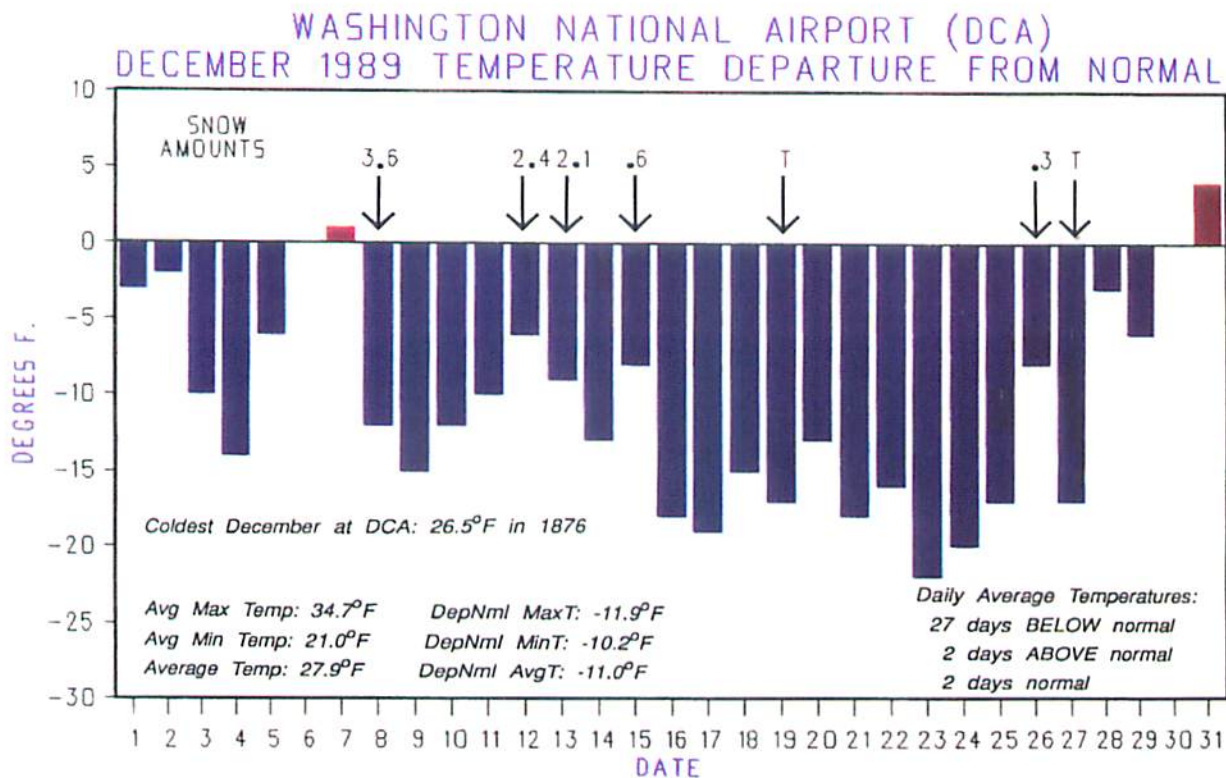


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PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA

DECEMBER 1989

SECOND COLDEST DECEMBER (TIED WITH 1917) AT
WASHINGTON SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1871.



A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER:

- First known white Thanksgiving and Christmas in Washington;
- Most consecutive days with December snow cover in Washington (22 days with $\geq 0.1''$, and 20 days with $\geq 1.0''$, and 11 days with $\geq 3.0''$);
- Most snow in Washington (9.0") since 1973 when 11.0" fell;
- First above normal November AND December snowfall at DCA since 1967;
- Temperature in Washington below 32°F on all but 3 days;
- Temperature at National Airport completely below freezing on 12 days, including a stretch of 252 hours (11 pm on Dec. 15 to 11 am on Dec. 26);
- Several record low daily minimum and maximum temperatures at Dulles and Baltimore-Washington airports, including the earliest sub-zero reading at IAD during the winter season (-2°F on Dec. 19).

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