



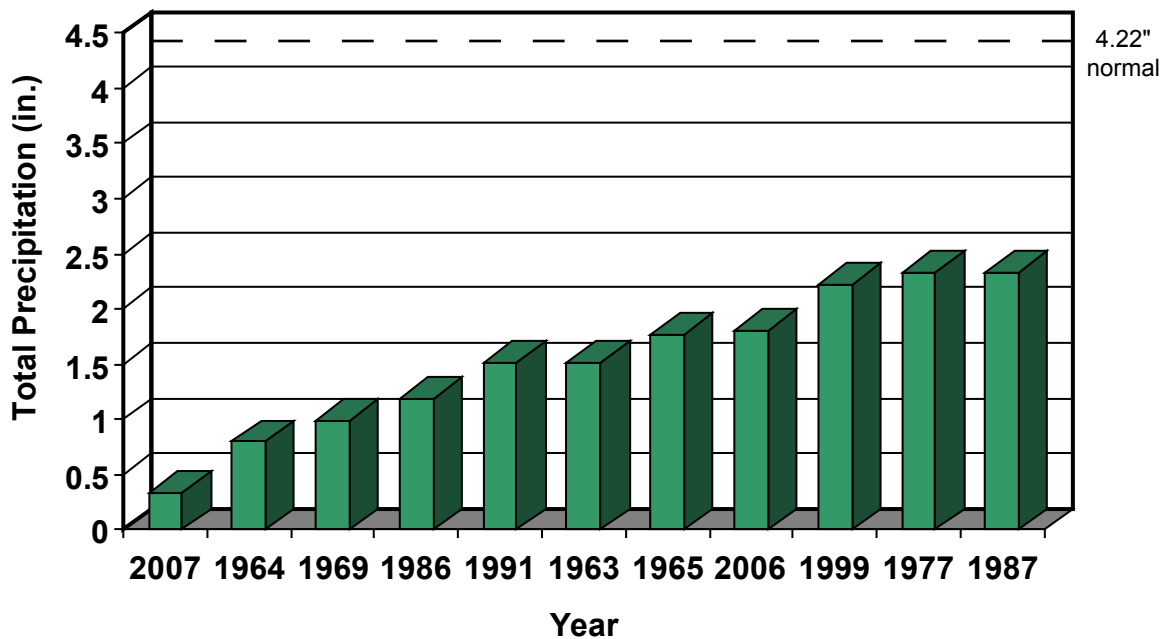
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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



MAY 2007: Driest on Record at Washington Dulles **SPRING 2007: Warm and Dry Across Area**

Driest Mays Ever Recorded at IAD



May Highlights

- ✦ Positive temperature departures observed at all three major airports: +2.2°F at DCA, +2.6°F at BWI, & +3.8°F at IAD
- ✦ IAD measured 16 days with highs at or above 80°F; DCA and IAD, 14 such days
- ✦ Area recorded first 90°F or greater reading of the year on 26th; BWI recorded 3 days with 90°F+ highs, IAD, 2 days
- ✦ Many locations across Loudoun County, VA, and Montgomery and Anne Arundel Counties in MD record less than an inch of rain
- ✦ DCA recorded only 4 days with measurable precipitation; monthly precipitation total of 0.94" at BWI was 4th driest on record
- ✦ Thunderstorm wind damage, including numerous downed trees and power lines affected many portions of metro area on 27th
- ✦ Thunderstorms dumped 0.93" rainfall at DCA on 10th; storms on 16th knocked out power to more than 45,000 homes and businesses

Seasonal Highlights:

- ✦ Seasonal temperature departures of +0.3°F at DCA, +0.7°F at BWI & +1.9°F at IAD
- ✦ Highs at or above normal at DCA on 52 days (57%); highs at or above 80°F on 21 days at DCA
- ✦ Third driest Spring on record at IAD
- ✦ Lows plummeted to teens at most locations March 6-8; IAD reading of 11°F and BWI low of 14°F were lowest since March 10, 1996
- ✦ First March day (7th) with a subfreezing high at DCA since March 9, 1999
- ✦ On March 7, about 2" of snow fell across the D.C. area with more than 5" reported in parts of Frederick County, MD
- ✦ On March 15-16, more than 2" of rain soaked the metro area, resulting in numerous road closures; precipitation ended as sleet and then snow with as much as 8" of snow in Frederick County, MD
- ✦ April 5-17 was coldest on record in Washington since 1907, and coldest ever in Baltimore, with daily departures of -10.2°F at DCA, -9.2°F at BWI, and -9.2°F at IAD
- ✦ On April 5-9, highs dropped below 50°F at the three major airports, the first such occurrence in Washington since 1898
- ✦ Major storm system drenched area on April 14-15 with more than 2" of rain, flooded roadways
- ✦ On April 16, high winds followed storm with gusts 50-60 mph