

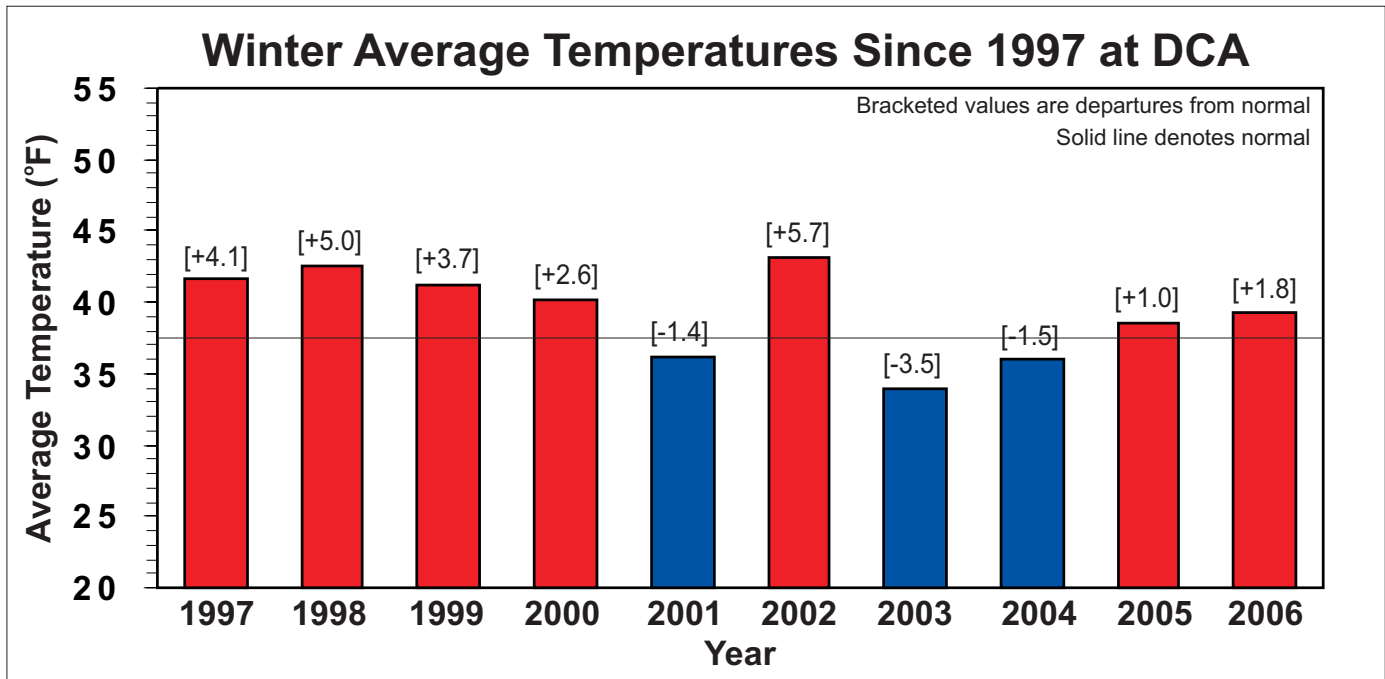


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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



FEBRUARY 2006: One Major Snowstorm **WINTER: Seesaw Winter with Record Warm January**



February Highlights

- ✦ Slightly above normal temperatures, below normal precipitation and above normal snowfall across the area
- ✦ Third consecutive warmer than normal February at DCA
- ✦ Highs at or above 60°F on 3 days at all major airports, including a monthly high of 66°F on 16th
- ✦ Highs remain below freezing on 19th for only 3rd day of winter season; lows plummet to between 10°F-14°F at most locations
- ✦ On 11th-12th, major storm drops more than 20" of snow with thunder snows in Baltimore and Howard Counties, MD, and more than a foot of snow at many locations across the metropolitan area
- ✦ On 17th, wind gusts to 45 mph at BWI, 44 mph at DCA and 40 mph at IAD

Winter Highlights

- ✦ Above normal temperatures with near normal precipitation and snowfall across the Washington/Baltimore area
- ✦ At or above normal temperatures at DCA on 54 days (60% of meteorological winter)
- ✦ Highs at or above 50°F at DCA on 30 days
- ✦ Lows at or below freezing at DCA on 49 days, the fewest such days since 2002
- ✦ Highest extreme minimum temperature (10°F) for winter at IAD since 2002
- ✦ At or below freezing lows in December on 21 days at DCA; 28 such days at BWI and IAD
- ✦ Wintry mixture of precipitation in early morning hours of Dec. 9th with snowfall amounts between 1.5" and 3" created hazardous road conditions across the metro area, closed numerous school systems and delayed openings for businesses and government
- ✦ More than an inch of rain at most locations on Dec. 15th-16th, including 1.47" at BWI, 1.23" at DCA and 1.18" at IAD
- ✦ No January days with highs at or below freezing at DCA for the first time since January 2002
- ✦ Wind gusts to 63 mph in Culpeper County, VA.; 60 mph in Calvert County, MD, 55 mph at Andrew AFB and 54 mph at DCA on Jan. 15th, knocking out power to 30,000 customers across area and injuring two people, according to press reports