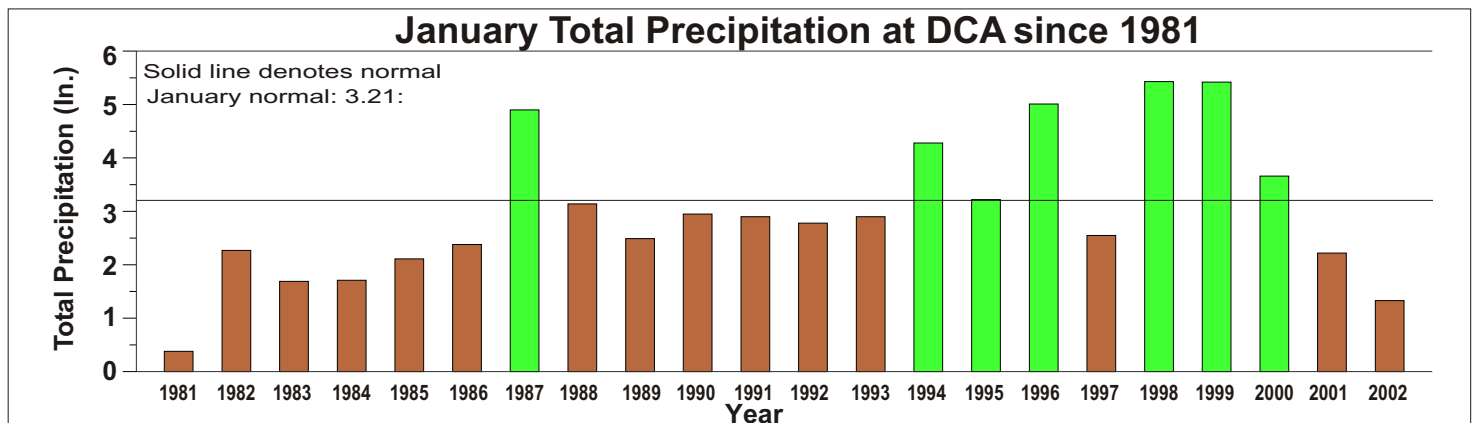
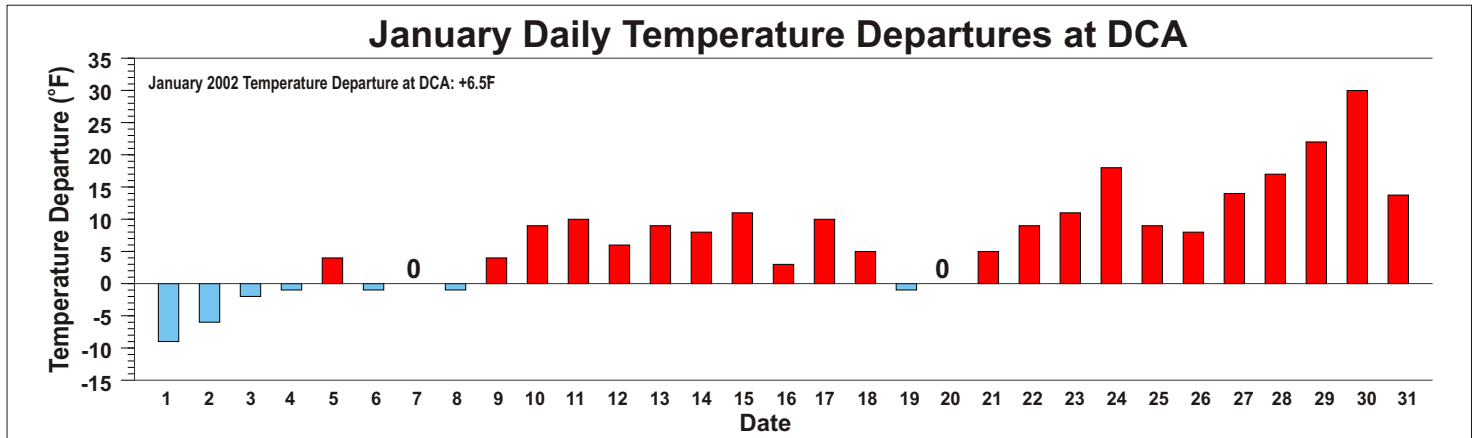




**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

**JANUARY 2002
ANOTHER ABNORMALLY WARM AND DRY MONTH**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Abnormal warmth and dryness across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Third warmest January on record at both BWI and IAD, 13th warmest in Washington;
- Monthly temperature departures at or above +6°F at both DCA and BWI, above +7°F at IAD;
- 24 days with at or above-normal temperatures at DCA;
- Five days with 60°F+ highs at DCA, including one day (30th) with highs at or above 70°F;
- Daily record highs observed at DCA (77°F), and at BWI (70°F) on the 30th and at IAD on the 28th (68°F) and 30th (70°F);
- Sixteenth winter month out of last 17 with warmer than normal temperatures at the three major airports;
- Fourth warmest December-January period ever recorded in Washington and second warmest (tied w/ Dec. 1970-Jan. 1971) at BWI and warmest ever at IAD;
- Driest January since 1981 at both DCA (1.33" - sixth driest overall in Washington) and IAD (1.20" - 4th driest overall);
- Sixth consecutive drier than normal month at DCA, fifth at BWI, fourth at IAD;
- Sixteenth winter month out of last 17 with subnormal snowfall at DCA;
- Driest December-January period since 1980-81 at DCA, since 1985-86 at both BWI and IAD.

Andrew H. Horvitz, Office of Climate, Water & Weather Services/NWS, (301) 713-1867 (ext. 125)
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