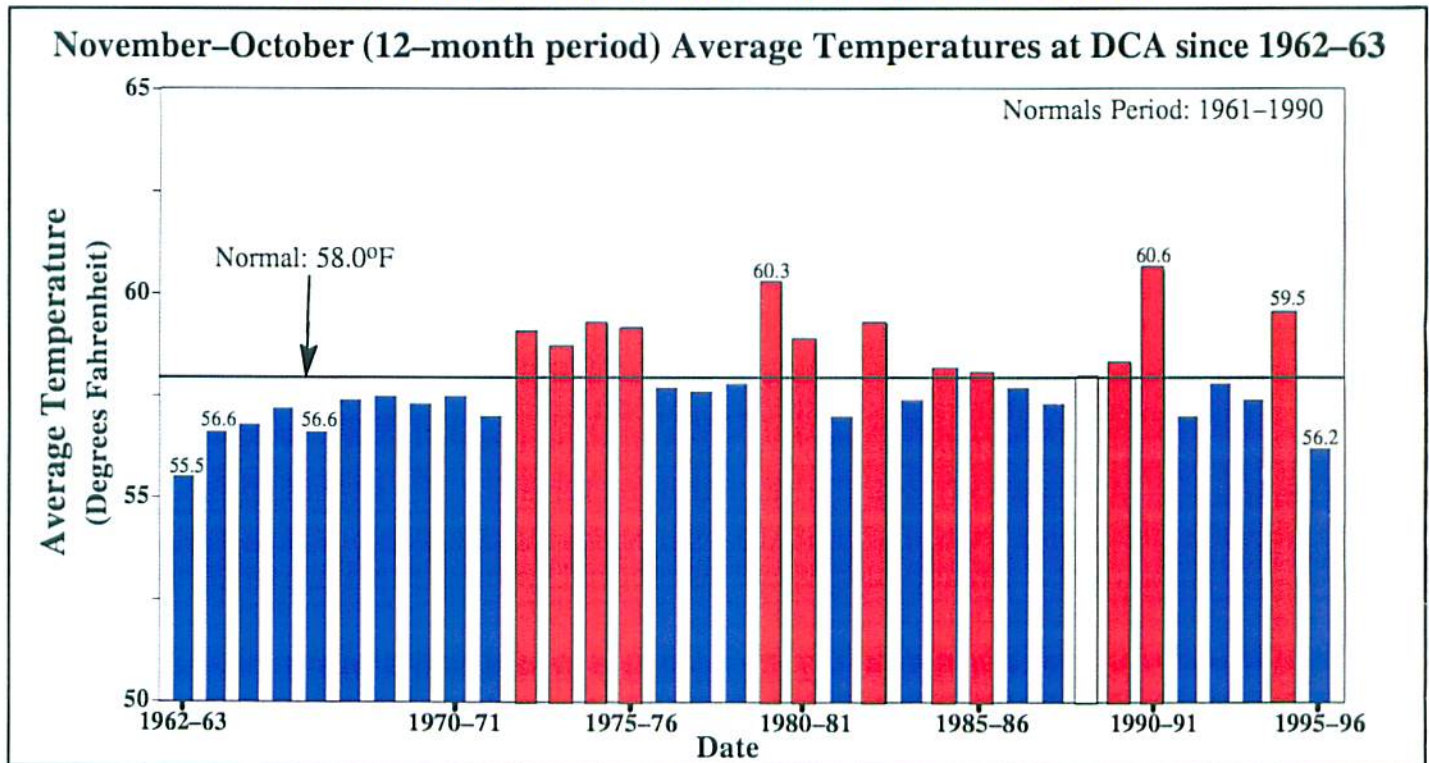


**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

OCTOBER 1996

**COOLEST NOVEMBER–OCTOBER (12–MONTH) PERIOD
IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS AT DCA**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Near normal temperatures and above normal precipitation across most of the local area;
- Subnormal temperatures 10 of the last 12 months at DCA;
- Coolest November–October period since 1962–63 at DCA (see graph above);
- Unusually cool period early in the month (3rd–12th) produces the first subfreezing readings of the Autumn for portions of the northern and western suburbs on the 12th, including a low of 31°F at IAD.
- Record daily highs observed at DCA (tied) and IAD on the 30th, with readings of 82°F and 81°F, respectively;
- Seven days with measurable precipitation at DCA;
- Powerful “Nor’easter” generated heavy rain (up to 2 inches at many locations) and strong winds across the Washington/Baltimore area on the 18th and 19th;
- Remnants of Tropical Storm Josephine yielded over an inch of rain at all five airports on the 8th;
- Slightly below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation for the first two months of meteorological Autumn across most of the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Second wettest January–October period ever recorded at IAD (Total Prec.: 49.13” ; Dep. Nml.: +15.41), and fourth wettest at BWI (Total Prec.: 47.78” ; Dep. Nml.: +13.75);
- Slightly below normal temperatures for the 1996 January–October period at the three major airports, with 10–month departures of –1.3°F at DCA, –1.2°F at BWI, and –0.5°F at IAD.

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