

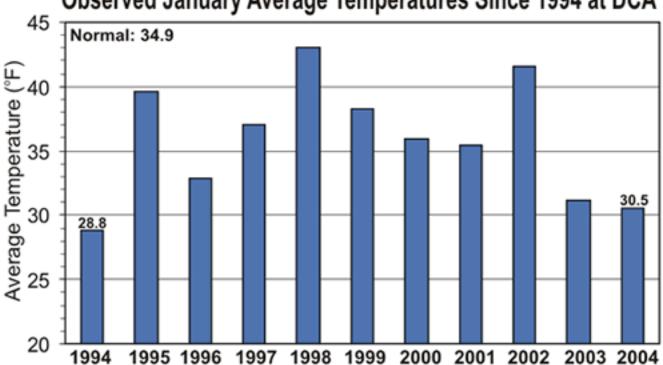




For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area

JANUARY 2004: Coldest January since 1994 Across Washington/Baltimore Area

Observed January Average Temperatures Since 1994 at DCA



Monthly Highlights

- Cold and dry across the local area
- Coldest January since 1994 at all three major airports
- Fourth coldest January on record at BWI
- DCA recorded 23 days with subnormal temperatures and 26 consecutive days (6th-31st) with at or below freezing, the most such days since 1994, tied with 1996
- Driest month since February 2002 at all the three major airports
- Fifth driest January on record at BWI, 7th at IAD and 8th at DCA, tied with 1967
- BWI logged 17 days with highs at or below freezing, IAD, 16 and DCA, 15
- Minimum temperatures at or below 20°F from 20th to 31st at BWI, IAD, and many suburban locations
- First month with subnormal precipitation at all three airports since April 2003
- Light snowfall accumulations lead to major transportation impacts on morning of 9th
- First significant winter storm of 2004 from 25th-27th results in 5"-8" of snow, then sleet & ice, resulting in hazardous roads, early dismissal of Federal, state, and county governments and many businesses on 27th, and closing and/or delays for schools on 26th and 27th