

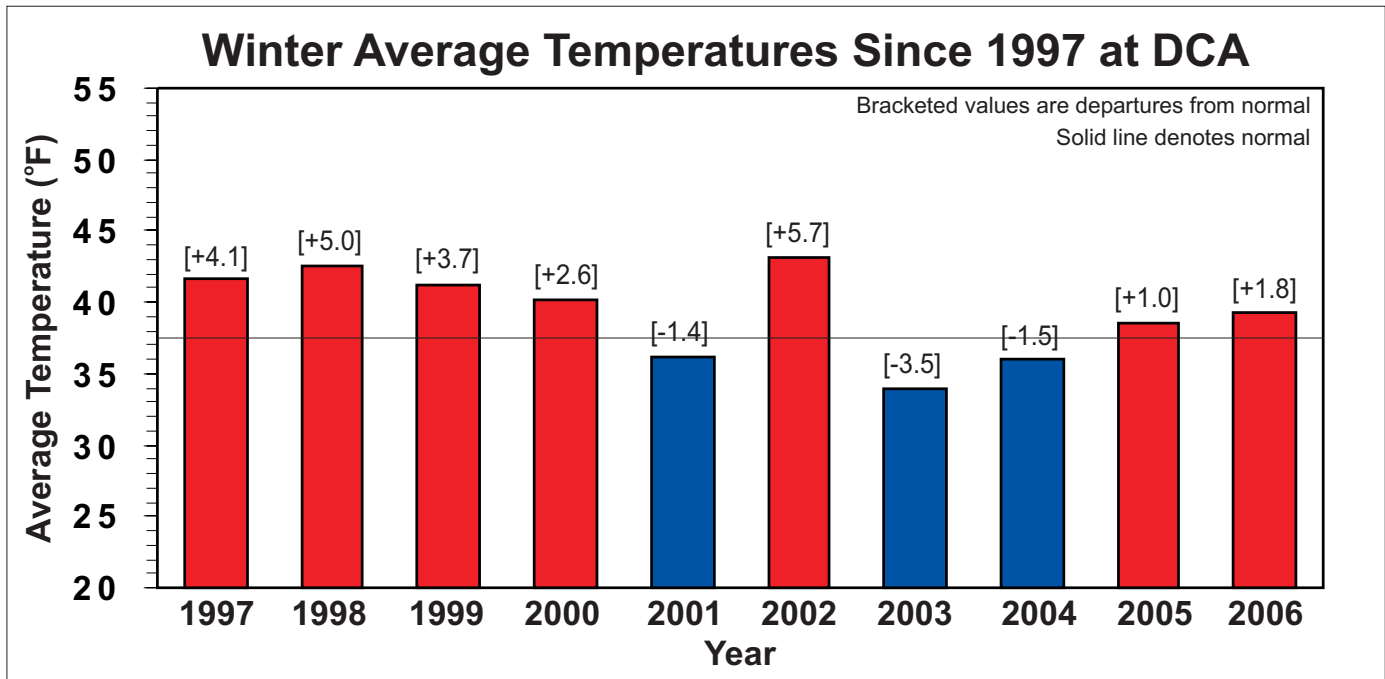


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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations  
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



## **FEBRUARY 2006: One Major Snowstorm** **WINTER: Seesaw Winter with Record Warm January**



### **February Highlights**

- ✦ Slightly above normal temperatures, below normal precipitation and above normal snowfall across the area
- ✦ Third consecutive warmer than normal February at DCA
- ✦ Highs at or above 60°F on 3 days at all major airports, including a monthly high of 66°F on 16<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Highs remain below freezing on 19<sup>th</sup> for only 3rd day of winter season; lows plummet to between 10°F-14°F at most locations
- ✦ On 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, major storm drops more than 20" of snow with thunder snows in Baltimore and Howard Counties, MD, and more than a foot of snow at many locations across the metropolitan area
- ✦ On 17<sup>th</sup>, wind gusts to 45 mph at BWI, 44 mph at DCA and 40 mph at IAD

### **Winter Highlights**

- ✦ Above normal temperatures with near normal precipitation and snowfall across the Washington/Baltimore area
- ✦ At or above normal temperatures at DCA on 54 days (60% of meteorological winter)
- ✦ Highs at or above 50°F at DCA on 30 days
- ✦ Lows at or below freezing at DCA on 49 days, the fewest such days since 2002
- ✦ Highest extreme minimum temperature (10°F) for winter at IAD since 2002
- ✦ At or below freezing lows in December on 21 days at DCA; 28 such days at BWI and IAD
- ✦ Wintry mixture of precipitation in early morning hours of Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, including 1.47" at BWI, 1.23" at DCA and 1.18" at IAD
- ✦ No January days with highs at or below freezing at DCA for the first time since January 2002
- ✦ Wind gusts to 63 mph in Culpeper County, VA.; 60 mph in Calvert County, MD, 55 mph at Andrew AFB and 54 mph at DCA on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, knocking out power to 30,000 customers across area and injuring two people, according to press reports