Variable (5):	annual temperature
Changing (3):	#4730 #6348 #7926
Increasing (1):	#16484
Decreasing (1):	#21171
More general:	• temperature
More specific:	• mean annual temperature • annual temperature between 1958 and 2010 • the annual , Milankovitch and continuum temperature

4. Here we show that although fluctuations in **annual temperature** have indeed shown substantial geographical variation over the past few decades , the time-evolving standard deviation of globally averaged temperature anomalies has been stable .
5. A feature of the changes has been a tendency for many regions of low variability to experience increases , which might contribute to the perception of **increased climate volatility** .
6. The normalization of temperature anomalies creates the impression of larger relative overall increases , but our use of absolute values , which we argue is a more appropriate approach , reveals little change .
7. Regionally , greater year-to-year changes recently occurred in much of North America and Europe .
8. Many climate models predict that **total variability** will ultimately decrease under high greenhouse gas concentrations , possibly associated with reductions in **sea-ice cover** .
9. Our findings contradict the view that a warming world will automatically be one of more overall climatic variation .