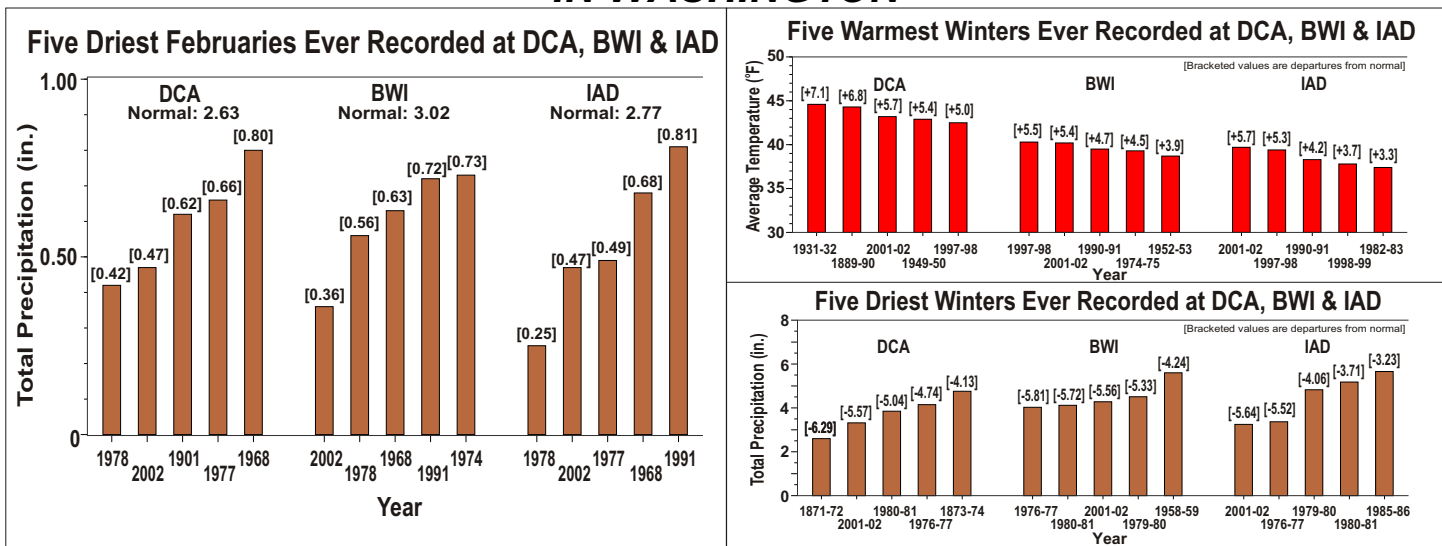


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

FEBRUARY 2002 & WINTER REVIEW

**FEBRUARY: SECOND DRIEST ON RECORD IN WASHINGTON
WINTER: SECOND DRIEST AND THIRD WARMEST EVER RECORDED
IN WASHINGTON**



**HIGHLIGHTS
MONTHLY**

- Above normal temperatures with subnormal precipitation and snowfall across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- 22 days with at or above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- Daily record highs established at DCA (77°F), BWI (75°F) and IAD (75°F) on the 1st and IAD (69°F) on the 26th;
- 16 days with at or below freezing lows and no days with subfreezing highs at DCA;
- Sixth consecutive warmer than normal February at both DCA and IAD, 7th at BWI;
- 17th winter month out of last 18 with above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- Driest February ever recorded at BWI, 2nd driest in Washington and at IAD;
- Seventh consecutive month with subnormal precipitation at DCA, sixth at BWI and fifth at IAD;
- Severe drought conditions across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- 14th February out of last 15 with subnormal snowfall in Washington.

SEASONAL

- Abnormally warm and dry with subnormal snowfall across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Warmest winter ever recorded at IAD, second at BWI and third in Washington;
- 71 (79%) days with at or above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- Only 39 days with at or below freezing temperatures and no days with minimum temperatures below 20°F (the first such occurrence ever recorded) at DCA;
- Only 1 day with highs at or below freezing at the three major airports;
- 18 days with highs at or above 60°F, including 6 days with 70°F+ highs at DCA;
- Driest winter ever recorded at IAD, second in Washington and third at BWI;
- Second consecutive winter with subnormal precipitation each month at DCA;
- First and only 1"+ snowfall of season at DCA, BWI and IAD on Jan. 19th, with 2.7, 2.3" and 2.6", respectively;
- First winter since 1991-92 with more snow at DCA (3.2") than at IAD (2.6");
- Latest first freeze (December 22nd) ever recorded at DCA;
- 14th winter out of last 15 with subnormal snowfall at DCA;
- Driest September-February period ever observed at the 3 major airports with 6-month precipitation totals only between 30% and 50% of normal.

Andrew H. Horvitz, Office of Climate, Water & Weather Services/NWS, (301) 713-1867 (ext. 125)
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