



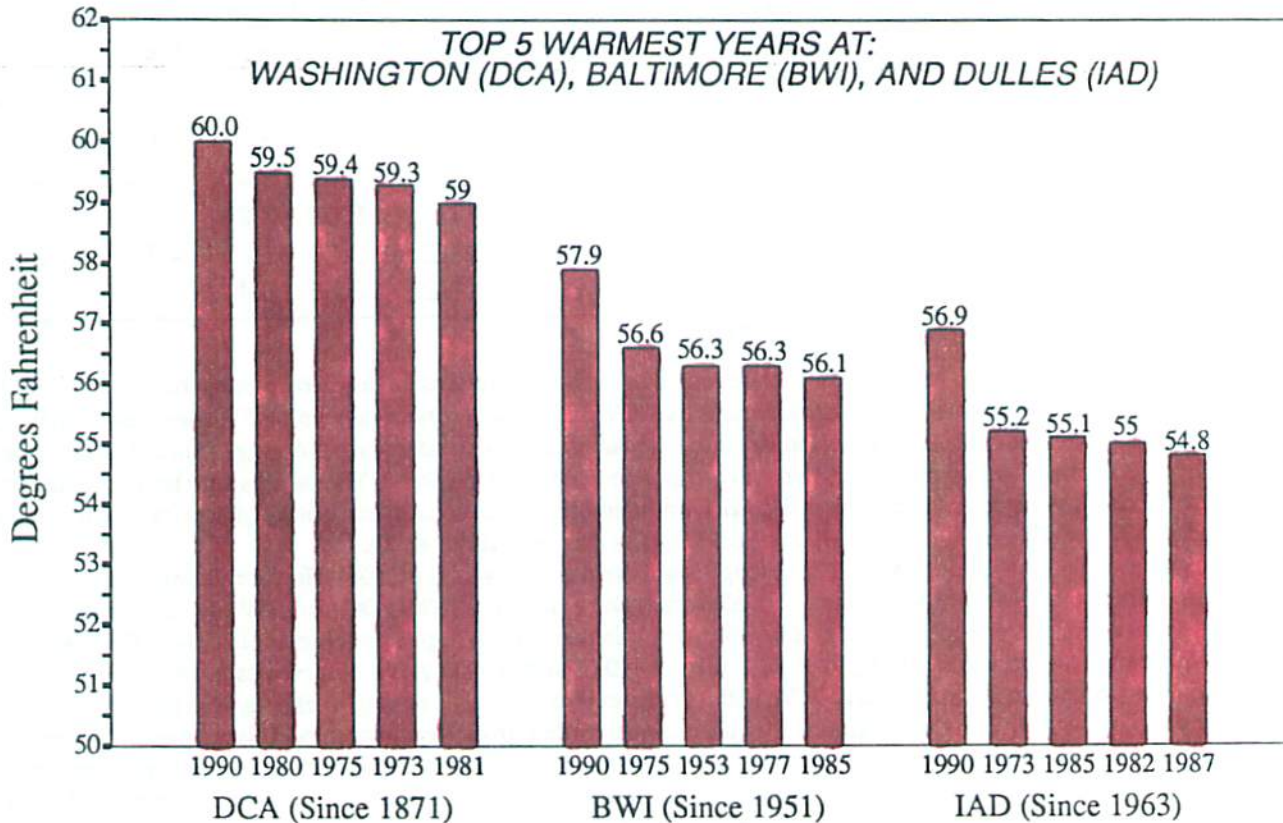
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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

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WARMEST YEAR ON RECORD IN WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Easily the warmest year on record at all major airports, with 1990 mean temperature departures of +2.5°F at DCA, +2.8°F at BWI, and +2.9°F at IAD. This was 0.5°F, 1.3°F, and 1.7°F warmer than the previous warmest year recorded, respectively. Downtown Baltimore (Custom House) also reported its warmest year at 61.1°F, or 3.2°F above normal [records since 1870]. Ft. Belvoir and Andrews AFB most likely recorded their warmest year at 3°F and 2°F above normal, but historical data was not available.
- Temperatures averaged above normal for 9 of 12 months at DCA, BWI, and IAD. At National, this included: 5th mildest January [mildest ever at IAD and BWI]; 2nd mildest February [2nd at BWI, 1st at IAD]; 10th warmest March [3rd at IAD, 5th at BWI] including four consecutive daily maximum temperature records, and highest reading (89°F Mar. 12) for so early in the year; April highs in the 80's and 90's on the 23rd-28th; summer-like warmth Oct. 6-15 including 86°F on the 9th and 10th at DCA; early and late warm spells during November with highs in the 60's and 70's; and the 6th warmest December [4th mildest at BWI and IAD] with 4 days of 68°F or more.

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