

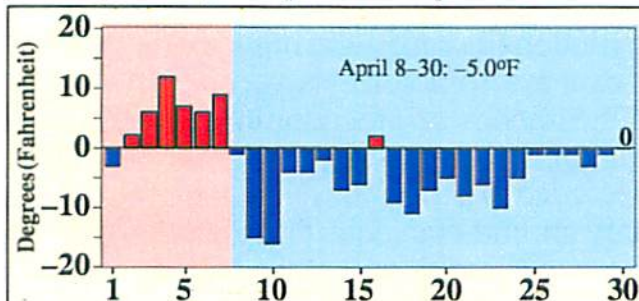


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

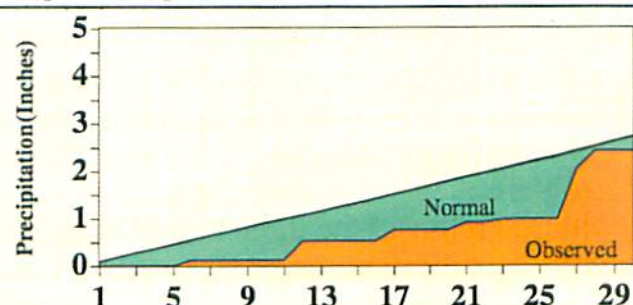
APRIL 1997

**COOLEST APRIL IN MORE THAN TEN YEARS IS ACCOMPANIED BY
FREQUENT SHOWERS BUT SUBNORMAL PRECIPITATION ACROSS
THE WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**

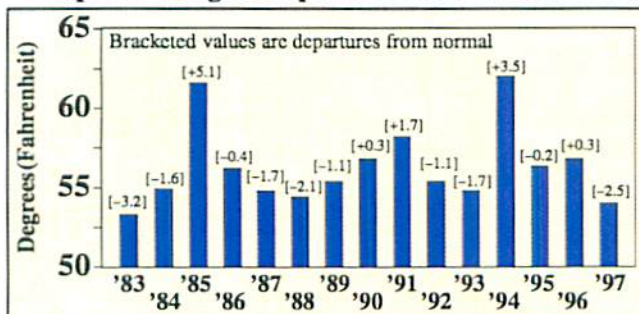
April Daily Temperature Departures at DCA



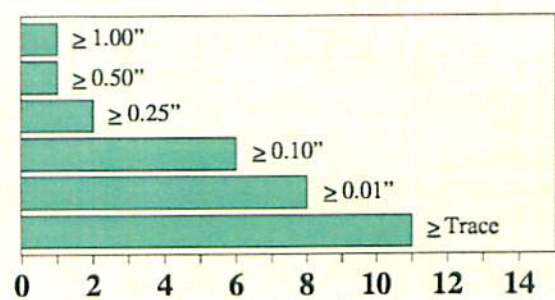
April Precipitation (Observed vs. Normal) at DCA



April Average Temperatures at DCA since 1983



Number of April (1997) Days w/ Precipitation at DCA



Normals Period: 1961-1990

HIGHLIGHTS

- Subnormal temperatures and precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Coolest April since 1983 at both DCA and IAD (4th coolest overall), since 1984 at BWI;
- 23 days with at or below normal temperatures at DCA;
- 2 days with 32°F or lower minimum temperatures at DCA;
- Extreme minimum for April (28°F) was lower than for March (31°F), tied with February (28°F), and the lowest reading at DCA since January 30th;
- Latest 32°F or lower reading since 1990 and first April since 1988 without an 80°F temperature at DCA;
- Less than an inch of rain between the 1st and 26th across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
- More than an inch of rain across the local area on the 27th-28th accounts for more than half of the monthly totals at the three major airports;
- Driest month at DCA since February 1996;
- Sunniest month in 1 1/2 years at DCA.

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