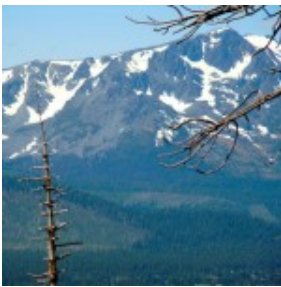


Study: Hottest summer on record for most of the country

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The National Climatic Data Center announced Thursday what most Americans had been feeling all summer: It's been a scorcher across the country, the second-hottest since 1895.

But not by much. The warmest national average for June, July and August was 74.6 in 1936. This summer's average was 74.5.



Youth enjoy a summer evening at the pier near Nevada Beach.

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The temperature average has to be considered in context. Some regions experienced unseasonably cool weather, and California and New Jersey had their wettest summers ever.

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