



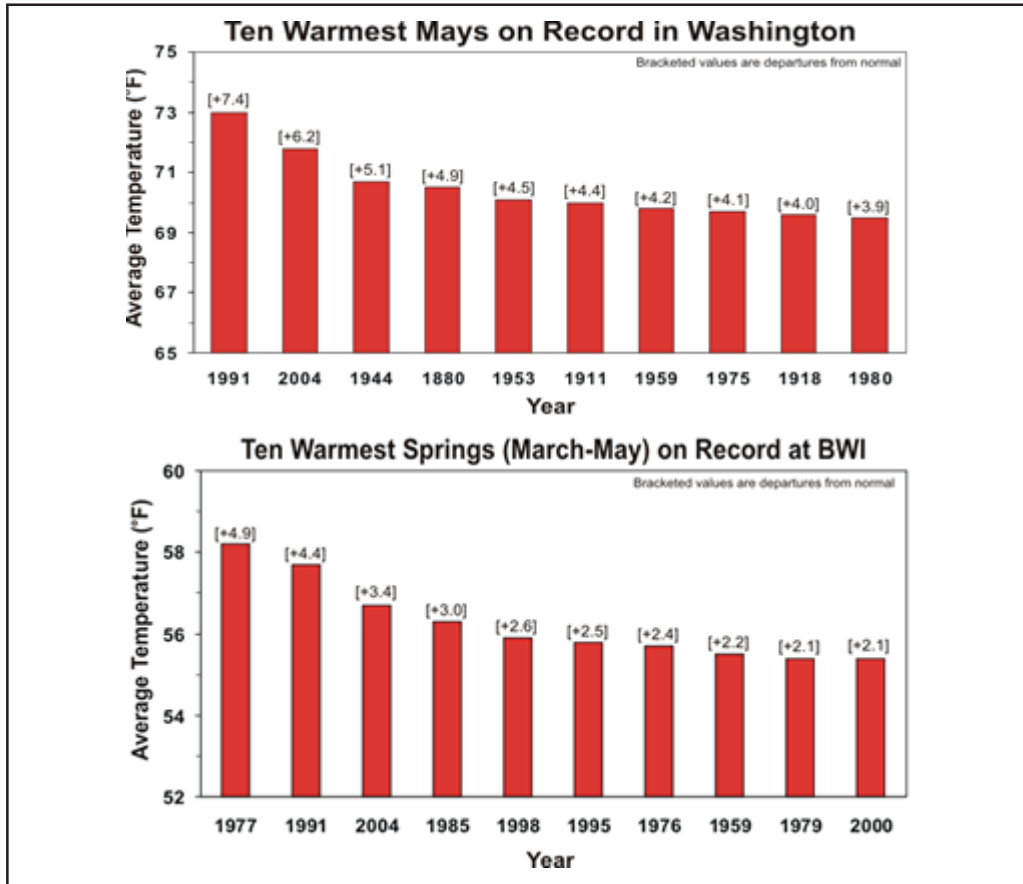
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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



MAY: Second Warmest in Washington

SPRING: Third Warmest in Washington and at BWI



Monthly Highlights

- ◆ Exceptionally warm with monthly temperature departures of +6.2F at DCA, +6.9F at BWI, +7.5 at IAD
- ◆ DCA and IAD record 20 days with highs at or above 80°F, BWI, 19
- ◆ Hottest weather on the 23rd & 24th as highs topped 90°F at many locations
- ◆ Numerous warm nights with 22 days with lows at or above 60°F at DCA, including low of 74°F on 23rd
- ◆ DCA records 18 days with measurable precipitation, including many days with thunderstorms
- ◆ Severe weather on 25th with three tornadoes, one F1 (winds between 73 & 112 mph) and two F0 (winds between 40 & 72 mph) reported in the local area
- ◆ Severe thunderstorms hit southern suburbs of Washington on 7th and 10th, generating large hail and high winds that toppled trees and knocked out power to thousands of customers, according to press reports

Spring Highlights

- ◆ Third warmest Spring (March-May) ever recorded in Washington and at BWI (second warmest at IAD)
- ◆ First Spring with above-normal temperatures, each of the three months, since 2000 at DCA
- ◆ Fourth consecutive month with above-normal temperatures at DCA, the longest (tied with 6/02-9/02) since 10/01-4/02
- ◆ DCA recorded 54 days (59%) with at or above-normal temperatures
- ◆ DCA observed 26 days with highs at or above 80°F, BWI, 24; IAD, 27
- ◆ Subnormal rainfall at both DCA and IAD and above-normal rainfall at BWI
- ◆ Sudden severe thunderstorms swept across Maryland on afternoon of March 6th with wind gusts to 60 mph, capsizing a shuttle boat in Baltimore's Inner Harbor which led to four fatalities and numerous injuries, according to press reports
- ◆ Driest March since 1987 at DCA and since 1995 at BWI & IAD
- ◆ Season's final freeze on April 5 at DCA (31°F); April 6 at BWI (29°F) and April 16 at IAD (30°F)
- ◆ Two lengthy rainstorms, April 1-4, and April 12-14, soaked most of local area with 3.5" to 4" of rain