

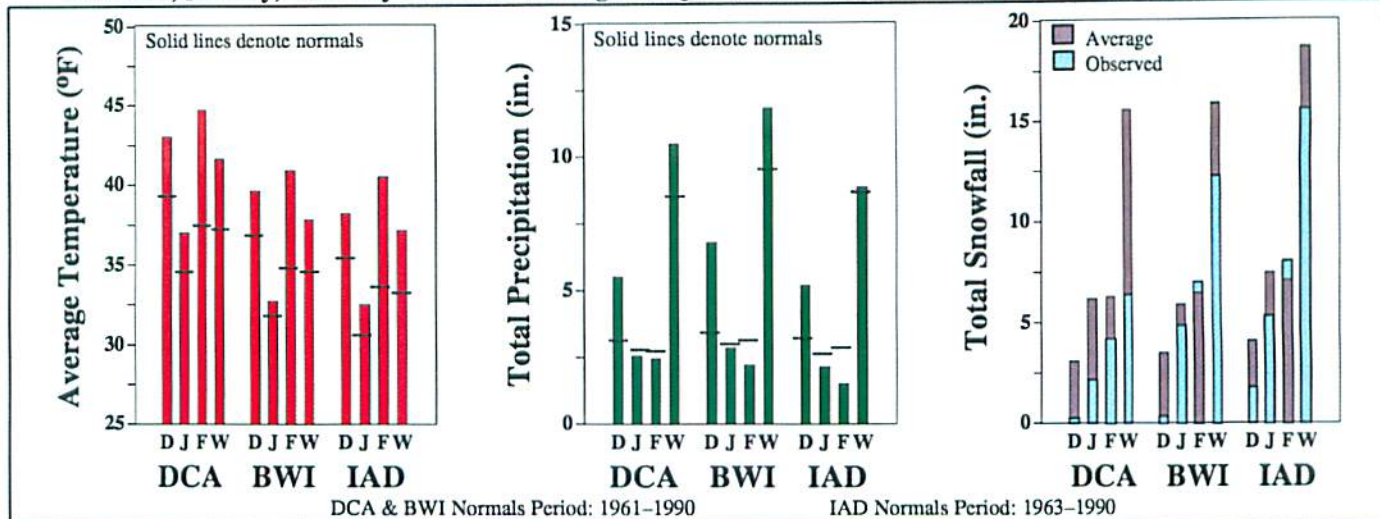


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

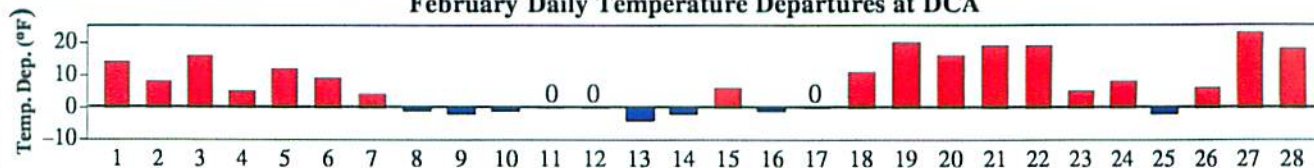
**FEBRUARY 1997 & WINTER REVIEW**

**ABNORMALLY MILD WINTER (AND FEBRUARY) WITH ABOVE NORMAL  
SEASONAL PRECIPITATION BUT SUBNORMAL SNOWFALL ACROSS THE  
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**

**December, January, February & Winter Average Temperatures, Precipitation and Snowfall at DCA, BWI & IAD**



**February Daily Temperature Departures at DCA**



**HIGHLIGHTS  
MONTHLY**

- Above normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation at the three major airports with subnormal snowfall only at DCA;
- Third warmest February on record at both DCA and IAD, fourth (tied w/ 1954) at BWI;
- Third consecutive month with warmer than normal conditions at DCA, the longest such period (tied w/ Nov. '94–Jan. '95) since May–August 1991;
- 21 February days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA, including 10 days with 60°F+ readings (the most since 1990) and 4 days at or above 70°F (the most [tied w/ 1977] since 1976);
- Monthly high of 77°F at DCA on the 27th, the highest February reading since 1985;
- Only 10 days with lows of 32°F or lower, the fewest such days ever recorded in February (tied w/ 1990 & 1984);
- Back-to-back months with subnormal precipitation at DCA for the first time in nearly two years (March–April 1995);
- Seventh February of last eight with subnormal precipitation at DCA;
- Heaviest snowfall of the season across the Washington/Baltimore area on the 8th with accumulations of 3–8 inches.

**SEASONAL (DECEMBER–FEBRUARY)**

- Above normal temperatures and precipitation, but subnormal snowfall across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Sixth warmest Winter ever recorded in Washington, seventh at BWI, and fourth at IAD;
- 57 (63%) Winter days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA;
- Only 39 days with lows at or below 32°F, the sixth fewest (tied with 1982–83 & 1973–74) ever recorded in Washington;
- First season since Summer 1995 without cooler and wetter than normal conditions at DCA;
- Least snowiest Winter in Washington since 1992–1993 and the 9th out of the last 10 with subnormal seasonal snowfall;
- Second wettest December on record at BWI (6.78"), seventh at IAD (5.20") and eighth in Washington (5.51");
- 4 Winter days with daily record highs at DCA (Jan. 3rd, 4th, 5th & Feb. 27th);
- Only 6 winter days (Dec.: 1 ; Jan.: 5 ; Feb.: 0) with subfreezing highs at DCA.

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