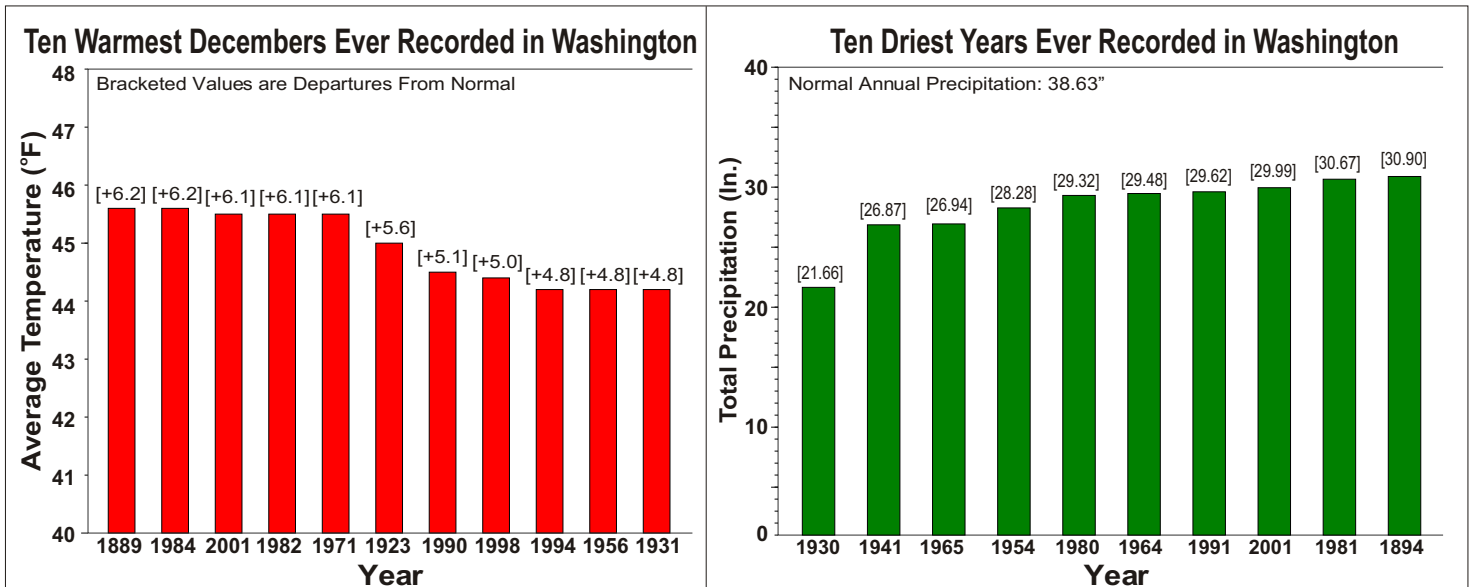


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**DECEMBER 2001 & ANNUAL REVIEW  
DECEMBER: ABNORMALLY WARM ACROSS LOCAL AREA  
ANNUAL: DRIEST IN TEN YEARS AT DCA**



**HIGHLIGHTS**

**MONTHLY**

- Abnormally warm and dry across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Third warmest December on record in Washington (tied w/ 1982 & 1971), 6th at BWI and 4th (tied w/ 1990) at IAD;
- Monthly temperature departures above +5°F at DCA, BWI and IAD;
- 26 days with at or above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- Four days with 70°F+ highs at DCA, 3 at both BWI and IAD;
- Daily record highs at DCA, BWI and IAD on the 1st and 5th with readings in the seventies;
- Latest (December 22nd) first freeze ever recorded at DCA;
- Monthly precipitation deficits around 1.50" at the three major airports;
- Fourth consecutive drier than normal month at DCA;
- No snowfall at observed at the three major airports;
- Twelfth consecutive December with subnormal snowfall at DCA;

**ANNUAL**

- Above-normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Fourth warmest year on record at IAD;
- 16 days with 90°F+ highs at DCA;
- Driest year since 1991 at both DCA and BWI with annual precipitation deficits of more than 8" and 6", respectively;
- Fifth consecutive warmer than normal January at DCA, BWI and IAD;
- Fifth consecutive warmer than normal February at DCA, 6th at both BWI and at IAD;
- 13th winter out of last 14 with subnormal snowfall at DCA;
- First March since 1993 without a 70°F+ high at DCA;
- Warmest April since 1994 at the three major airports;
- Sixth consecutive March with above-normal precipitation at DCA, BWI & IAD;
- Driest April since 1985 at BWI (1.32"), since 1994 at DCA (1.68") and 1995 at IAD (2.14");
- Coolest back-to-back summers (2000 & 2001) since 1962 at DCA;
- Fifth consecutive cooler than normal June at DCA;
- Coolest back-to-back Septembers (2000 & 2001) since 1962 and 1963 at DCA;
- Driest Autumn on record at BWI (3.21"), 3rd driest in Washington (2.65"), and 5th driest at IAD (5.66");
- Strongest tornadoes (F3; 153-206 mph winds) in over 70 years battered portions of Prince Georges and Howard counties in Maryland on the 24th, claiming two lives and causing millions of dollars in damage, according to press reports; Another twister in Culpeper County, VA caused significant damage.