

By the numbers

In 2012, melt was recorded at the very top of the [Greenland] ice sheet. The pace of change has surprised even the modellers.

In just the past four years, more than a trillion tons of ice have been lost. This is four hundred million Olympic swimming pools' worth of water, or enough to fill a single pool the size of New York State to a depth of twenty-three feet.

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