For the Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD Area

## June 2014: Above Normal Temperatures in Washington; Frequent Severe Weather and Flooding



## June Highlights

* Normal to above normal temperatures: DCA, $+2.0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$; BWI, $+0.8^{\circ} \mathrm{F}, \mathrm{IAD}, 0.0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ at IAD
* Fifth consecutive June with above normal readings at DCA and BWI

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* On the $8^{\text {th }}$, an EF-1 tornado struck Martinsburg, WV, with estimated wind speeds of 90 mph , path length of 1 mile and width of 100 yards, causing tree and property damage
* On the $10^{\text {th }}$, torrential downpours caused flooding in Berwyn Heights, (Prince Georges County), MD. The area was inundated with 4 "-5" of rain in 2 hours, resulting in 24 water rescues and forcing residents to evacuated two dozen homes, according to press reports
* A stormy $19^{\text {th }}$ with early morning thunderstorms resulted in frequent cloud to ground lightning and power loss to a reported 22,000 customers. Severe weather reports from the storms included 1.25" hail in Park Heights, (Baltimore City), MD, wind gusts to 64 mph near North Beach (Ann Arundel County), MD, and 0.88 " hail near Manassas (Prince William County), VA. During the afternoon, areas south and east of Washington were hit again with hail measuring 1.75 " in Pine Grove (Page County), VA, 1.25" near Big Meadows (Madison County), VA, and a funnel cloud was observed near Clinton, (Prince Georges County), MD

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Temperatures: The three major airports reported normal to above normal temperatures: DCA, $+2.0^{\circ} \mathrm{F} ; \mathrm{BWI},+0.8^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$; and exactly normal at IAD. The month featured one mini heat wave from the $16^{\text {th }}-18^{\text {th }}$ when temperatures reached or exceeded $90^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. DCA reported a record $97^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ on the $17^{\text {th }}$. Maximum readings were $80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ or greater on all but 3 days at DCA, 6 days at BWI, and 8 days at IAD. DCA's minimum readings were uncomfortably warm, at or above $70^{\circ} F^{\circ}$, on 14 days including a sultry $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ on the $18^{\text {th }}$, equaling a record. IAD established a record high minimum for $18^{\text {th }}$ and $19^{\text {th }}, 71^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

The month's coolest readings at BWI and IAD occurred on the $1^{\text {st }}$ when both airport recorded a $50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ minimum. BWI recorded only 3 days with highs at or above $90^{\circ}$ F, the fewest since 2004, while DCA reported 4 such days, the fewest since 2009. Despite the relatively low number of scorchingly hot days, it was the $5^{\text {th }}$ consecutive June with above normal readings at DCA and BWI. DCA recorded 9 of last 10 years with above normal temperatures; BWI, 8 of last 10 (see cover).

Precipitation: Monthly rainfall was highly variable due to the isolated nature and intensity of showers and thunderstorms. Totals were subnormal at DCA, 3.31" (-0.47"), and above normal at BWI, 3.95" (+0.49") and IAD, 4.62" (+0.64"). Strong to severe thunderstorms impacted the region on numerous days.

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Two days later on the $10^{\text {th }}$, torrential downpours caused flooding in Berwyn Heights, (Prince Georges County), MD. The area was inundated with 4"-5" of rainfall in just 2 hours, resulting in 24 water rescues and forcing residents to evacuate two dozen homes, according to press reports. The following day, 2.58" of rain in Potomac, (Montgomery County), MD, led to flash flooding and water rescues. In Virginia, golf ball size hail (1.75") damaged a truck near Hayfield (Frederick County). On the $12^{\text {th }}$, flash flooding occurred in Leesburg (Loudoun County), VA while 3.28" deluged Annapolis, (Ann Arundel County), MD. The following day capped off a stormy week with flash flooding in Fells Point, (Baltimore City), MD, and $1.60^{\prime \prime}$ at Baldwin, (Baltimore County).

After a few tranquil days, severe weather returned in isolated locations on the $16^{\text {th }}$ resulting in $1.0^{\text {" }}$ hail near Myersville, (Frederick County), MD, and a tree down from thunderstorm winds in Flint Hill, (Rappahannock County), VA.

Strong thunderstorms caused frequent cloud to ground lightning across most the area after midnight on the $19^{\text {th }}$, resulting in loss of power to a reported 22,000 customers. The storms produced 1.25" hail in Park Heights, (Baltimore City), MD, wind gusts to 64 mph near North Beach (Ann Arundel County), MD, and $0.88^{\prime \prime}$ hail near Manassas, (Prince William County), VA. Later that day, an area east of Washington also marked severe weather. Hail measured 1.75 " in Pine Grove (Page County), VA, and 1.25" near Big Meadows, (Madison County), VA; a funnel cloud was observed near Clinton, (Prince Georges), MD.

The month's last bout of strong to severe thunderstorms occurred on the $25^{\text {th }}$ when trees were downed by strong winds near Laurel and Largo, MD, while BWI established a daily rainfall record of 1.50 ".

June 2014 Weather Statistics for the Washington/Baltimore Area

|  | Station Temperatures ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) |  |  |  | Extreme/Day |  |  | Precipitation (inches) |  |  |  |
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| Location | AvMx | AvMin | AvgT | NmIT | DepNmI | Max | Min | Total | NmI | DepNmI | YTD |
| National (DCA) | 85.6 | 68.8 | 77.2 | 75.2 | +2.0 | $97 / 17$ | $58 / 2$ | 3.31 | 3.78 | -0.47 | 25.60 |
| Baltimore (BWI) | 83.0 | 63.3 | 73.2 | 72.4 | +0.8 | $96 / 18$ | $50 / 1$ | 3.95 | 3.46 | +0.49 | 27.57 |
| Dulles (IAD) | 82.3 | 62.5 | 72.4 | 72.4 | 0.0 | $91 / 17,18$ | $50 / 1$ | 4.62 | 3.98 | +0.64 | 28.97 |

Looking Ahead to July: With June behind us, what does mid-summer hold? Below are some noteworthy July statistics for DCA: Normal Average Temperature: 79.8$F$; Normal Monthly Precipitation: 3.73".

DCA Temperature
Hottest: 2012 (High Temperature: $104^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ )
Coolest: 1897 (Minimum Temperature: $43.0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ )
Most 90${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}+$ days: 25 (2011)
Fewest $90^{\circ} \mathrm{F}+$ days: 0 (1891)
Most $100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}+$ days: 7 (2012)
Longest consecutive period of $9 \mathbf{0}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ days: 16 (July 3-18, 1993)
Longest consecutive period of $\mathbf{1 0 0}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}+$ days: 4 (July 19-22, 1930, July 5-8, 2012)
Record monthly high: $106^{\circ}$ F (July 20, 1930, tied with August 6, 1918)
Record monthly low: $52^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (July 4, 1919 and July 31, 1895)

