

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Colorado

Location	Type	Years	Details
Alamosa	WBAS WSO WSCMO	1945-1999	In January 1945, the Weather Bureau established its Alamosa office at the local airport. The station operated with 2 shifts a day, and was closed overnight. Office functions were contracted out in 1995 when ASOS was commissioned, and the contract office closed in 1999.
Boulder	WFO	1999-present	The Boulder NWS office was established in May 1999 after forecast operations were moved from the former Stapleton International Airport.
Colorado Springs	SigSvc WBO WBAS WSO WSCMO	1871-1894, 1948-1996	Signal Service operations began in December 1871, with operations transferred to the Weather Bureau at the end of 1892. The first office was at Colorado College. In September 1894, the office was closed. A new office opened at Peterson Field in April 1948, taking over operations from the Air Force. After the ASOS was commissioned, the office was operated in contract status for about 10 months, before closing in April 1996.
<u>Denver</u>	SigSvc WBO WBAS DFO FAWS WSFO WSCMO	1871-present	The Signal Service opened its Denver office 11/20/1871, and this was transferred to the new Weather Bureau in 1891. Around the turn of the 20th century, Denver was made a district forecast office for the Rocky Mountains. While the main office operated downtown, a separate facility was established at the new Stapleton Field 9/15/1931. Forecast operations were moved to Stapleton in March 1941, but the downtown office remained in place until 1956. In 1995, the observing program was moved to the new Denver International Airport, while the forecast office remained at the old Stapleton Airport location until 1999, at which point it moved to new facilities in Boulder. Upper-air observations continue at the old Stapleton location.
Durango	WBO	1904-1913	A Weather Bureau office operated in Durango from September 1904 to the end of August 1913, at which point it became a synoptic observation station.
<u>Grand Junction</u>	WBO WSO WFO	1899-present	The Weather Bureau opened a downtown office January 1, 1899. It remained at various locations downtown until 3/16/1946, when it moved to the airport. Upper air observations began by the Army in May 1944, and by the Weather Bureau in October 1944. The office moved off the airport during the 1980's, then came back in 1995.
Limon	WSMO	1970-1995	A Weather Service Meteorological Observatory was established in August 1970. It took surface observations and operated the WSR-57 network radar. The station was closed after the network radar was decommissioned.
Longmont	CWSU	?-present	The Denver area CWSU operates from the ARTCC in Longmont.
Pikes Peak	WBO	1892-1894	
Pueblo	WBO WBAS WSO WFO	1932-present	Several observation sites had operated in the downtown area since 1888, until the Weather Bureau established facilities in February 1932. There were separate offices at the airport and downtown, which were consolidated at the airport in July 1940. The Weather Bureau moved to new facilities on the airport grounds June 1954, then relocated to the airport terminal building at the end of September 1969. In September 1994, the operations moved to a new facility, with a WSR-88D installed 18 miles northeast at the end of the year. Staffing and functions increased with the new facility.

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