

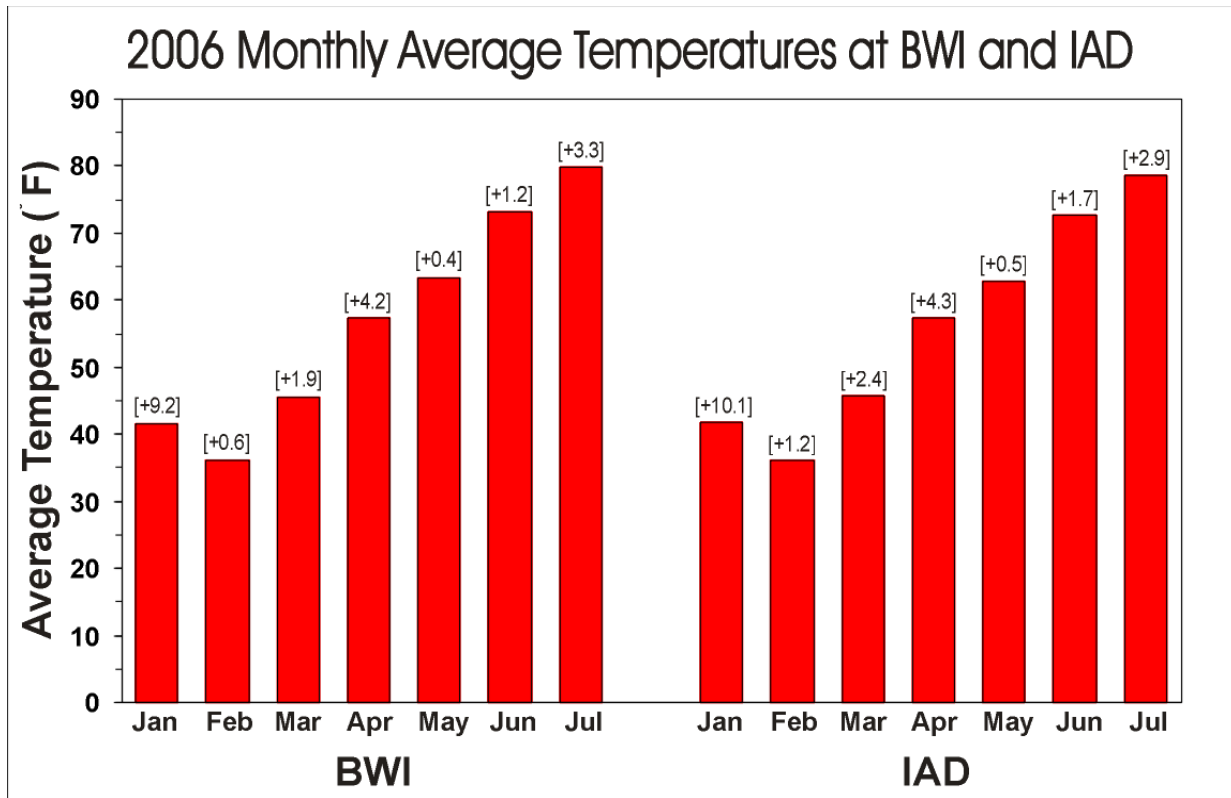


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PRECipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



JULY 2006: Above Normal Temperatures at BWI & IAD for 7th Consecutive Month



July Highlights

- ☛ Above normal temperatures with subnormal rainfall at all three major airports and across most of the area
- ☛ Highs at or above 90°F on 18 days at BWI, 16 at IAD and 14 days at DCA
- ☛ Highs at or above 95°F on 6 days at BWI, 3 days at DCA and 2 days at IAD
- ☛ Highs on 17th and 18th soared into the upper 90's at many locations across the local area, including 99°F at BWI and 97°F at DCA on 18th with heat indices exceeding 100°F
- ☛ Strong to severe thunderstorms on 2nd knocked out power to more than 100,000 homes with strongest storms observed in portions of Fairfax County, VA, and Montgomery County, MD, including rainfall of nearly 3 inches in western Fairfax County
- ☛ Baltimore/Washington NWS office leads successful evacuation of 80,000 people gathered on National Mall on 4th as strong to severe thunderstorms rapidly descended on Washington D.C. Peak winds of 47 mph were observed, knocking down tents and some trees but there were no injuries, according to press reports
- ☛ Additional strong to severe thunderstorms struck portions of the local area on 12th and 18th with wind damage reported on 12th and 1 inch diameter hail measured during storms on 18th
- ☛ Dry weather during the final 3 weeks of the month, especially in Maryland, as BWI records only 0.33" of rain from the 7th through month's end