

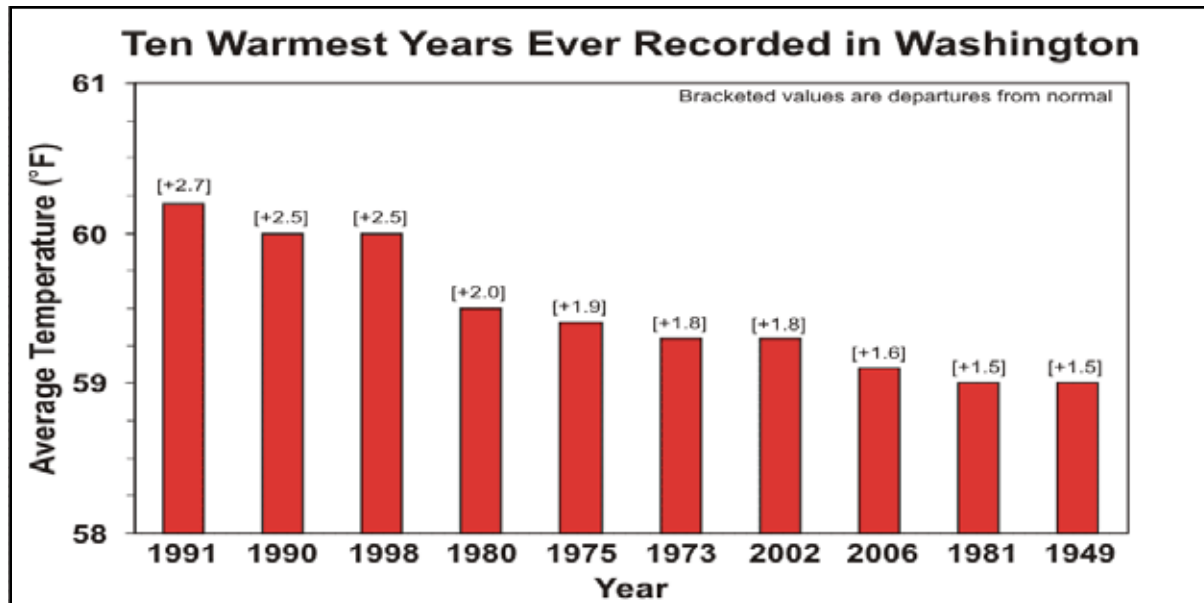


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PREcipitation Summary and Temperature Observations
For the Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD Area



DECEMBER 2006: 10th warmest on Record at DCA ANNUAL 2006: Eighth Warmest on Record in Washington with Above Normal Precipitation Across Area



December Highlights

- ✦ Tenth warmest December at DCA, 4th warmest at IAD; 5th warmest at BWI
- ✦ Highs at or above normal on 24 days at all three major airports, including all days from 11th-31st
- ✦ Record 75°F high on 1st at DCA, BWI, and IAD and on 18th of 76°F at IAD, 74°F at DCA, and 72°F at BWI
- ✦ No days with subfreezing highs at all three major airports
- ✦ Only 1 day (8th) with highs in 30's at most locations, including DCA and BWI and lows (9th) at or below 20°F at three major airports
- ✦ Strong winds on 1st with gusts to 53 mph at IAD and 48 mph at DCA
- ✦ Below normal precipitation with no measurable snowfall across area

Annual Highlights

- ✦ Washington records 8th warmest year ever, BWI, 4th, IAD, 2nd (tied with 1990)
- ✦ Washington logs 9th of top 10 warmest years since 1973
- ✦ Eight months with above normal temperatures at DCA
- ✦ Strong to severe thunderstorms lash area on May 11th, spawn three tornadoes near Fredericksburg, VA, and provide May's greatest rainfall
- ✦ On February 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 areas
- ✦ Highs at or above 50°F at DCA on 30 days in Winter 2005/2006
- ✦ On Jan 15, wind gusts to 63 mph in Culpeper County, VA.; knocking out power to 30,000 customers and reportedly injuring two people
- ✦ Driest March on record at all three major airports (DCA 0.05", IAD 0.07", BWI 0.18"); 5th driest spring in Washington, 3rd driest at BWI and IAD
- ✦ Second warmest April on record at IAD, 5th at BWI, 11th in Washington
- ✦ Soaking rains on April 22 prompt flood warnings across many counties with 2"-4" drenching many locations and resulting in flooded roads
- ✦ Greatest 2 day (June 25-26) rainfall in Washington: 9.41"; greatest weekly rainfall record in Washington: 11.20"
- ✦ Record June rainfall results in five fatalities in Frederick County, MD, numerous swift water rescues, road closures and power outages. Dozens of buildings, including IRS Headquarters, and homes damaged from flooding according to press reports
- ✦ Strong to severe thunderstorms on July 2 knocked out power to more than 100,000 homes with strongest storms observed in portions of Fairfax County, VA, and Montgomery County, MD, including rainfall of nearly 3" in western Fairfax County
- ✦ NWS Washington/Baltimore office leads successful evacuation of 80,000 people gathered on National Mall on July 4th as strong to severe thunderstorms rapidly descended on Washington D.C. Peak winds of 47 mph were observed
- ✦ Intense heat wave first 4 days in August as readings soared into the upper 90's at most locations from the 1st-3rd, including a high of 100°F at BWI on the 1st and record daily highs on the 3rd of 101°F at DCA and 100°F at BWI
- ✦ Remnants of Tropical Storm Ernesto impact region on September 1 with 2"-5" of rain, gusty winds, power outages, and wind gusts to 58 mph at Ocean City; up to 7" rain fell in St. Mary's County, MD
- ✦ An F1 tornado (winds up to 90 mph) hit Severna Park, MD, on September 28 resulting at least one minor injury and significant property damage
- ✦ Wettest November since 1979 at IAD and wettest since 1988 at DCA
- ✦ Wettest Autumn since 1995 (7th overall) at DCA and wettest since 1997 at IAD