



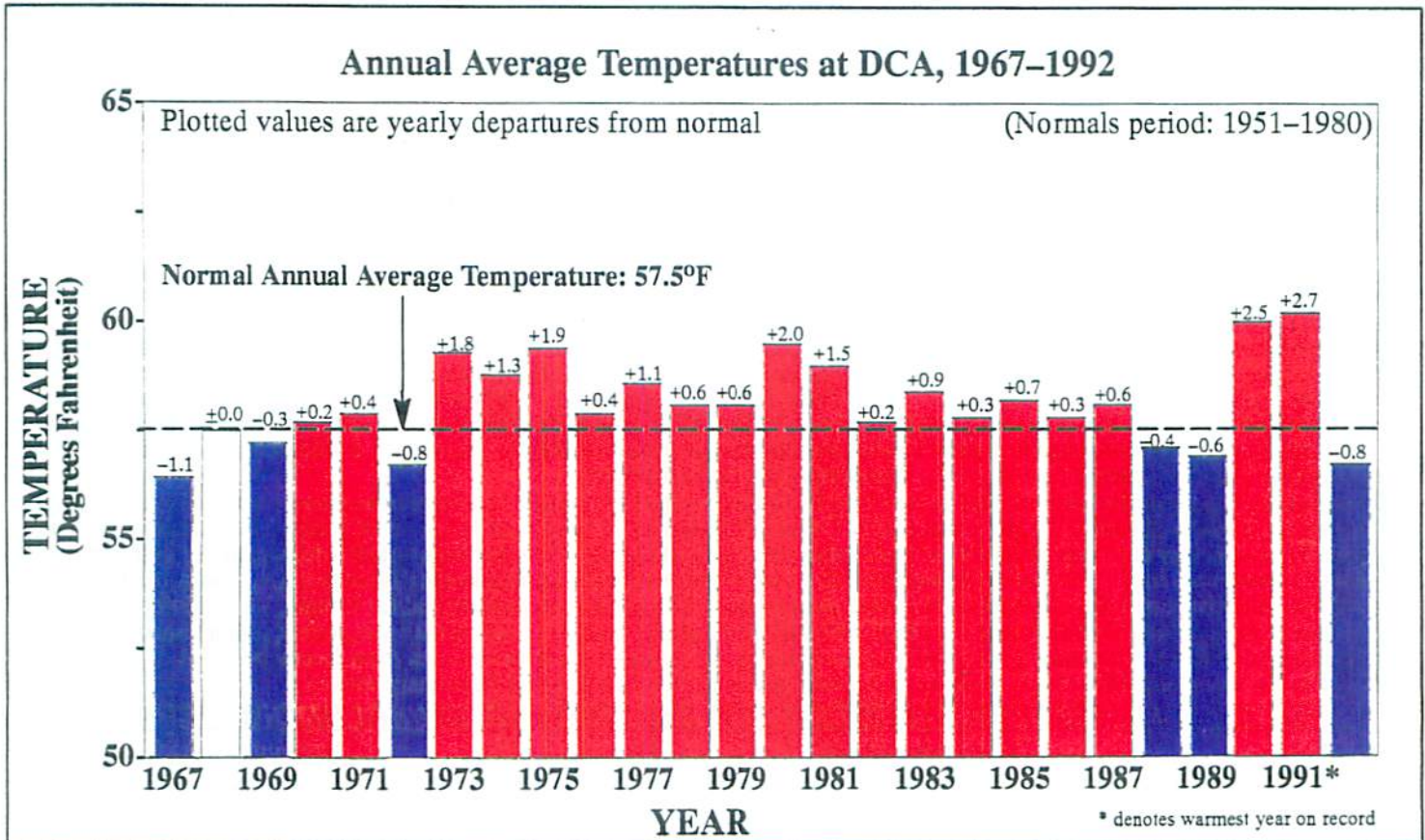
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**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

DECEMBER 1992 & ANNUAL REVIEW

COOLEST YEAR SINCE 1967 AT DCA



ANNUAL & DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Dramatic change from last two record warm years (3.5°F cooler at DCA than 1991);
- No daily maximum temperature records observed at DCA in 1992;
- Below normal annual precipitation observed at 4 of the 5 airports (DCA, BWI, DAA, and ADW);
- Coolest Spring since 1984 at DCA, BWI and IAD;
- Coolest Summer since 1972 at DCA;
- Coolest Autumn since 1976 at DCA;
- Coolest May since 1967 at DCA, 1973 at BWI, and 1983 at IAD;
- Only one calendar day (midnight-midnight) during 1992 with subfreezing temperatures (January 19th) at DCA;
- Only 21 days during 1992 with readings at or above 90°F at DCA, the fewest since 1979;
- Above normal December temperatures and precipitation recorded at 4 of the 5 airports (BWI, IAD, DAA, and ADW);
- Major Nor'easter during Dec. 10-12 generated over 3 inches of precipitation across parts of the area, the first inch of snow at DCA (a single-storm state record 42" at Big Piney, MD), strong wind gusts, flooding, coastal beach erosion, and property damage from the mid-Atlantic to the Northeast.

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