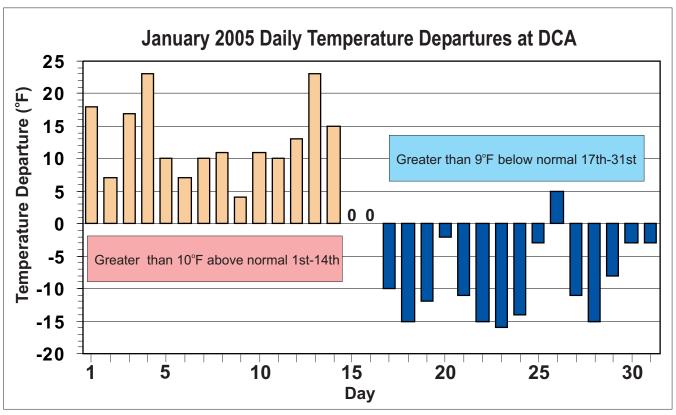






JANUARY: Split Personality: Warm Start, Cold Finish



Monthly Highlights

- Slightly above normal temperatures and precipitation with near average snowfall
- Average temperatures more than 10°F above normal first 14 days of the month then about 9°F below normal during final 15 days at DCA (see graphic)
- ◆ Highs at or above 60°F on 5 days at DCA, BWI and IAD, including high of 71°F at DCA (70°F at BWI) on 13th
- Daily record highs set at all three airports on New Year's Day
- ♦ Latest freeze of a new year (30°F on 15th) ever recorded in Washington
- Nine days with subfreezing highs at all three major airports
- ♦ Subfreezing lows from the 15th thru month's end across area with lows in single digits at many locations on 24th and 29th
- ♦ Soaking rains on 13th-14th with more than 2" recorded at most areas resulted in swollen creeks and streams, scattered flooded roads and forced some school closures, according to press reports
- ♦ First measurable snowfall of season on 19th of about 1"-2" resulted in numerous traffic accidents and flight delays, according to press reports
- ♦ Two weekend snows (22nd and 29th-30th) produced a total of 4"-6" at many locations, created dangerous road conditions, hampered air travel and canceled numerous public activities