USGCRP
Global Change
Information System (GCIS)

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What is GCIS?

GCIS connects global change information for scientists, decision makers and the public.
Why GCIS?

The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) established the Global Change Information System (GCIS) to better coordinate and integrate the use of Federal information products on changes in the global environment and the implications of those changes for society.
What does GCIS do?

**Capture**
Direct and automated retrieval from contributors, agency data centers, publishers, agency partners, etc.

**Identify**
Assign persistent, resolvable, controlled identifiers.

**Organize**
Capture and represent relationships between elements, across data center and agency boundaries.

**Present**
Provide interfaces to retrieve, search and mine structured metadata

**Maintain**
Develop tools and processes to ensure quality and integrity of content over time.
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Figure Metadata

Figure: observed-us-temperature-change

Observed U.S. Temperature Change

Figure 2.7

Cooperative Institute for Climate and Satellites - NC
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This figure appears in chapter 2 of the Climate Change Impacts in the United States: The Third National Climate Assessment report.

The colors on the map show temperature changes over the past 22 years (1991-2012) compared to the 1901-1960 average, and compared to the 1951-1980 average for Alaska and Hawaii. The bars on the graphs show the average temperature changes by decade for 1991-2012 (relative to the 1901-1960 average) for each region. The far right bar in each graph (2000s decade) includes 2011 and 2012. The period from 2001 to 2012 was warmer than any previous decade in every region. (Figure source: NOAA NCDC / CICS-NC).

When citing this figure, please reference NOAA NCDC / CICS-NC.

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- U.S. Average
- Southwest
- Great Plains South
- Alaska
- Midwest
- Southeast
- Northwest
- Hawaii
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Observed U.S. Temperature Change Map - Contiguous U.S.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Climatic Data Center
Russell Vose

The time range for this image is January 01, 1901 (00:00 AM) to December 31, 2012 (00:00 AM).

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The spatial range for this image is 24.50° to 49.38° latitude, and -124.80° to -66.95° longitude.

Attributes: Contiguous U.S., temperature, observed.

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