



Cooler than average



Near average



Warmer than average

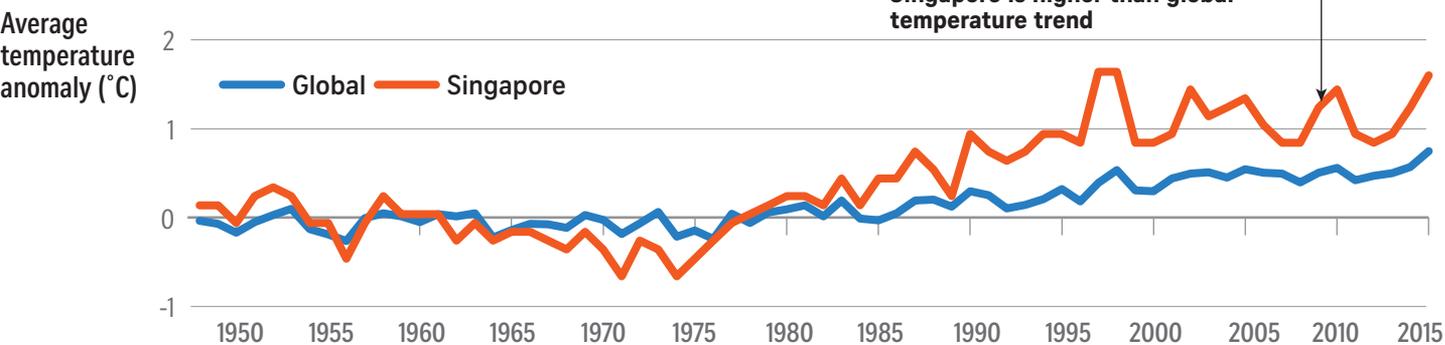


Much warmer than average



Record warmest

GLOBAL VS SINGAPORE TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES



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NOTES: Global temperatures are from the HadCRUT4 dataset produced by Met Office Hadley Centre, Britain, and Climatic Research Unit, University of East Anglia, Britain. Singapore's temperature is from Meteorological Service Singapore.