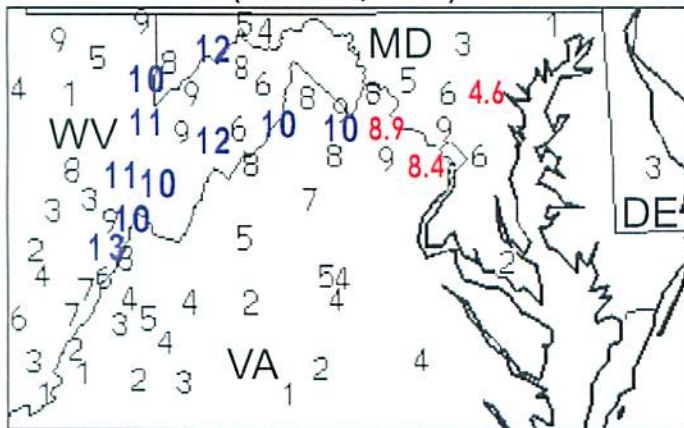


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

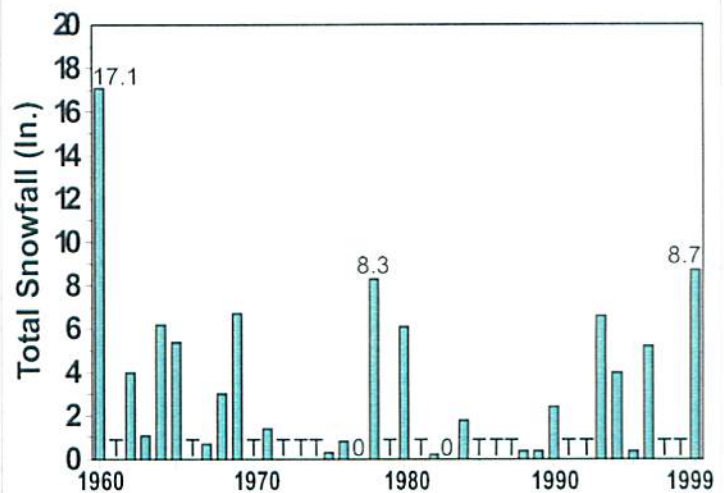
**MARCH 1999  
ABNORMALLY COLD AND SNOWY ACROSS THE  
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**

**Total Snowfall (Inches)  
(March 9, 1999)**



Red values denote totals at the three major airports (DCA, BWI, IAD)  
Blue (totals  $\geq 10$  inches) and black values are NWS  
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**March Snowfall at DCA since 1960**



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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Subnormal temperatures and above-normal precipitation and snowfall across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Snowiest March (8.7") since 1960 at DCA (third overall at the airport);
- A snowstorm on the 9th dumps nearly a foot of snow across northern Virginia and generates the largest daily March snowfall total (8.4" on the 9th) ever observed at DCA;
- Largest daily snowfall (March 9, 1999) since January 7, 1996 at both DCA (8.4") & IAD (8.9"), and since February 7, 1997 at BWI (4.6);
- Largest monthly snowfall total (8.7") observed at DCA since February 1996;
- More snowfall this month (8.7") than in the last two calendar years (1997 & 1998.) combined at DCA;
- Another storm on the 14th generated up to 6 inches of snow across the northern and western suburbs and pushed the March snowfall total to 14.6" at IAD, the most since 1993;
- First cooler-than-normal month since July 1998 at DCA;
- 20 days with subnormal temperatures at DCA;
- 10 days with lows at or below freezing at DCA;
- Subfreezing high at DCA on the 9th (31°F), the first such March occurrence since 1996;
- Only 7 days with highs above 60°F at DCA.