

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Maryland

Location	Type	Years	Details
Baltimore	SigSvc WBO WBAS WSO	1870-1995?	Although the Signal Service opened its Baltimore station at the end of 1870, observations in the general area date back to 1829. The Weather Bureau took over in June 1891, at an office at Johns Hopkins University. Operations were moved to the Custom House in 1908. A separate airport station opened 2/16/1930 at the old Logan Field, moving to Baltimore Municipal Airport in 1945 and Friendship International Airport (now Baltimore-Washington International) in July 1950, where operations were combined with the city office. The airport office was closed in the mid 1990's when its functions were transferred to the office in Sterling, VA.
Camp Springs	NMC NCEP	1973-2012	The World Weather Building was constructed in the mid 1970's to house the functions of the National Meteorological Center; most operations moved there by January 1975. A new facility (NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction) was opened at the University of Maryland campus in the summer of 2012, with NCEP operations at the World Weather Building relocated to this facility by September 2012.
College Park	NCEP	2012-present	The NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction was opened at the University of Maryland campus in the summer of 2012, with NCEP operations at the World Weather Building relocated to this facility by September 2012.
Frederick	WBAS WBO	1943-1963	The Weather Bureau opened an office near Frederick in August 1943, and moved to the municipal airport in January 1949, when operations were reduced to 8 hours a day. The station was closed at the end of October 1963.
Laurel Ridge	WBO	1932-1934	
Patuxent River	WSMO	1970-1995	A Weather Service Meteorological Observatory opened at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in 1970, when the WSR-57 radar was moved from Washington National Airport due to interference from local construction. This was replaced with a WSR-74S on 12/1/1982. The office was closed after the radar was decommissioned.
Silver Hill	WBO	1950-1953	The Weather Bureau established the Silver Hill Observatory and Testing Station on 10/1/1950. It assumed upper-air observations that were previously taken at Washington National Airport, and also conducted acceptance testing of various balloons, radiosondes, inflation techniques, and pilot balloon observations. It also tested rain gage and other surface observation equipment.
Silver Spring	HQ NMC NCEP	1966-present	<p>Weather Bureau Headquarters was relocated from 2400 M Street in Washington to a new site in Silver Spring in 1966.</p> <p>The Forecast Division of the National Meteorological Center was relocated from Suitland in February 1975. It was renamed the Meteorological Operations Division in 1984. In October 1995, the division was split into the Hydrometeorological Prediction Center, the Ocean Prediction Center, NCEP Central Operations, and the Aviation Weather Center (which operated in Kansas City). Much of the Silver Spring NCEP operations were relocated to College Park in 2012, upon completion of the NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction.</p>

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Suitland	NMC WBFO WSFO	1954-1992?	<p>The Weather Bureau established a communications center in Suitland in 1954. The Joint Numerical Weather Prediction (JNWP) forecast unit was established next door, as a joint project with the Navy, Air Force, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Chicago. The following year, the Weather Bureau-Air Force-Navy Analysis Center (forerunner of the current Weather Prediction Center) was relocated from the “Old Main” campus in Washington to Suitland, and renamed the National Weather Analysis Center. It was incorporated into the new National Meteorological Center in 1958 and merged with JNWP. Eventually, the Analysis and Forecast Division of NMC was relocated to the World Weather Building in Camp Springs in February 1975. However, the communications center remained in Suitland until 1992, when it was relocated to Silver Spring.</p> <p>The forecast center for the Washington DC area was moved to Suitland in 1967, then to Sterling, VA around 1992.</p>
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