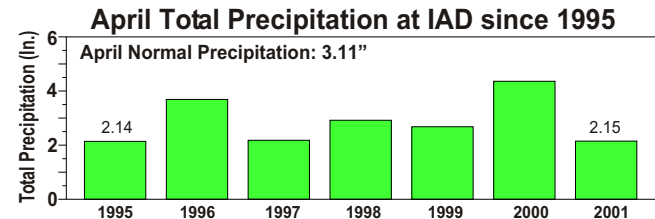
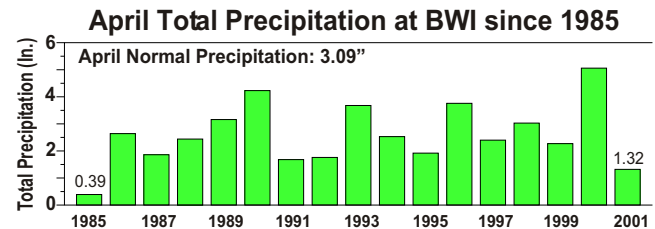
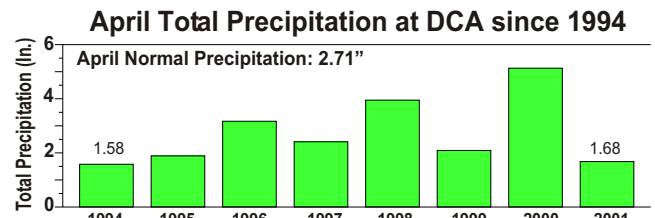
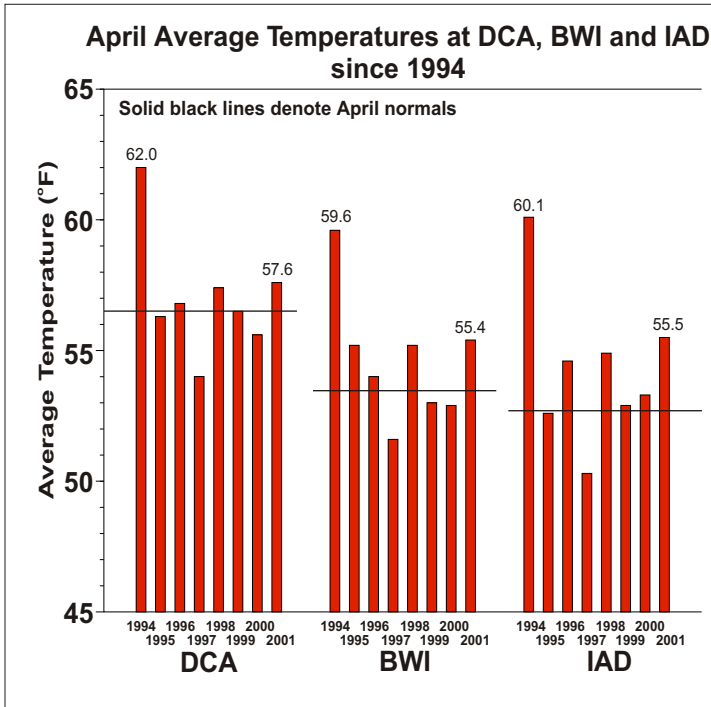


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**APRIL 2001  
WARMEST AND DRIEST APRIL IN SEVERAL YEARS  
ACROSS MUCH OF THE LOCAL AREA**



**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Above-normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Warmest April since 1994 at the three major airports (see graphic above);
- 16 days with at or above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- No days with at or below freezing lows at DCA, 4 such days at BWI and 5 at IAD);
- 2 daily record highs (89°F on the 9th & 88°F on the 23rd) and one daily record low (27°F on the 19th) at IAD;
- 4 April days (9th, 22nd, 23rd & 24th) with 80°F+ highs at DCA, the most such days since 1995;
- Driest April since 1985 at BWI (1.32"), since 1994 at DCA (1.68") and 1995 at IAD (2.14") (see graphic above);
- No measurable precipitation ( $\geq 0.01$ " ) observed at both DCA and BWI after the 19th;
- First thunderstorm of the season reported at many locations on the 9th;
- Sixth month out of last seven with subnormal precipitation at DCA, BWI, IAD and DAA;
- Slightly below-normal January-April 2001 precipitation totals, with four-month departures of more than an inch reported at the three major airports.

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