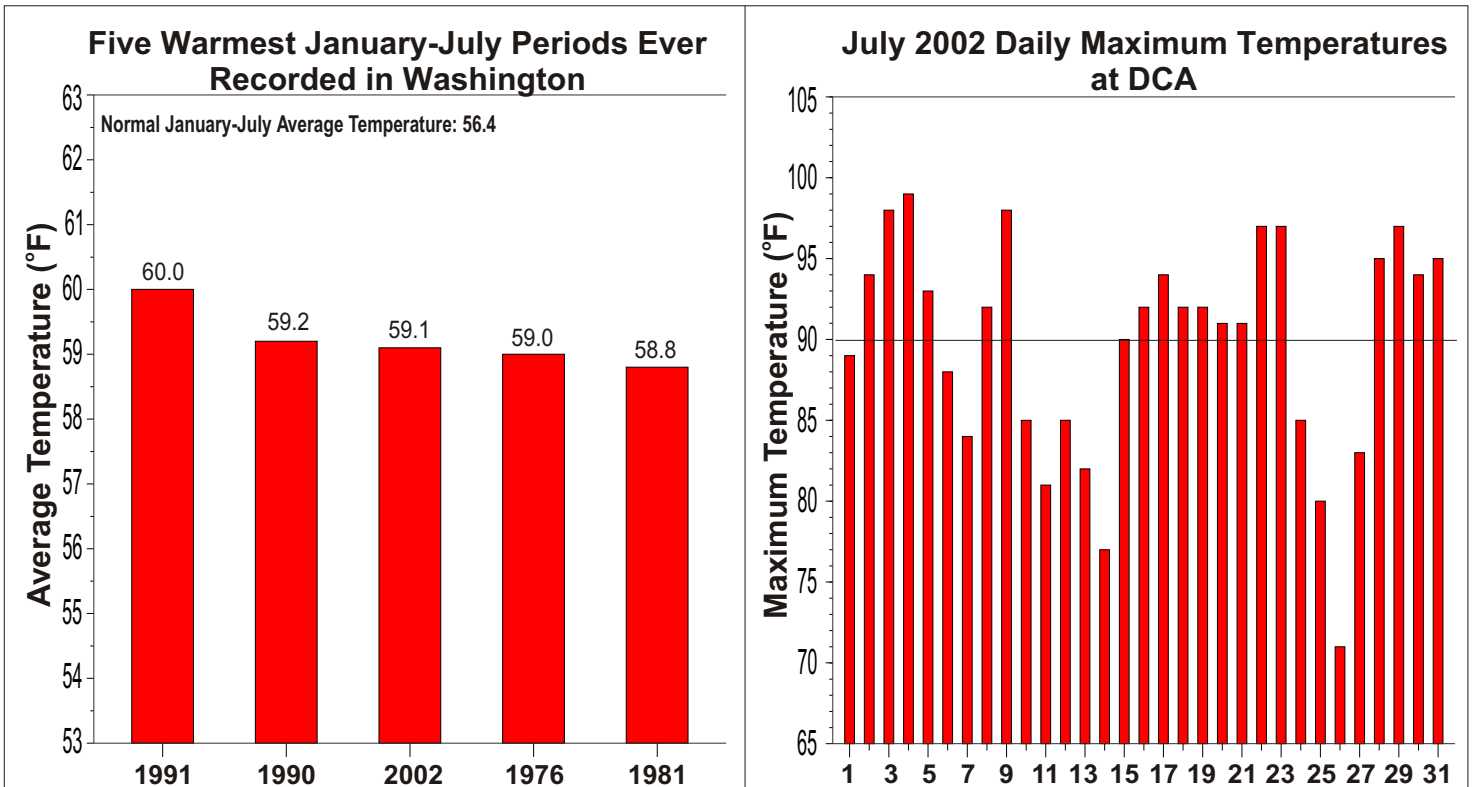




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**JULY 2002
THIRD WARMEST JANUARY-JULY PERIOD EVER
RECORDED IN WASHINGTON**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Warmer than normal conditions across the local area with monthly temperature departures between +1.5°F and +2.5°F at the three major airports;
- 21 days with at or above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- 19 days with 90°F+ highs at DCA (19 at BWI and 15 at IAD), including 8 days with 95°F+ highs (see graphic above);
- 9 consecutive days (15th-23rd) with 90°F+ highs at DCA;
- Record daily highs tied on the 4th at both BWI (100°F) and IAD (97°F);
- Sixth month of 2002 with above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- Third warmest January-July period ever recorded in Washington (see graphic above);
- Subnormal precipitation across most of the local area;
- Soaking rains from the 13th-14th provide brief, short-term relief from the drought in some areas;
- Fifth month of 2002 with subnormal precipitation at both DCA and IAD, 6th at BWI and 17th month of the last 22 with subnormal precipitation at DCA;
- January-July 2002 precipitation deficits between 5 and 6 inches as drought conditions continue to plague the region;
- Smoke from Canadian forest fires overspread the local area obscuring skies from the 6th-8th.

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