

# Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Oklahoma

Location	Type	Years	Details
<b>Altus</b>	WBO		
<b>Broken Arrow</b>	WBO	1919-1931	Broken Arrow was one of 5 upper air stations run by the Weather Bureau, utilizing kites. This practice ended in June 1931, and was replaced by upper air observations via airplane at Dallas.
<b><a href="#">Norman</a></b>	WSFO WFO NCEP TC	1987-present	The Norman NWS office opened in January 1987, as a relocation of the Oklahoma City forecast office. It was originally located at the Max Westheimer Airport. In 1997, the <a href="#">Storm Prediction Center</a> moved here from Kansas City and was co-located with the forecast office. In August 2006, the two offices were moved to the new National Weather Center on the University of Oklahoma's South Research Campus. The NWC also includes one of the NWS training centers, the Warning Decision Training Division. The Norman office has participated extensively in NWS modernization efforts, through tests of new equipment and staffing levels.
<b><a href="#">Oklahoma City</a></b>	WBO WBAS RDO TC WBFO WSFO WSO	1890-present	The Weather Bureau presence in Oklahoma City dates to November 1890, with a separate airport station established at Will Rogers Field on 4/2/1932. The two were consolidated at the airport in early 1955. Upper air observations began in July 1938, continuing until the summer of 1967. A training center was established in 1946 for the CAA; the NWS continues to have several staff members at this FAA training center. A WSR-1 radar was commissioned 3/1/1955; it was replaced by the WSR-57 in April 1960. The office was designated a Weather Bureau Forecast Office in 1969. Upper-air observations resumed in February 1975, after being moved from Norman. The forecast office was moved to Norman in January 1987, with operations continuing at the airport to operate the radar, until it was decommissioned in 1994.
<b>Tulsa</b>	WBAS WBO RDO WSO WFO RFC	1930-1934, 1938-present	The Weather Bureau opened an airport station in March 1930. The CAA took over its operations in June 1934, then the Weather Bureau reopened its office in December 1938. A separate city office was established in 1945, which contained the functions of the River District Office, which had been established the previous year. The city office was closed in December 1947, and the newly established <a href="#">River Forecast Center</a> functioned in its place. A WSR-1 radar was established at the airport 5/4/1956, and was replaced with a WSR-74C radar 3/12/1976. The airport office (WSO) and RFC were combined at a new facility southeast of the airport in the 1990's, as part of the NWS modernization, and the WSO was upgraded to a forecast office.
<b>Waynoka</b>	WBAS WBO	1937-1946	A WBAS was established at the Transcontinental & Western Airfield northeast of Waynoka, in October 1937. The office was relocated into Waynoka in September 1944, and remained there before closing at the end of 1946.