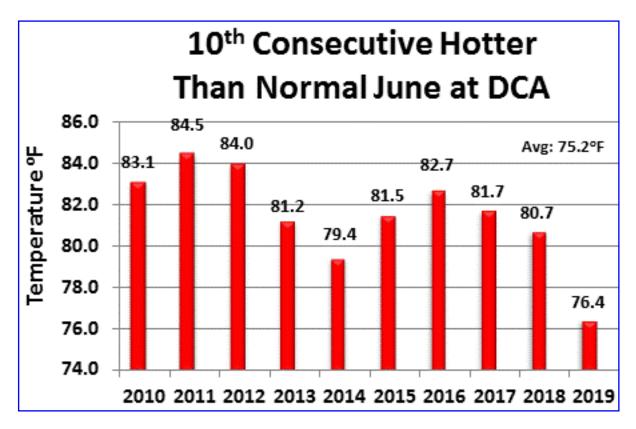






PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations For the Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD Area

# JUNE 2019: Above Normal Temperatures with Numerous Severe Weather Events



### **June Highlights**

- Above average tempatures were reported at all three airports: DCA, +1.2°F; BWI, +2.8°F; IAD, +0.6°F.
- † It was the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive June with above normal temperatures at DCA and BWI and 5<sup>th</sup> at IAD.
- The season's second heat wave occurred toward month's end with BWI recording readings at or above 90°F from the 24<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup>, DCA from the 25<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> and IAD from the 26<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup>.
- BWI recorded 3 consecutive days with maximum readings at or above 95°F: 27<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>, including 97°F on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, making the month its warmest June since 2011.
- On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, thunderstorm wind damage caused a tree to fall onto a house in both Aspen Hill and in Norbeck (Montgomery County), MD. Many areas were hit with hail including 1.75" hail measured in Rockville (Montgomery County), MD, and in Great Falls (Fairfax County), VA, and 1.25" near American University in D.C.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> featured more severe thunderstorms with golf ball size hail (1.75") observed in Leonardtown (St. Mary's County), MD, 1.00" hail near Columbia (Howard County), MD, and 0.88" near Somerset in D.C. Rainfall was heavy in some locations including 2.39" near Dunkirk (Calvert County), MD, and 1.58" near Falls Church (Fairfax County).
- On the 28th, damaging thunderstorm winds knocked down numerous trees, blocking roads, falling onto wires, and damaging three homes in Suitland-Silver Hill (Prince Georges County), MD. Dozens of trees were downed across Nelson County, VA. In Anne Arundel County, MD, a vehicle was trapped in high water near Crownsville and Pasadena measured 2.42" of rain.

### **June 2019**

Temperatures: The first month of meteorological summer featured above normal temperatures: DCA, +1.2°F; BWI, +2.8°F; IAD, +0.6°F, marking the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive warmer than normal June at DCA and BWI and 5<sup>th</sup> at IAD. BWI recorded its warmest June since 2011 with a monthly average temperature of 75.3°F. The season's second heat wave occurred toward month's end with BWI recording readings at or above 90°F from the 24<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup>, at DCA from the 25<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> and at IAD from the 26<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup>. While no temperature records were set, high humidity and readings reached the mid to upper 90s resulting in uncomfortable conditions. BWI recorded 3 consecutive days with maximum readings at or above 95°F from the 27<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>; at DCA highs were at or above 95°F from the 28<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>. For the month, DCA and BWI reported 9 days at or above 90°F, and IAD, 8 such days.

Night minimum readings were frequently uncomfortably warm in the cities with DCA recording 14 days with low temperatures at or above 70°F, and BWI, 11 such days. IAD set a record warm low temperature of 72°F on the  $20^{th}$ . In sharp contrast, minimum readings were in the 40s at IAD on the  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$ , and BWI equaled a calendar day record low of  $46^{\circ}$ F on the  $4^{th}$ .

**Precipitation:** Monthly precipitation was varied across the three major airports due to scattered showers and thunderstorms: DCA, 4.27" (+0.49"), BWI, 2.95" (-0.51"), and IAD, 2.44" (-1.54"). The month featured numerous severe weather events. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, thunderstorm wind damage caused a tree to fall onto a house in Aspen Hill and in Norbeck (Montgomery County), MD. Large hail was prevalent with 1.75" measured in Rockville (Montgomery County), MD, and in Great Falls (Fairfax County), VA, and 1.25" near American University in D.C. Rainfall was heavy in some areas with 1.71" near Warrenton (Fauquier County), VA.

A soaking rain fell the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> with up to an inch measured across the immediate metro area (1.05" at DCA) and significantly greater amounts south and east of Washington/Baltimore, including 2.82" near Huntingtown (Calvert County) and 2.41" near Deale (Anne Arundel County), MD. Severe thunderstorms occurred the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup> in some areas after the steady rainfall abated. Wind damage was the primary hazard with trees downed in Greenwich (Prince William County) and in Manassas, VA, as well as near Wagners Mill (Carroll County), MD.

The 17<sup>th</sup> featured additional severe thunderstorms. Golf ball size hail (1.75") was observed in Leonardtown (St. Mary's County), MD, with 1.00" hail near Columbia (Howard County), MD, and 0.88" near Somerset in D.C. Rainfall was heavy in some areas including 2.39" near Dunkirk (Calvert County), and 1.58" near Falls Church (Fairfax County), VA. The following day, thunderstorms dumped heavy rainfall including 2.63" near Burke (Fairfax County), 1.42" near Annapolis (Anne Arundel County) and 1.16" at DCA. Then on the 24<sup>th</sup>, torrential rainfall impacted the Shenandoah area with 2.86" near Madison and 1.74" near Culpeper, VA.

Finally, severe thunderstorms impacted many areas on the 28<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, damaging thunderstorm winds knocked down numerous trees, blocked roads and fell onto wires. The storm resulted in damage to three homes in Suitland-Silver Hill (Prince Georges County), MD, and downed dozens of trees across Nelson County, VA. In Anne Arundel County, a vehicle was trapped in high water near Crownsville and Pasadena measured 2.42" of rain. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, golf ball size hail (1.75") struck Bowleys Quarters (Baltimore County), MD, and ping pong size (1.50") pelted Belle Haven (Fairfax County). A tree crashed onto a car near Scarboro (Harford County), MD, and dozens of trees fell across Fredericksburg, VA.

## June 2019 Weather Statistics for the Washington/Baltimore Area

	Station Temperatures (°F)					Extreme/Day		Precipitation (inches)			
Location	AvMx	AvMin	AvgT	NmlT	DepNml	Max	Min	Total	Nml	DepNml	Year to Date
National (DCA)	85.2	67.5	76.4	75.2	+1.2	96/29	54/4	4.27	3.78	+0.49	22.30
Baltimore (BWI)	85.9	64.6	75.3	72.5	+2.8	97/28,29	46/4	2.95	3.46	-0.51	20.85
Dulles (IAD)	83.9	62.1	73.0	72.4	+0.6	95/27,20	44/4	2.44	3.98	-1.54	22.32

**Looking Ahead to July:** With June behind us, what does mid-summer hold? Below are some noteworthy July statistics for DCA: Normal Average Temperature: 79.8°F; Normal Monthly Precipitation: 3.73".

#### **DCA Temperature**

**Hottest:** 2012 (High Temperature: 104°F) **Coolest:** 1897 (Minimum Temperature: 43.0°F)

Most 90°F+ days: 25 (2011) Fewest 90°F+ days: 0 (1891) Most 100°F+ days: 7 (2012)

Longest consecutive period of 90°F days: 16 (July 3-18, 1993)

**Longest consecutive period of 100°F+ days:** 4 (July 19-22, 1930, July 5-8, 2012)

Record monthly high: 106°F (July 20, 1930, tied with August 6, 1918)

Record monthly low: 52°F (July 4, 1919 and July 31, 1895)

### **DCA Precipitation**

Wettest: 1945 (Precipitation Total: 11.06")

Driest: 1872 (Precipitation Total: 0.82")

Record daily rainfall: 4.69" (July 9, 1970)