

2010 among hottest years on record

The latest global temperature data shows 2010 was one of the hottest years since records began. Britain's Met Office says temperatures last year were only exceeded by those in 1998, while figures from U.S. organizations NOAA and NASA show it was the hottest year of all

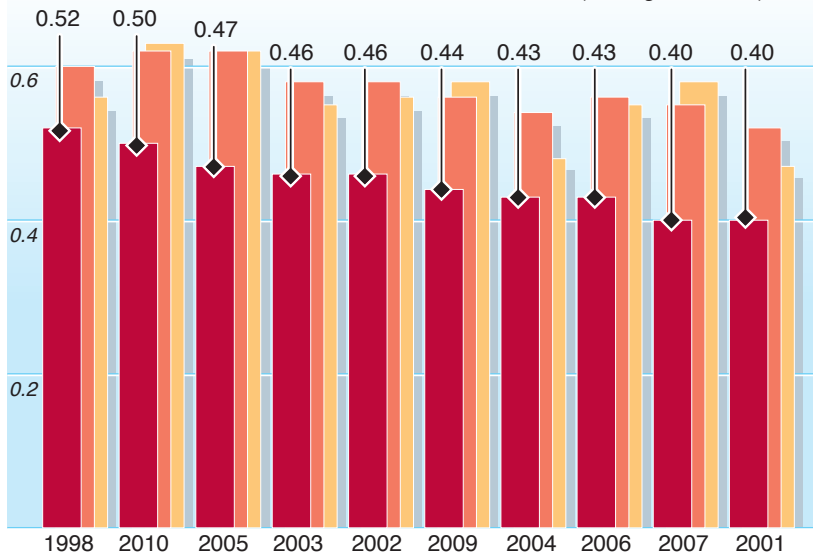
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°C above long-term average temperature

Met Office (average above 1961-90 data)

NOAA (average over 20th century)

NASA (average 1951-80)

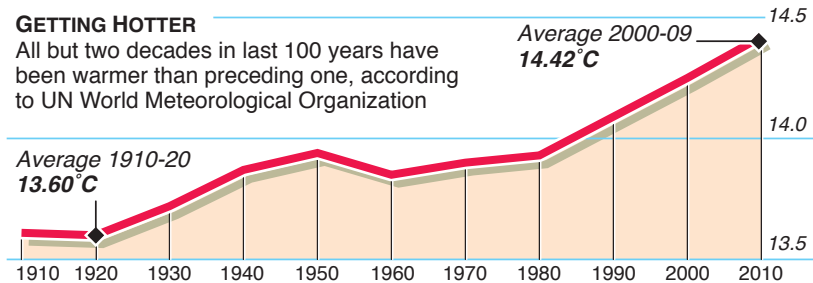


GETTING HOTTER

All but two decades in last 100 years have been warmer than preceding one, according to UN World Meteorological Organization

Average 2000-09
14.42°C

Average 1910-20
13.60°C



Source: NOAA, NASA, UEA, WMO

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