

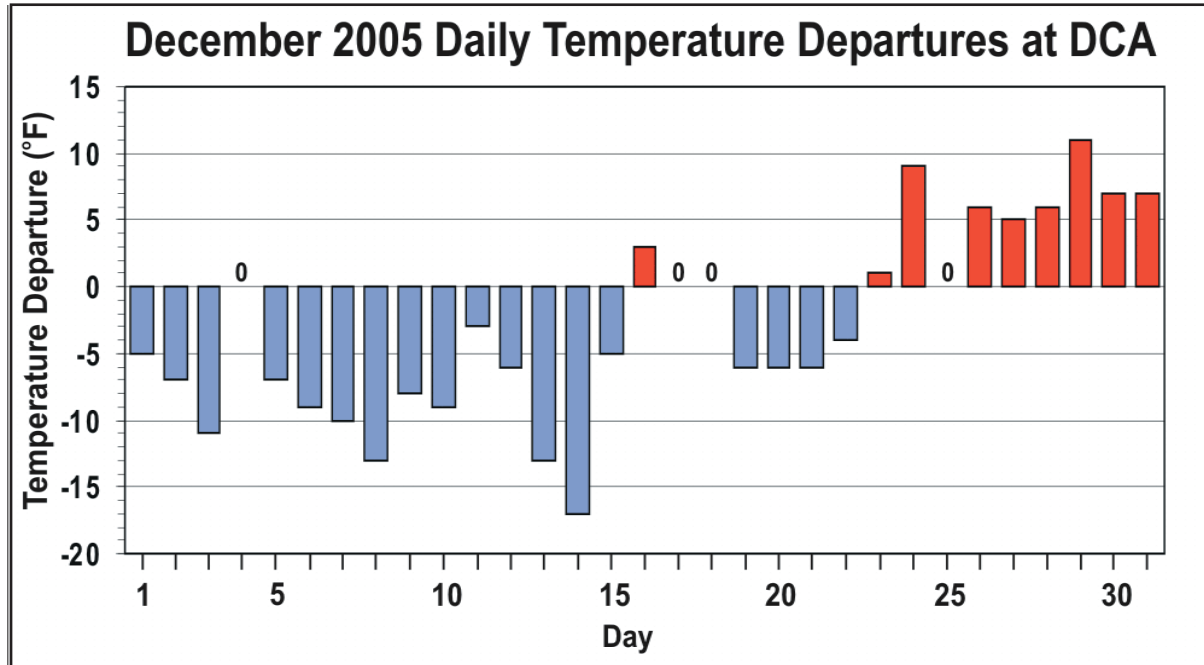


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Precipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



DECEMBER 2005: Cold Start, Warm Finish ANNUAL: Above Normal Precipitation, Temperatures



December Highlights

- ✦ Colder and snowier than normal with near average precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area
- ✦ Temperatures averaged more than 6°F below normal at DCA first 3 weeks but averaged more than 5°F above normal final 9 days
- ✦ Twenty days with below normal temperatures at DCA, 21 at BWI, 19 at IAD
- ✦ First subfreezing days of season on 13th and 14th at most locations
- ✦ Maximum temperatures in the mid 20's at most locations on the 14th
- ✦ DCA marked 21 days with at or below freezing lows, BWI and IAD, 28 such days
- ✦ On 14th, DCA, BWI and IAD recorded the month lows of 19°F, 14°F and 13°F respectively
- ✦ Season's first 1 inch or greater snowfall on the 5th-6th with totals between 3" and 6" at most locations
- ✦ Wintry mixture of precipitation in early morning hours of the 9th with snowfall amounts between 1.5" and 3" created hazardous road conditions across the metro area, closed numerous school systems and delayed openings for businesses and government
- ✦ More than an inch of rain at most locations on 15th-16th, including 1.47" at BWI, 1.23" at DCA and 1.18" at IAD.

Annual Highlights

- ✦ Highs at or above normal at DCA on 212 days (58%)
- ✦ Highs at or above 90°F at DCA on 39 days, most such highs since 2002
- ✦ At or below freezing highs at DCA on 11 days
- ✦ Lows at or below 32°F on 74 days at DCA
- ✦ Annual snowfall totals of 17.2" at DCA, 24.5" at BWI and 23.3" at IAD
- ✦ Winter 2004/05 temperature departures of +1.0°F at DCA, +1.3°F at BWI, and +2.5°F at IAD
- ✦ Soaking rains on January 13th-14th with more than 2" recorded at most areas resulting in flooding, school closures
- ✦ Two January snowfalls produced a total of 4"-6" at many locations
- ✦ Coolest spring since 1984 in Washington, 1996 at BWI, and 1997 at IAD
- ✦ Major storm on April 2 dumped 2 inches of rain, causing minor flooding and severe weather with hail and damaging winds
- ✦ Summer highs at or above 90°F on 32 days at DCA, 27 at BWI, 28 at IAD; Highs at or above 95°F at DCA on 7 days
- ✦ Rainfall between 3"-7" from remnants of Tropical Storm Cindy and Hurricane Dennis caused flooding and power outages