



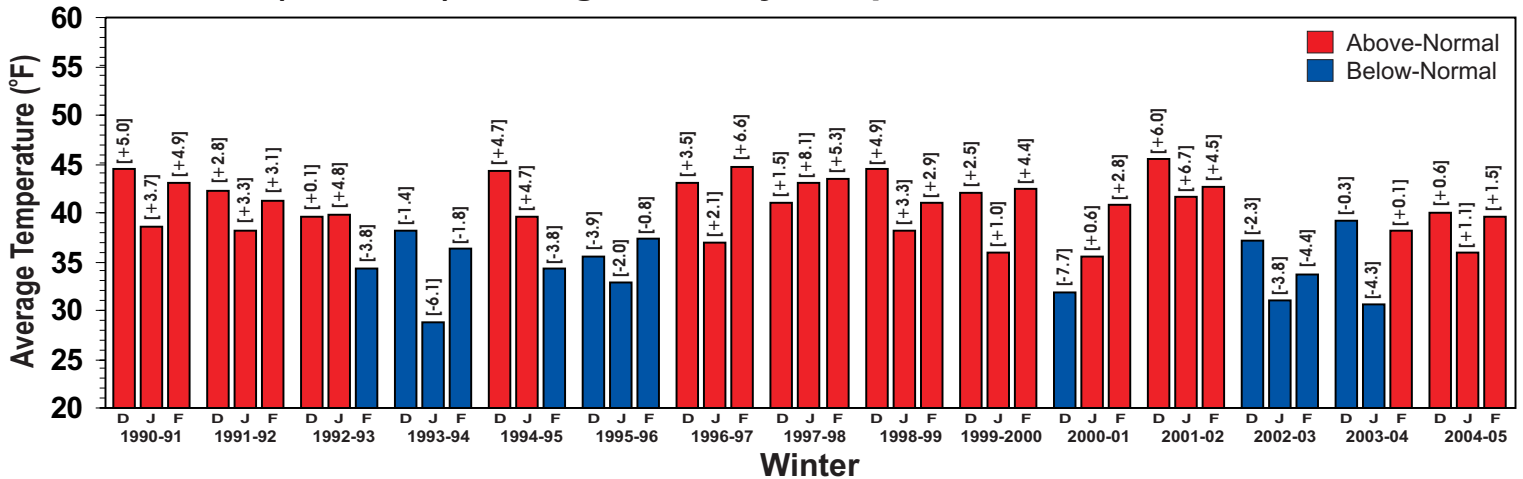
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PRECipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



FEBRUARY: Warmer and Drier Than Normal **WINTER: All Three Winter Months with Above Normal Temperatures for 7 of last 15 Years**

Winter (Dec-Feb) Average Monthly Temperatures at DCA Since 1990-91



Monthly Highlights

- ◆ Above normal temperatures, subnormal precipitation and near normal snowfall across local area
- ◆ Temperatures average nearly 7°F above normal 5th-16th at DCA with highs of 64°F on the 16th at DCA, 63°F at BWI on 16th, 63°F at IAD on 15th
- ◆ Only one day, 19th, with subfreezing highs at BWI; none at DCA or IAD
- ◆ First above freezing low at DCA (4th) and at both BWI and IAD (8th) since January 15th
- ◆ Moderate snow on 24th with amounts between 3"-7" common; largest totals were south and east of Washington and Baltimore
- ◆ Moderate snow on 28th with amounts between 3"-5" in and near the major cities; 6"-8" north and west of Washington and Baltimore and as much as 11" in portions of the Shenandoah Valley

Winter Highlights

- ◆ Above normal temperatures, subnormal precipitation, and near normal snowfall across the Washington/Baltimore area
- ◆ Winter temperature departures of +1.0°F at DCA, +1.3°F at BWI, and +2.5°F at IAD
- ◆ At or above normal temperatures at DCA on 52 days of season (58%)
- ◆ Highs at or above 60°F on 13 days at DCA, 11 at BWI, and 15 at IAD, including high of 71°F at DCA and 70°F at BWI on Jan. 13th
- ◆ Highs at or below 32°F on 11 days at DCA, 13 at BWI, and 14 at IAD
- ◆ Lows at or below 32°F on 50 days at DCA, including 20 consecutive such days (January 15th – February 3rd)
- ◆ Minimum temperature of 11°F, lowest December reading at DCA since 1989; highs across area at or below 24°F with wind chills as low as 0°F on December 20th
- ◆ Four consecutive days (December 24-27) with highs of 32°F or lower at IAD
- ◆ First snowfall of season, accompanied lightning and thunder, on December 19, with up to 3" measured in Anne Arundel County and parts of Southern Maryland
- ◆ Average temps. at DCA more than 10°F above normal first 14 days of January then about 9°F below normal during final 15 days
- ◆ Latest freeze of a new year (30°F on January 15) ever recorded in Washington
- ◆ Subfreezing lows from the 15th thru month's end across area with lows in single digits at many locations on January 24th and 29th
- ◆ Soaking rains on January 13th-14th with more than 2" recorded at most areas resulted in swollen creeks and streams, scattered flooded roads and forced some school closures, according to press reports
- ◆ Two weekend snows (January 22 and 29th-30th) produced a total of 4"-6" at many locations, created dangerous road conditions, hampered air travel and canceled numerous public activities