

November global temps dip, Earth still nears heat record

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People relax on the beach in Brighton, England, on July 18, 2014, as the Met Office issued a heatwave alert for southern England and the Midlands

The Earth is still on track for a record-breaking year for heat even though the average global temperature last month dipped to the seventh warmest since 1880, US government scientists said Monday.

The globally averaged temperature over land and ocean surfaces in

November 2014 tied with 2008 as the seventh warmest for the month since record keeping began, said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Still, the combined average for the entire year so far, from January to November, was "the warmest such period on record, surpassing the previous record set in 2010," NOAA said in its monthly report.

From January to November, the average temperature across global land and ocean surfaces was 1.22°F (0.68°C) above the 20th century average.

"This was the warmest January-November in the 1880-2014 record, surpassing the previous record set in 2010 by 0.02°F (0.01°C)," it said.

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