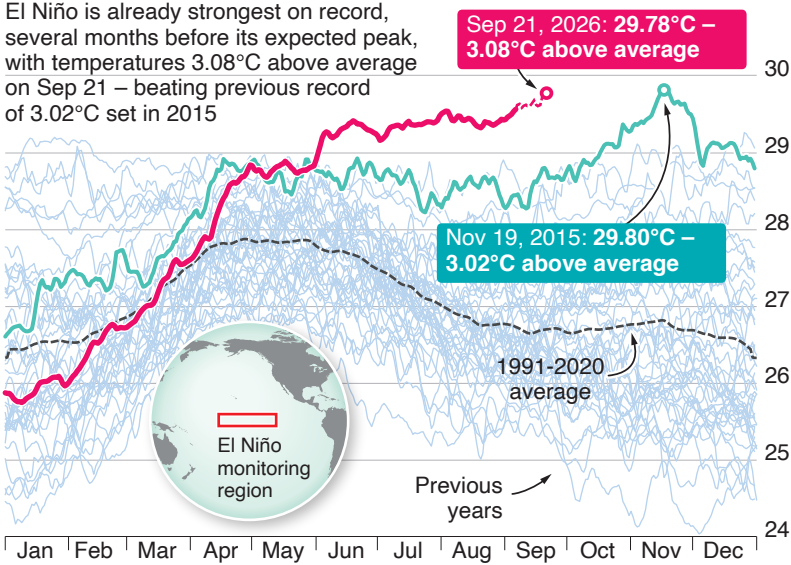
Huge El Niño could cause 450,000 deaths

Extreme heat caused by this year's "Super" El Niño could result in as many as 451,000 excess deaths across the globe in the six months through February 2027, climate scientists are warning

DAILY SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURES IN PACIFIC *(°C)*

El Niño is already strongest on record, several months before its expected peak, with temperatures 3.08°C above average on Sep 21 – beating previous record of 3.02°C set in 2015



TOP 20 COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY EL NIÑO-RELATED HEAT DEATHS

(Projected, Sep 2026-Feb 2027)

Nigeria	31,400	Vietnam	5,600
Indonesia	19,300	Mali	5,200
Sudan	17,500	Thailand	5,000
India	15,800	Burkina Faso	4,700
Brazil	13,300	Ethiopia	4,500
DR Congo	10,000	Uganda	3,800
Niger	10,000	Pakistan	3,600
Chad	7,900	Ghana	3,600
Philippines	6,500	U.S.	3,500
South Sudan	5,600	Cameroon	3,300

Toll adds to early deaths already caused by climate-driven heat.
Many more deaths expected from droughts, wildfires and flooding

Source: Climate Impact Lab, NOAA OISST V2.1
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