

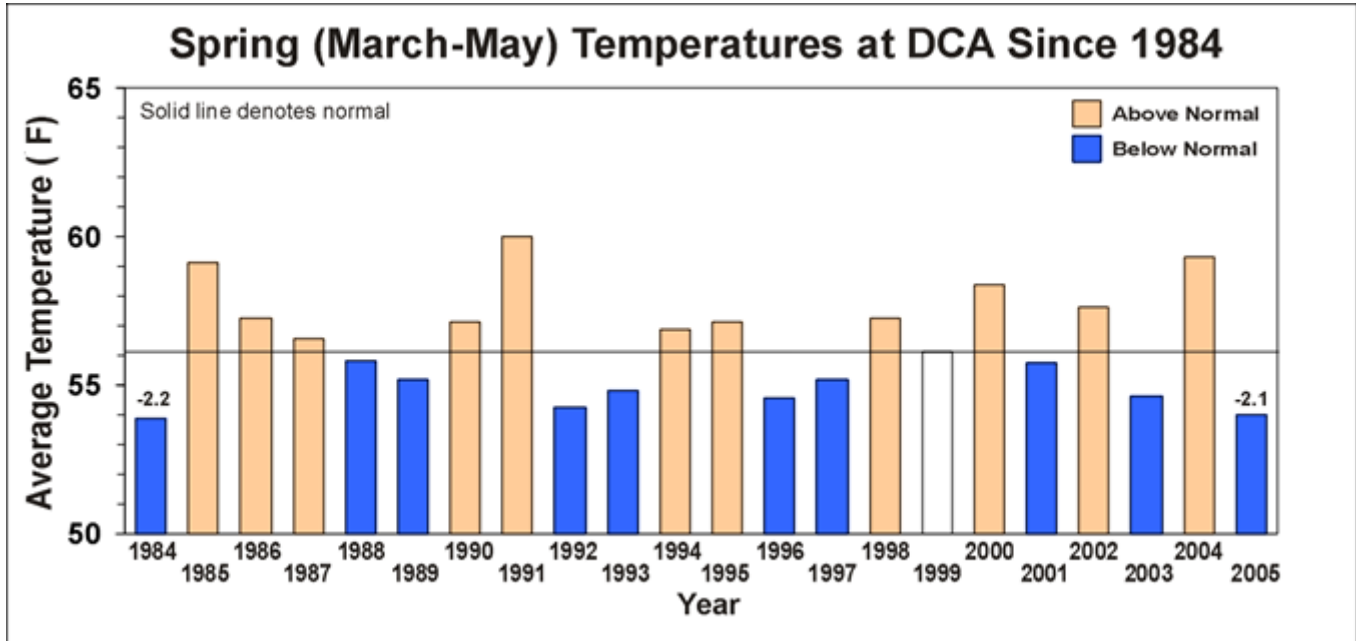


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PRECipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



SPRING: Coolest Spring Since 1984 at DCA MAY: Third Coolest Since 1941 in Washington



Monthly Highlights

- ◆ Subnormal temperatures across the Washington/Baltimore area
- ◆ Temperature departures -3.7°F at DCA (3rd coolest); -3.7°F at BWI (2nd coolest) and -2.7°F at IAD (6th coolest)
- ◆ At or below normal temperatures at DCA on 24 days
- ◆ Only 4 days with highs at or above 80°F at DCA and IAD; 3 days at BWI
- ◆ Monthly average temperatures nearly 10°F cooler than May 2004 in Washington
- ◆ IAD final freeze of season on 3rd with daily record tying low of 32°F
- ◆ Above normal rainfall at DCA and IAD; below normal precipitation at BWI
- ◆ Highs in 50's across area on 24th and 25th; first consecutive days with readings below 60°F since March 27-28
- ◆ Severe thunderstorms on 14th accompanied by large hail and damaging winds and some funnel clouds strike portions of N. Virginia, District, Prince Georges and Anne Arundel Counties MD
- ◆ Soaking rains of around 2" recorded at most locations on the 20th; 2.63" of rain observed at DCA, setting daily record and 4th largest May total

Spring Highlights

- ◆ Coolest spring since 1984 in Washington, 1996 at BWI, and 1997 at IAD
- ◆ At or below normal temperatures at DCA on 63 days (68%)
- ◆ Only 7 days with highs at or above 80°F at DCA
- ◆ At or below normal temperatures at DCA on 26 days (84%) resulting in coolest March since 1993 in Wash., since 1996 at BWI and IAD
- ◆ On March 8, strong cold front caused temperatures to plummet from near 60°F early morning to near 20°F at midnight, accompanied by winds to 45 mph; front also brought rain changing to wet snow, accumulating to 3 inches on grassy areas well north and west of Washington/Baltimore
- ◆ Soaking rains on March 23 and 28 drenched area with combined totals of more than 3 inches in most locations, resulting in street flooding, swollen creeks and rivers. DCA recorded new rainfall daily record on 23rd (1.85"); BWI set daily and monthly record on the 23rd (2.56") and daily record on the 28th
- ◆ Major storm on April 2 disrupts Cherry Blossom festivities with more than 2 inches of rain, minor flooding and severe weather with hail and damaging winds; backlash wind gusts to 50 mph on April 3, resulting in downed trees and loss of power to 10,000 customers in Northern Virginia, according to press reports
- ◆ Severe thunderstorms on April 23 bring large hail (3/4") striking portions of Stafford and Prince William Counties, VA, and Montgomery County, MD; strong winds lash Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties, MD