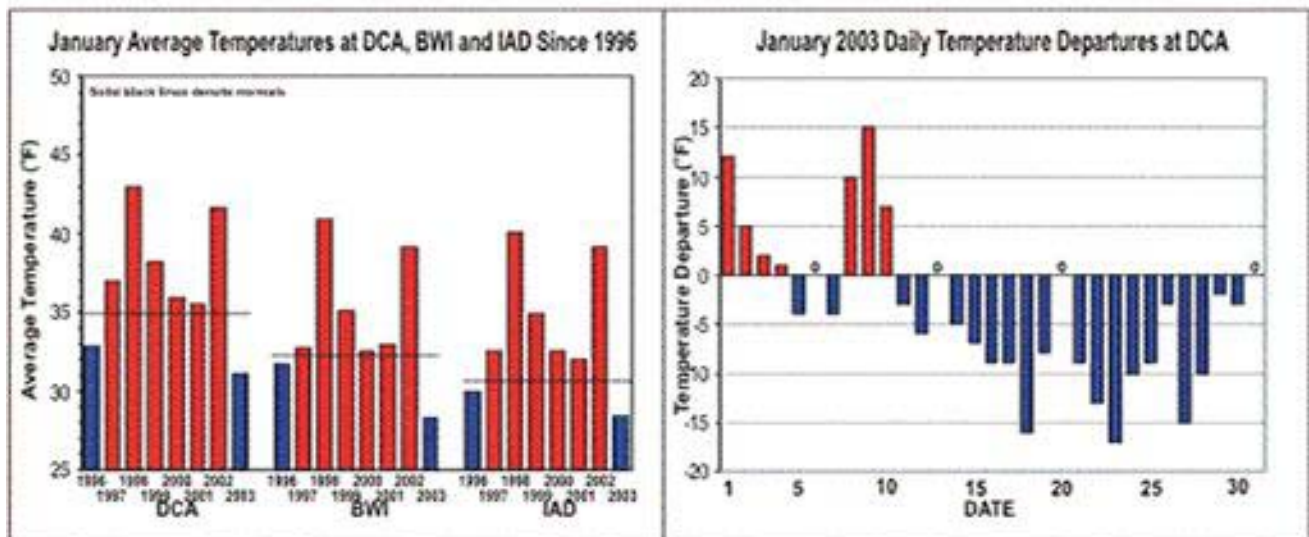




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

JANUARY 2003

**FIRST COLDER THAN NORMAL JANUARY SINCE 1996 ACROSS THE
WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE AREA**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Subnormal temperatures and precipitation across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
- First colder than normal January since 1996 at the three major airports (see graphic above) and coldest since 1994 at all three locations;
- 24 days with at or below-normal temperatures at DCA, including the the last 21 days;
- 24 days with at or below freezing lows at DCA (the most such days since 1994), including 20 consecutive days (11th-30th);
- 7 days with highs at or below freezing at DCA (11 at BWI and 12 at IAD), including 6 consecutive such days (14th-19th) at both BWI and IAD, the longest such period at both locations since Feb. 1-6, 1996;
- Lowest minimum temperature (on the 18th) at DCA (11°F), BWI (5°F) and IAD (3°F) since January 19, 1997;
- Coldest day (high of 22°F on 23rd; tied w/ Jan. 18, 2000 and Jan. 18, 1997) since February 3, 1996 at DCA;
- Daily record rainfall observed on the 1st at both DCA (1.52") and IAD (1.73");
- Three to five inches of snow blanketed most of the Washington/Baltimore area on the 5th, creating hazardous driving conditions;
- Seventeenth winter month out of last 19 with subnormal snowfall at DCA.