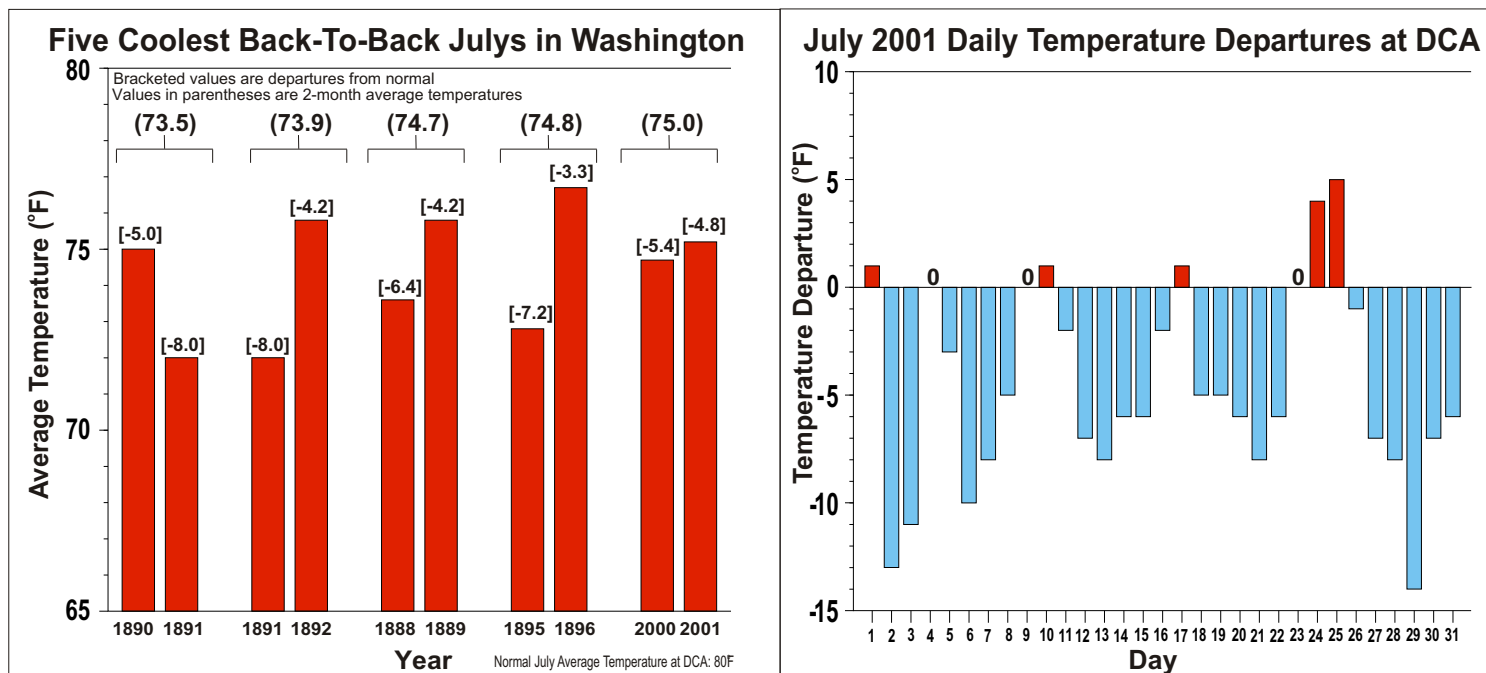




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**JULY 2001
FIFTH COOLEST BACK-TO-BACK JULYS EVER
RECORDED IN WASHINGTON**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Abnormally cool across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Fifth coolest back-to-back Julys and second largest back-to-back July temperature departures ever recorded in Washington;
- Second coolest July on record at BWI and fourth coolest ever at IAD;
- At or below normal temperatures observed on 26 of the 31 days at DCA;
- Only 7 days with 90°F+ highs at both DCA and BWI, 5 at IAD and no days with highs at or above 95°F at the three major airports;
- July average temperature (75.2°F) was the same as that recorded in June at DCA and was lower at both BWI and IAD;
- Fourteen days with lows in the fifties at IAD, 11 at BWI;
- Above normal rainfall at most locations, including 4.79" (Dep. Nml.: +0.99") at DCA and 6.18" (Dep. Nml.: +1.8") at ADW;
- Powerful thunderstorms on the 1st, generated strong wind gusts (up to 66 mph at Quantico, VA), downing numerous trees in Charles County, MD;
- Severe thunderstorms on the 10th generated strong winds that contributed to the collapse of a barn under construction in Emmitsburg, MD, injuring four people, according to press reports;
- Two people injured by lightning at a Boy Scout Jamboree on the 26th at Fort A.P. Hill, VA;
- Strong thunderstorms produced up to 2 inches of rain at some locations on the 4th, postponing evening fireworks displays at many locations.