

Report: 2013 wet, warm year for much of US

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In this Sunday, May 26, 2013 file photo, onlookers gather along a flooded intersection in San Antonio. On Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2014, scientists from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say 2013 was the wettest year for the continental U.S. since 2009. The average rainfall totaled 31 inches, 2 inches above the previous century's average. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

Last year was a wet, warm one for much of the United States.

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century's average.

The [average temperature](#) of 52.4 degrees Fahrenheit also exceeded the previous century's average. Yet it was the coolest year since 2009, coming after the 2012 heat record-breaker.

The number of billion-dollar weather disasters in the continental U.S. last year totaled seven, including deadly tornadoes and flooding.

Scientists for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA (NO-uh), compiled the information. NOAA's National Climatic Data Center released the annual report Wednesday. Next week, the group will release its global report for last year.

More information: NOAA: www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/

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