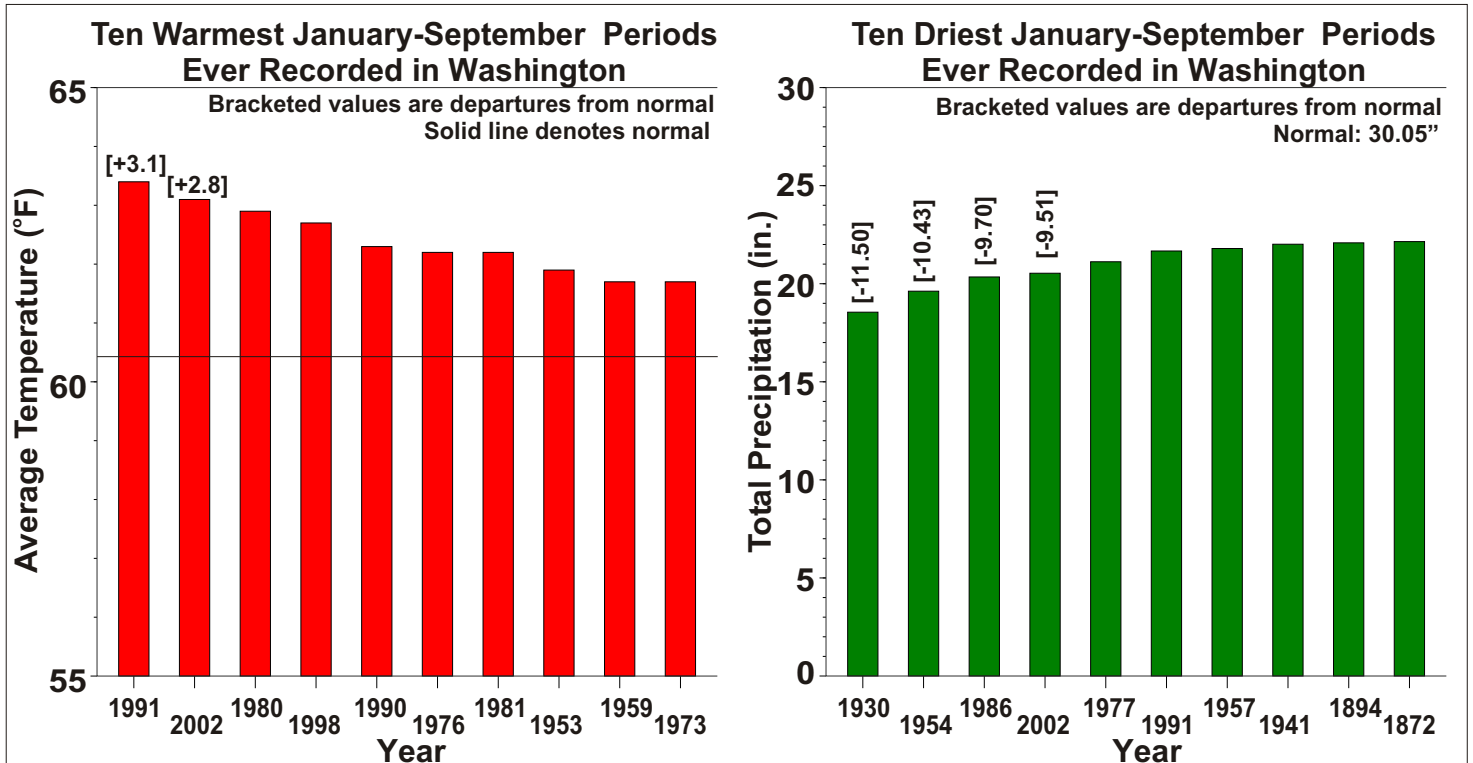


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS  
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**SEPTEMBER 2002  
SECOND WARMEST & FOURTH DRIEST  
JANUARY-SEPTEMBER PERIOD ON RECORD IN  
WASHINGTON**



**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Above-normal temperatures and subnormal precipitation across most of the local area;
- 24 days with at or above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- 3 days with 90°F+ highs at DCA (1 at both BWI and IAD);
- 8 month of 2002 with above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- Second warmest January-September ever recorded in Washington;
- Seventh month of 2002 and 12th out of the last 14 with subnormal precipitation at DCA;
- Excessive rains on the 1st resulted in flooding on Maryland's Eastern Shore, with more than 8 inches of rain reported at some locations, according to press reports;
- More than two inches of rain soak portions of the area on the 1st and again on the 26th, providing some short-term drought relief;
- January-September 2002 precipitation deficits of nearly 10 inches at DCA, 8 inches at BWI and 7 inches at IAD;
- Driest October-September period (23.31"; Dep. Nml: -16.04) ever observed in Washington.