

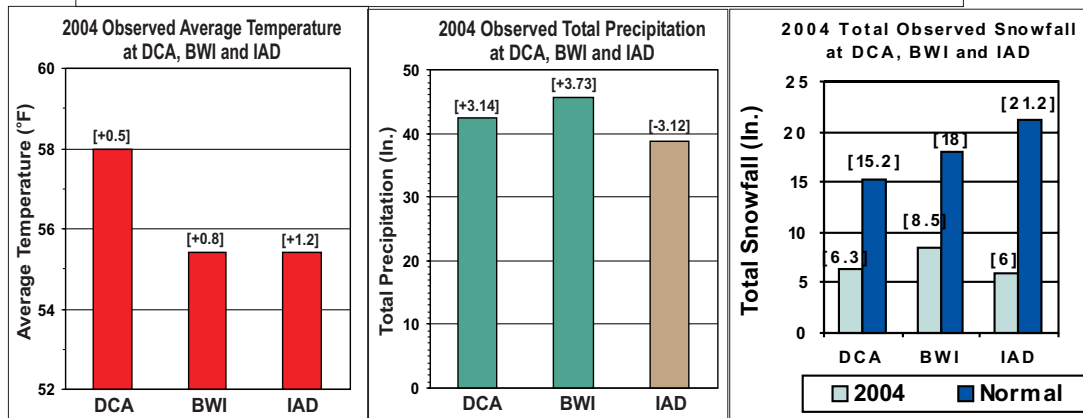
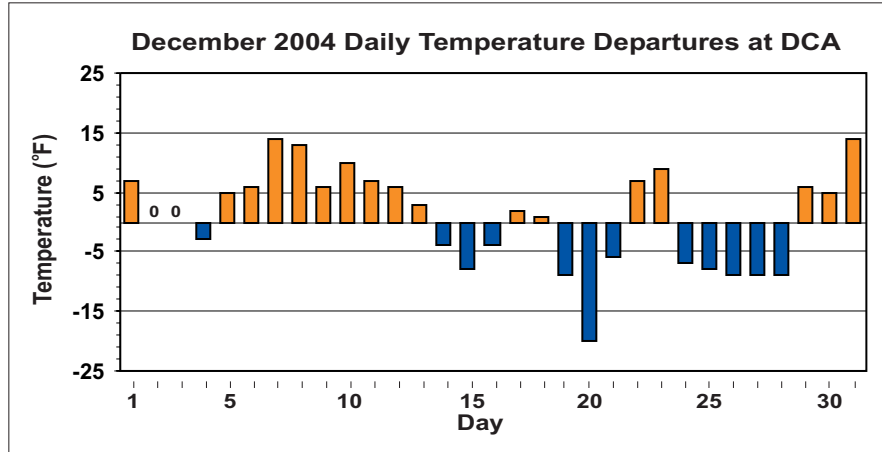


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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



DECEMBER: Temperatures Shifts With Little Snow ANNUAL: Near Normal Temperatures & Precipitation



Monthly Highlights

- ◆ Slightly above normal temperatures with near normal precipitation across area
- ◆ Temperature shifts: 4 days with highs at or above 60°F at DCA and BWI, 6 at IAD; 2 days with highs at or below 32°F at DCA, 3 at BWI, 5 at IAD
- ◆ Minimum temp. of 11°F, lowest December reading at DCA since 1989; highs across area at or below 24°F with wind chills as low as -10°F on 20th
- ◆ Four consecutive days (24th-27th) with highs of 32°F or lower at IAD
- ◆ Record daily rainfall of 1.30" at IAD on 23rd
- ◆ First snowfall of season in local area on 19th, with up to 3" measured in portions of Anne Arundel County, MD and Southern Maryland, was accompanied by thunder and lightning

Annual Highlights

- ◆ Slightly above normal temperatures for year at all three major airports with annual departures of: +0.5°F at DCA, +0.8°F at BWI, +1.2°F at IAD
- ◆ Above normal precipitation at DCA (Dep. Nml.: +3.14") and BWI, (Dep. Nml.: +3.73"); below normal at IAD (Dep. Nml.: -3.12")
- ◆ Subnormal snowfall across the local area with January the only month with at least one inch of snow
- ◆ Only 11 days with highs at or above 90°F at DCA, the fewest in Washington since 1905
- ◆ Only significant winter storm struck on January 25-27, piling 5"-8" of snow, then sleet & ice, resulting in hazardous roads, early dismissal of government and many businesses as well as school closings
- ◆ Sudden severe thunderstorms swept across Maryland on March 6 with wind gusts to 60 mph, capsizing a shuttle boat in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, which led to four fatalities and numerous injuries, according to press reports
- ◆ Third warmest Spring (March-May) ever recorded in Washington and at BWI, second warmest at IAD
- ◆ Thunderstorms with hail and flash flooding on June 17 critically injured one person, according to press reports, and left thousands without power.
- ◆ Numerous thunderstorms in July deluged region, leading to water rescues on July 4, 7, 12, and 27, and resulting in monthly totals of more than a foot of rain in some areas
- ◆ In September, remnants from Hurricanes Frances, Ivan and Jeanne brought tornadoes and flooding. Storms cause two fatalities, damaged or destroyed thousands of homes and businesses, caused power outages and flooding, according to press reports