

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Georgia

Location	Type	Years	Details
Adairsville	WBAS	1943-1945	A Weather Bureau Airport Station opened in December 1943, but was closed by the fall of 1945.
Athens	WBAS WBO WSO	1943-1997	A Weather Bureau Airport Station opened in July 1943 at Ben Epps Field. The office operated part-time from 1948 to 1955. Upper-air observations began in September of 1955 after being moved from Atlanta. A WSR-57 radar was commissioned 9/21/1966. The office was closed in 1997, with functions transferred to the Peachtree City (Atlanta) office.
<u>Atlanta</u>	SigSvc WBO WBAS DFO FAWS HQ WSFO RFC RDO WSO	1878-1996	<p>The Signal Service established an office in downtown Atlanta 9/25/1878, and was taken over by the new Weather Bureau in the 1890's. It occupied several locations downtown, ending at the Federal Annex (opened 3/15/1934). An airport office was established 11/1/1928, and the city office merged with it 4/30/1954. A district forecast office was established in July 1943, assuming part of the former Jacksonville, FL, forecast coverage area. In January 1944, a Flight Advisory Weather Service station was added at the air traffic control center. A regional headquarters office was closed in early 1950. A new airport facility was occupied 4/2/1962, with forecast operations moved off the airport 6/2/1976. On 2/28/1992, the office relocated to temporary facilities in Hapeville, before moving permanently to Peachtree City 4/15/1994, with airport observing operations terminated 10/31/1996.</p> <p>The <u>Southeast River Forecast Center</u> moved to Atlanta in 1967 from Augusta, moving to the WBAS at the Atlanta International Airport. It had a few temporary homes downtown until being co-located with the Weather Service Forecast Office in 1976. The RFC and WSFO moved to a temporary facility in 1992 before relocating to Peachtree City in April 1994.</p>
Augusta	SigSvc WBO WBAS RFC WSO	1870-1995	The first Augusta office was located downtown in November 1870, initially measuring only wind and precipitation. A relocation to Gray's Building (7 th and Broad Sts.) added temperature reports. The office moved to the present City Hall in 1891 when the Weather Bureau was established, and to the U.S. Courthouse in 1916. A Weather Bureau Airport Station (WBAS) was opened at Daniel Field Airport in 1942, after assuming operations from the U.S. Army, and the city and airport offices were consolidated in 1949. Operations moved to the new airport in 1950, and remained there until the office closed in 1995. Augusta was also the first home of the <u>Southeast River Forecast Center</u> , which was present until relocating to Atlanta in 1967.
Columbus	WBAS WSO	1946-1996?	A Weather Bureau Airport Station was opened at the Muscogee County Airport in January 1946. The office was reduced to 16-hour per day operations in 1952, and did not resume full-time operations until March 1977. A WSR-74C radar was commissioned 4/2/1979. The office was closed as part of the NWS modernization.
Dawsonville	WBO	1955? - ?	The Weather Bureau operated a station at the Georgia Nuclear Laboratory to support the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.
Hampton	CWSU	? - present	The Atlanta-area Center Weather Service Unit operates out of the ARTCC in Hampton.

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Leesburg	WB/UA	1919-1931	Leesburg was one of 5 Weather Bureau offices taking upper air observations using kites. This was discontinued in July 1931, when airplane observations began in other locations around the country.
Macon	WBO WBAS RDO WSO	1899-1995?	The Weather Bureau established its office in Macon in April 1899 at the Post Office/Courthouse. It was relocated a few times, beginning in 1905, as the building underwent various renovations. A separate office was established at Cochran Field (current Middle Georgia Regional Airport) in 1944, and the city office moved to this locations in October 1949. A WSR-3 radar was commissioned 4/21/1958, and replaced by a WSR-74C on 4/18/1977. A separate office was established at the Georgia Forestry Center in 1968. NWS operations ended after the ASOS was commissioned in 1995.
Rome	WBAS WSO	1945-1969	An office was opened at Russell Field in September 1945. An Automated Meteorological Observation Station was established in 1961, and the office began part-time operations. The office was fully automated in April 1969.
<u>Peachtree City</u>	WFO RFC	1994- present	The Peachtree City office opened 4/15/1994, with the relocation of the Atlanta NWS forecast office. Peachtree City is also the home of the Southeast River Forecast Center.
Savannah	SigSvc WBO WBAS WSO	1870-1996	Signal Service operations began in December 1870, with the Weather Bureau taking over in 1891. The office remained downtown at various locations until July 1949. A separate airport office was opened at Hunter Field in July 1930, and the city office was relocated here in July 1949. It then moved to Travis Field (current Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport) in 1950. A WSR-4 radar was commissioned at the office 4/7/1960, and removed in 1970. A WSR-74C radar was then commissioned 11/15/1982. The office closed in April 1996 after ASOS commissioning.
Thomasville	WBO	1905-1933, 1955-1964	The Weather Bureau opened an office in Thomasville in August 1905. It was closed at the end of August 1933, and made a second-order station. The office reopened in October 1955, and permanently closed 7/1/1964.
Waycross	WSMO	1969-1995	A meteorological observatory was established in April 1969, taking upper-air observations. A WSR-57 network radar was installed in August of that year. The office was closed in 1995, after the radar was decommissioned and upper-air responsibilities moved to Jacksonville, FL.
Winder	WBO		
