

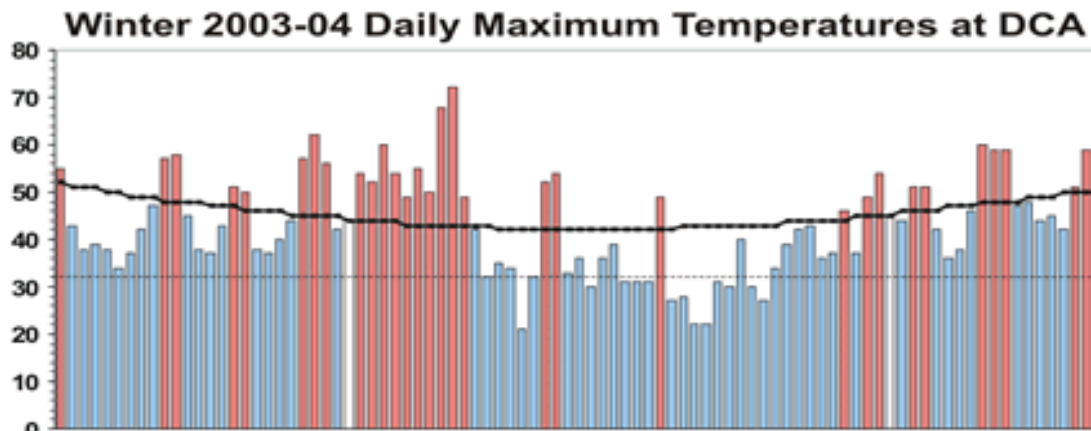
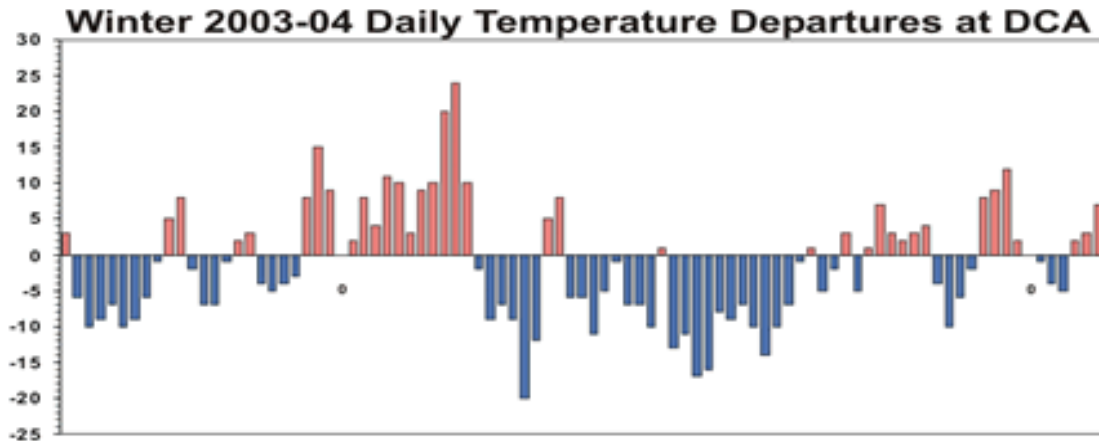


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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



FEBRUARY 2004 & WINTER: **FEBRUARY: Warmer and Dry Conditions Prevaled** **WINTER: Colder and Drier than Normal**



Monthly Highlights

- ◆ Near normal temperatures with subnormal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area
- ◆ Only 13 days with highs at or below normal at DCA
- ◆ No days with maximum temperatures at or below freezing at DCA
- ◆ Highs at or around 60°F from 19th-21st and again from the 28th-29th across the local area
- ◆ Major winter storm on 5th-6th brings wintry mix, icing, then soaking rains and some flooding to parts of the local area
- ◆ No measurable snow in Washington for first February since 1998
- ◆ No measurable precipitation from 7th-23rd, the longest such period since December 6-23, 2002 at DCA

Seasonal Highlights

- ◆ Subnormal temperatures, precipitation and snowfall across the area
- ◆ DCA listed 63 days with at or below freezing lows (69%), including 35 consecutive days (Jan 6th-Feb. 9th)
- ◆ Minimum temperatures at or below 20°F for 14 consecutive days at IAD (Jan. 20th-Feb 2nd)
- ◆ More precipitation in December at the three major airports than in January and February combined
- ◆ Season's first snowfall on 4th-5th, totals of 9" in portions of Montgomery County, MD, and Loudon County, VA
- ◆ Above normal snowfall in Washington on consecutive Decembers for first time since 1969 and 1970
- ◆ Rainfall over an inch in some locations on 14th combined with readings near 50°F and snow melt result in flooded roads, stranding drivers in high water, and forcing two school districts to close down, according to press reports
- ◆ Warm finish to December with temperatures averaging more than 7°F degrees above normal at DCA from 22nd-31st
- ◆ Coldest January since 1994 at all three major airports
- ◆ Light snowfall accumulations lead to major transportation impacts on morning of January 9th
- ◆ First significant winter storm of 2004, January 25th-27th, results in 5"-8" of snow, then sleet & ice, causing hazardous roads, early dismissal of government and many businesses on 27th, and closing and/or delays for schools on 26th and 27th