

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in New York

Location	Type	Years	Details
Albany	SigSvc WBAS WBO WSO WSFO WFO	1873- present	Although official Signal Service observations began in Albany 12/22/1873 at the Dudley Observatory, scattered temperature records for the area date as far back as 1796. The office was at the U.S. Customs House when the Weather Bureau took over. An airport station was established in January 1930, and became the official climatological station in June 1938; the two offices were consolidated at the airport in 1964. Upper-air observations began at the airport in October 1955, initially 4 times a day, then reduced to twice a day in 1957. A WSR-3 radar was commissioned 11/12/1958, and replaced by WSR-74C 7/27/1977. The office was designated as a forecast office in 1971. The office was relocated to the University of Albany as part of the NWS modernization.
Bear Mountain	WBO	1938-1953	The Weather Bureau took over the station at Bear Mountain in 1938, although the observations date back to 1932 in nearby Peekskill. The station was reduced to operating 12 hours a day beginning in 1948. The office was closed May 19, 1953.
Binghamton	WBO WBAS WSO WFO	1896- present	A Weather Bureau office was established at the Binghamton post office in October 1896, and continued there until 1951, when it was relocated to the new Broome County Airport and consolidated with the airport station which had been in Endicott. A WSR-3 radar was commissioned 6/15/1959, and replaced by a WSR-74S radar 3/8/1978. The office was upgraded in the NWS modernization of the 1990's and made into a forecast office.
Bohemia	HQ	? - present	
Buffalo	SigSvc WBO WBAS WBFO WSFO WSCMO WFO	1870- present	Signal Service operations began in November 1870 on the Hollister Block in downtown Buffalo, with the Weather Bureau taking observations in 1891. For nearly 75 years, the station remained within a quarter mile circle of downtown, finally moving to the airport in 1944. The airport operations first began in 1929, with upper-air observations commencing in 1939. A WSR-57 radar was commissioned 10/29/1961. Operations moved to a new observatory building on the east side of the airport grounds in the early 1960's, and a separate forecast wing was opened at the terminal building in the late 1960's. The observatory portion became a contract meteorological observatory in 1981, and was transferred to the FAA in the late 1990's when the observation function was moved to the airport terminal; upper-air observations continue on the east side of the airport. The forecast office was moved to new facilities on the eastern edge of the airport in April 1995.
Canton	WBO	1906-1950	A Weather Bureau office opened on the campus of St. Lawrence University in July 1906, and moved to its own building in February 1910. The office was closed in 1950.
Columbiaville	WBAS	1943-1946	
Elmira	WBAS	1939	This WB Airport Station took over for the local CAA station for one year.
Endicott	WBAS	1942-1951	The Weather Bureau took over operations from the CAA at the Tri-Cities Airport in December 1942. The office was relocated to the new Broome

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County Airport in Binghamton in May 1951, and consolidated with the Binghamton city office.

Ft. Plain WBAS 1943-1948

Ithaca WBO 1899-1943 The Weather Bureau opened an office at Cornell University in 1899. The office was closed in July 1943, when its functions were transferred to the Albany office.

New York City SigSvc
WBO
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HQ
WBFO
WSO
WSMO
WSFO 1870-? The Signal Service office in New York City opened October 1870 on Wall Street, moving to Broadway in 1871, which is where it was located when the Weather Bureau took over in 1891. The office moved to Battery Place in May 1911, where it remained until relocating to 30 Rockefeller Plaza at the end of 1960. The office was upgraded to a forecast office in July 1950, covering the north half of New Jersey, the NYC metropolitan area, and Long Island. A WSR-57 radar was commissioned 3/6/1961, placed on top of the building. The forecast office portion was relocated to New York University in 1970, then moved back in December 1974. The office was moved to the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton in October 1993.

A separate observatory office dates back to 1868 at the Arsenal Building. The Weather Bureau took it over in 1920 and moved it to near Central Park, which became the official observation point for the city in 1960.

**New York/
Kennedy** WBAS
WBFO
WSO
WSCMO 1948-? An Airport Station was established at Idlewild Airport (current JFK International Airport) in June 1948 in the "temporary" terminal building. It was relocated to the International Arrivals terminal in December 1957. Upper-air observations began in November 1956, then were relocated to Fort Totten (9 miles north of the airport) in 1973. A second forecast office for the area was established at Kennedy Airport in 1966. The office became a contract meteorological observatory in June 1988.

**New York/
LaGuardia** WBAS
FAWS
WSO
WSCMO 1939-? The Weather Bureau opened an airport station at LaGuardia Field in 1939, on the 3rd floor of the Landplane Administration Building. A Flight Advisory Weather Station was opened in 1943. The WBAS moved to the Marine Terminal Building in June 1961. The office became a contract meteorological observatory in June 1988.

Niagara Falls WBO 1943-? The Weather Bureau established an office at the municipal airport on 1/7/1943, operating 16 hours a day.

Oswego SigSvc
WBO 1870-1953 The Signal Service opened an office in Oswego in November 1870, part of the original network of offices. It was located at the Grant Building initially, then relocated to the post office in 1884, where the Weather Bureau took over in 1891. The office was closed in March 1953, with its functions transferred to the Syracuse office.

Rochester SigSvc
WBO
WBAS
WSO 1870-
1996? The Rochester office of the Signal Service was part of the original network of offices in 1870. It opened at the Reynolds Arcade Building, then moved to the Powers Building in September 1871. The Weather Bureau took over in 1891 and moved the office to the Government Building. An airport office was established in late 1929, and the city office

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was moved to this location in November 1940. The office closed during the NWS modernization of the 1990's.

Ronkonkoma CWSU ? -present

Syracuse WBO 1902-
WBAS 1993?
WSO

The Syracuse office of the Weather Bureau was established at Syracuse University in August 1902, then moved to the Federal Building in October 1928. A separate Airport Station was established November 1937 at the municipal airport in Amboy, and was the city office was consolidated here in August 1940. The office relocated to the new Hancock Airport in 1949. The station was closed during the NWS modernization, with its functions transferred to the Binghamton office.

Upton WBO 1949-?,
WSFO 1993-
WFO present

In April 1949, the Weather Bureau opened a special office to support the work of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, being done at the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The forecast office for the New York City area was relocated to the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton in October 1993.

Whiteface Mountain WBO 1937-1946