

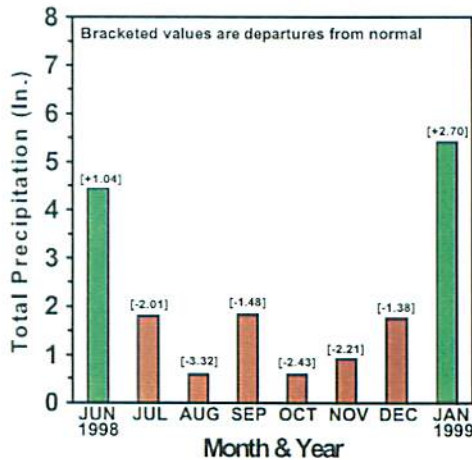


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

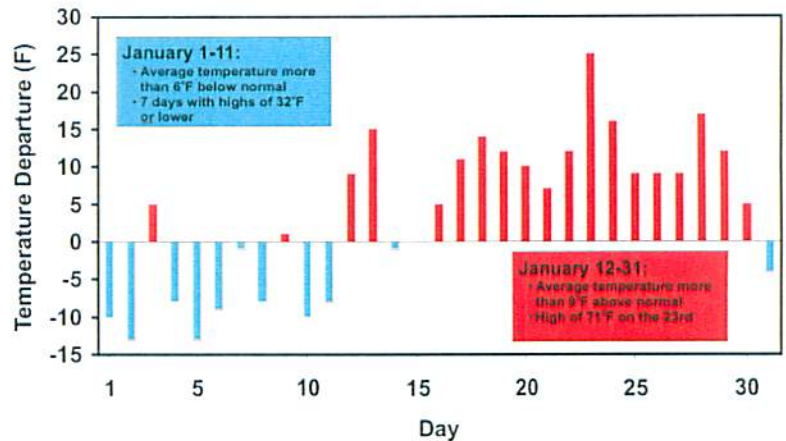
JANUARY 1999

**A WET JANUARY ENDS SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF
DRIER THAN NORMAL CONDITIONS ACROSS THE
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**

**Monthly Total Precipitation at DCA
since June 1998**



**January 1999 Daily Temperature
Departures at DCA**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Above-normal temperatures and precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- First wetter than normal month since June 1998 at both DCA & IAD (since May 1998 at BWI), and the first month since June 1998 with over two inches of precipitation at the three major airports;
- More precipitation this month at DCA (5.42") than in the final 4 months of 1998 combined (5.07");
- 11 days with measurable precipitation (≥ 0.01 "") at DCA (the most since June 1998), including two days (3rd & 24th) with totals exceeding 1 inch for the first time since January 1998;
- Major ice storm on the 14th-15th across the northern and western portions of the local area downed numerous trees and power lines, knocking out power to nearly half a million customers;
- First 1" or greater snowfall (2.2" on the 8th) at DCA since February 8, 1997;
- Subnormal January snowfall for the third consecutive year at DCA (2.2"), BWI (3.9"), and IAD (4.1");
- A cold start to January, followed by unseasonably mild conditions during the final two-thirds of the month (see graphic above);
- 20 days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA, including a high of 71°F on the 23rd;
- Eighth consecutive warmer than normal winter month (December, January & February) at DCA;
- Third consecutive January with warmer than normal conditions across the local area;
- Seven days with highs of 32°F or lower at DCA, the most in any month since January 1994.