

## Hottest year on record:

Average global temperature to end of November is **14.65°C**, overtaking 2005 record of **14.53°C**

# Deadliest year in a generation

Earthquakes, heatwaves, floods, volcanoes, blizzards, and other natural disasters killed nearly **260,000 people in 2010**, compared with **15,000 in 2009**



**9 Iceland, Apr:** Ash clouds from Eyjafjallajökull volcano ground flights across Europe, disrupting travel for more than 7 million people and costing European business up to €2.5bn

**10 Pakistan, Jul:** Following heavy monsoon rains, floods submerge one-fifth of total land area. In May, Pakistan experiences record temperature of 53.9°C

**China, Apr:** Earthquake kills more than 2,900 people.  
**Aug:** Floods kill over 3,000



**12 Australia, Sep-Nov:** Queensland and Northern Territory experience wettest spring on record

**7 Russia, Jul:** Wildfires rage as country experiences worst heatwave in over a century, with temperatures above 40°C. Heatwave claims tens of thousands of lives across Middle East and northern India

**8 Europe, Dec:** Snow, ice and freezing weather leaves road, rail and air transport in chaos, stranding hundreds of thousands of travellers

**2010: 18 countries** break records for hottest ever day

**11 Indonesia, Oct:** In 24-hour period West Sumatra is hit by deadly magnitude 7.7 earthquake which triggers tsunami that kills more than 500 people, while Java's Mount Merapi volcano erupts, causing more than 390,000 people to flee

**6 Chile, Feb:** Massive 8.8 magnitude earthquake hits Chile. Although much stronger than Haiti quake it causes fewer than 1,000 deaths

**Cost:** Disasters cause \$222 billion in economic losses in 2010

**1 Haiti, Jan:** 7.0 magnitude earthquake kills estimated 230,000 people and injures 300,000 more

**2 Florida, Jan:** Freakish sub-freezing temperatures grip Florida, damaging vital citrus groves

**3 New York, Sep:** Tornado with winds of over 160km/h hits Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens districts

**4 Canada, Feb:** Winter Olympics in Vancouver suffer from lack of snow, while U.S. East Coast is snowbound

**5 Brazil, Oct:** Severe drought pushes river levels in Brazil's Amazon basin to record lows, leaving isolated communities dependent on emergency aid