

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Indiana

Location	Type	Years	Details
Evansville	WBO WBAS WSO WSCMO	1897-2008	A Weather Bureau office was established in December 1897 at the Federal Building. It was relocated to the Citizens National Bank Building at the start of 1916 when renovations began at the Federal Building, then moved back to its original location in July 1926. An airport station was established in October 1929, but closed in July 1934 when airline operations were discontinued. The airport office was re-established July 1940, when the operations of the city office were relocated to the airport. A WSR-57 radar was installed in April 1960. A contract meteorological observatory was established in February 1996 with ASOS commissioning, before being transferred to the FAA in August of that year. After the radar was decommissioned in 1996, a single employee remained as a liaison to the local area, until his retirement in 2008.
Fort Wayne	WBO WBAS RDO WSO	1911-1997	A Weather Bureau office was established in Fort Wayne at the Shoaff Building in May 1911. A second office operated at the original Baer Field in August 1939, and the two offices merged at the airport in April 1941. It then moved to the new airport (now Fort Wayne International Airport) in December 1946. A River District Office was established in 1961. A WSR-3 radar was installed in 1957, and replaced by a WSR-74C 3/12/1976. The office was closed in 1997, when a new facility in North Webster merged the functions of the Fort Wayne and South Bend offices.
<u>Indianapolis</u>	SigSvc WBO WBAS WSFO CWSU WFO	1871- present	The first weather office in Indianapolis was established downtown in February 1871, and operated in several locations over the years. An office was established April 1, 1931 at Weir Cook Airport (currently known as Indianapolis International Airport). The two offices were merged in 1954. The first radar, a WSR-3, was installed in October 1959, and was replaced by the WSR-74C in September 1977. After moves in 1965 and 1977, the office moved to its present location in 1993. A separate office was established in the Air Route Traffic Control Center in the late 1970's, to house the Center Weather Service Unit. Construction of the WSR-88D radar began in 1992, with commissioning in 1996.
North Webster	WFO	1998- present	The NWS established a Weather Forecast Office here to merge the operations of its South Bend and Fort Wayne offices. It initially used double-wide trailers, before a formal building opened in August 1999.
Royal Center	WB/UA	1919-1931	Royal Center was one of 5 Weather Bureau stations taking upper air observations via kites. This function was replaced by airplanes in the summer of 1931, which were conducted in Cleveland, Ohio.
South Bend	WBAS WBO WSO	1937-1996	The Weather Bureau opened its South Bend office in October 1937 at the municipal airport (current South Bend Regional Airport). The office relocated to a different part of the airport in 1942 after the original building was destroyed in a fire. A WSR-74C radar was commissioned 10/22/1982. The office was closed in July 1996 after ASOS was commissioned.
Terre Haute	WBO WBAS	1912-1954	The Weather Bureau opened an office at the Tribune Building in Terre Haute in late July 1912, and moved to the Post Office building in February 1935. The office moved to the old Paul Cox Field in late 1942, taking over for the CAA; this station was moved to the new Hulman Field in February 1947. The airport station was transferred back to the CAA at the end of 1954.

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West Lafayette	AWSC	1969-1995	West Lafayette was the home of the Midwest Agricultural Weather Service Center (MAWSC), opened in 1969 on the Purdue University campus. The office closed in 1995 when agricultural weather forecasts were discontinued by the NWS.
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