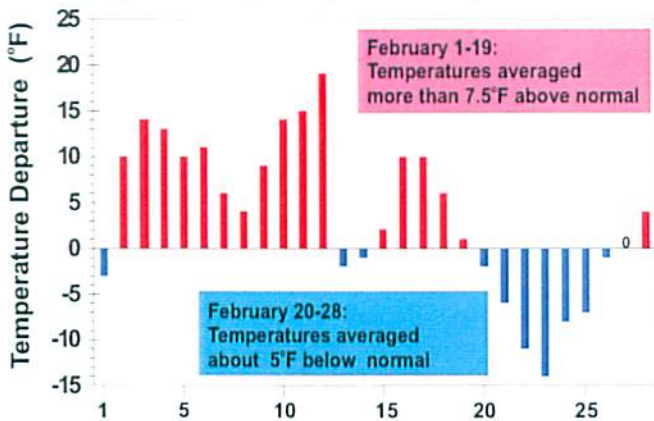




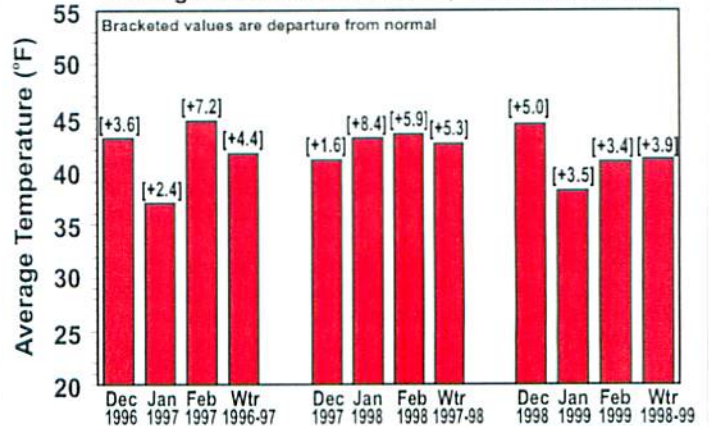
**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY AND TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS
FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC & BALTIMORE, MD AREA**

FEBRUARY 1999 & WINTER REVIEW
VERY MILD START, BUT COLD FINISH TO FEBRUARY;
THIRD CONSECUTIVE WINTER WITH ABOVE NORMAL
TEMPERATURES AND SUBNORMAL SNOWFALL

February 1999 Daily Temperature Departures at DCA



Monthly & Seasonal Average Temperatures at DCA During the Winters of 1996-97, 1997-98 & 1998-99



HIGHLIGHTS
MONTHLY

- Above-normal temperatures with near-normal precipitation and subnormal snowfall across the Washington/Baltimore area;
- Ninth consecutive winter month (Dec., Jan. & Feb.) with above normal temperatures at DCA;
- 18 days with at or above normal temperatures at DCA;
- Daily record highs established at DCA, BWI and IAD on the 12th with readings of 74°F, 73°F and 74°F, respectively ;
- 15 days with lows at or below 32°F at DCA and 1 day (31°F on the 23rd) with a subfreezing high;
- 11th February of last 12 with subnormal snowfall in Washington;
- Less than an inch of snow recorded at DCA (0.2"), BWI (0.6") and IAD (0.9");
- 2 days (4th & 12th) with thunderstorms in parts of the local area.

SEASONAL

- Above normal temperatures, near-normal precipitation and subnormal snowfall across the local area;
- Third consecutive warmer than normal winter (December-February) at the three major airports;
- 13 days with 60°F+ readings, including one 70°F+ reading each winter month at DCA;
- 62 days (69%) with at or above normal temperatures at DCA;
- 42 days with lows of 32°F or lower readings at DCA;
- 11 days with highs at or below freezing at DCA, the most since the winter of 1995-96;
- 11th winter of the last 12 with subnormal snowfall at DCA;
- Major ice storm on January 14th-15th across the northern and western portions of the local area downed numerous trees and power lines, knocking out power to nearly half a million customers;
- First month (January 1999) since June 1998 with wetter than normal conditions at both DCA & IAD (since May 1998 at BWI);
- Only one day (January 8th: 2.2") with a one inch or greater snowfall at DCA;
- The lowest snowfall total ever observed (9.5") in three consecutive winters in Washington.