

## Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Oregon

Location	Type	Years	Details
<b>Astoria</b>	SigSvc WBO WBAS WSO WSCMO	1870-1903, 1953-1999	The Signal Service opened an office in Astoria in the fall of 1870, although observations in the area date back as far as 1822. This was replaced by a Weather Bureau office in the early 1890's, which closed in 1903. Cooperative weather observers continued observations. A new station was established in January 1953 at Clatsop County Airport. A WSR-3 radar was commissioned 6/1/1959, remaining in operation until 11/1/1967. After the office closed in 1997, a contract office remained in place for a time to monitor the ASOS.
<b>Baker</b>	SigSvc WBO WBAS	1889-1910, 1911-1953	The first office established in Baker was at the Orpheum Building in July 1889, and moved in 1901 and again in 1905. The office was destroyed in a fire 1/26/1910, and did not reopen until 2/21/1911. A separate airport office was established in March 1944, sharing responsibility with the CAA through 1945, then the Weather Bureau operated alone for 1946, before responsibility shifted back to the CAA. The city office closed in May 1953.
<b>Burns</b>	WBO WSO WSMO	1942-1998	The Weather Bureau office in Burns was established at the Voetgly Building in September 1942, and moved to the Federal Building in 1950. It was frequently operated in a part-time manner, especially from 1973 onward, when it was designated as a meteorological observatory. It was relocated to the Burns Airport in 1980, and operated with automated equipment during the off-hours. An ASOS was commissioned in July 1995, but the office was not officially closed in July 1998.
<b>Condon</b>	WBO	1943-1945	A Weather Bureau office operated in Condon for just under 2 years, at the county fairgrounds. The office had been relocated from Maupin.
<b>Crescent</b>	WBO	1944-1945	This Weather Bureau office was only in operation for a little over a year.
<b>Crown Point</b>	WBO	1943-	A first-order station was established at Crown Point in August 1943.
<b>Eugene</b>	WBAS WBO WSO	1937-1997	The Weather Bureau established an airport station in Eugene in 1937, and was moved to the new municipal airport in December 1942. It began joint operations with the CAA in 1955, resuming full-time operations in June 1964. The office was closed in 1997.
<b>Klamath Falls</b>	WBO WBAS WSO	1943-1945 1962-1995	The Weather Bureau and CAA jointly operated the station at the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport from October 1943 through October 1945, at which point the CAA took over sole operation. In March 1962, a Weather Bureau Airport Station was established, although observations were taken by the Air Force. The Weather Bureau office was mainly an agricultural office, only staffed by two people and open 8 hours a day. This office was in place by the mid 1980's, and closed in the summer of 1995.
<b>Lakeview</b>	WBO	1943-1944	This Weather Bureau office operated less than a year, before becoming a second-order station. It had also operated as a second-order station for several years beforehand.
<b>Maupin</b>	WBO	1943	This Weather Bureau station was only open for 6 months, before being moved to Condon.
<b>Meacham</b>	WBAS WBMO WSMO	1943-1975	An office was established at the Meacham Emergency Airport in March 1943. An Automated Meteorological Observing Station was commissioned in April 1958, and manual operations were generally one shift per day

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	WSCMO		afterward. The lone remaining employee was transferred in September 1972, and the station became a contract station, which was closed in 1975.
<b>Medford</b>	WBO WSO WFO	1926-present	Although observations began in Medford 3/11/1911, the Weather Bureau didn't open a facility until 12/11/1926. The office first moved to the airport 11/1/1929, and relocated 5/1953 and 6/1969, before the current office was opened 8/1984. Office equipment over the years included the installation of the WSR-57 radar in June 1971, NOAA Weather Radio in September 1979, and the WSR-88D radar in August 1995.
<b>Pendleton</b>	WBAS WSO WFO	1935-present	Weather observations began in Pendleton in February 1886, although the Weather Bureau office wasn't established until April 1935. Located at the airport, it relocated to the airport terminal in October 1960, where it remained until May 1995. At that time, it moved into new facilities at the airport.
<b>Portland</b>	SigSvc WBO WBAS WBFO WSFO WSO WFO RFC	1871-present	<p>The Portland office was one of the early Signal Service offices, established in November 1871. The Weather Bureau took over in 1892 and moved it to the Oregonian Building, where it remained until moving to the Custom House in 1902. An airport station was first established at Swan Island Airport in July 1928, and was relocated to the Portland Columbia Airport (now Portland International Airport) in 1940. The airport office was moved in 1948 due to record flooding, returning by 1950. The city office and airport offices were consolidated in March 1955 at the airport. The airport station was established as a regional forecast office in December 1968. A separate fire weather office was opened in 1977, in a joint program with the U.S. Forest Service, and operated through March 1985. The forecast office was relocated in 1994 to a new facility just off the grounds from the airport, co-located with the River Forecast Center, although minimal operations continued at the airport for a short time.</p> <p>A <a href="#">River Forecast Center</a> was established at the Custom House in 1948, co-located with the Army Corps of Engineers. When the city and airport offices were consolidated at the airport, the RFC remained at the Custom House. It remain until 1994, when moving to a new facility co-located with the forecast office just off the grounds from the airport.</p>
<b>Roseburg</b>	SigSvc WBO WBAS	1877-1964	The first office in Roseburg was established at the DaMotta Building in 1877, and was destroyed in a fire in August 1884. The office was relocated to the Marks Building, where it stayed through 1905. It later moved to the Federal Building, where it stayed until relocating to the airport in December 1952. The station was closed during the overnight hours at this point, and fully closed at the end of 1964.
<b>Sexton Summit</b>	WBO WSMO WSCMO	1942-1989	The Weather Bureau assumed operations of the station at the top of Mount Sexton (15 miles north of Grants Pass) in November 1942; the CAA had initially operated the station since 1932. An AMOS station was commissioned in March 1961, allowing for part-time operation. The station was designated as a meteorological observatory in 1969, then as a contract meteorological observatory in March 1982. The office was closed in December 1989, and the AMOS was replaced by ASOS in January 1993.
<b>Siskyou</b>	WBO	1908-1913, 1945-1948	