

February 2016 Global Temperature Update

Global temperature reached a peak in February, as shown in the figure. The global mean was not only the warmest February in the period of instrumental data, but the anomaly was by far larger than the second largest in the record (January 2016).

The contribution of El Nino to the extreme warmth is expected to fade by mid-year -- indeed, strong El Ninos are usually followed by quite cool La Ninas -- but the overall global warming will continue on decadal time scales. Please click [here](#) to view updated global temperature figures

