

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in West Virginia

Location	Type	Years	Details
Beckley	WBAS WSO	1963- 1994?	The Weather Bureau established operations at the Raleigh County Airport in May 1963, taking over from the airlines. A WSR-74C radar was commissioned 11/1/1977. The office was closed as part of the NWS modernization.
Charleston	WBAS WSO WSFO WFO	1950- present	A Weather Bureau Airport Station opened at Kanawha Airport in September 1950. A separate unit operated periodically at Guthrie Air Force Station for radar purposes, from 1960 to 1963. A Weather Service Forecast Office was established in September 1971. Another separate unit was established on the West Virginia State College campus to conduct upper-air observations, but was closed in 1974. A WSR-74C radar was commissioned 5/16/1977. The office was moved to new facilities in the mid 1990's, and then again in 2022.
Elkins	WBO WBAS WSO	1899- 1994?	The Elkins office was opened 1/1/1899 at the Warfield & Dann Building, then moved to the post office in 1918. A separate airport station was established in July 1939 at Harper Field, under joint operations with the CAA; the city office was merged at the airport September 1944. The office was closed as part of the NWS modernization.
Huntington	WBO WBAS RDO WSO	1940- 1994?	A Weather Bureau office opened in March 1940, and began taking upper-air observations in 1941. These observations were discontinued when the CAA took over operations and moved them to the Huntington Airport. The office then moved back to downtown Huntington, in April 1949, operating from the Federal Building. Upper-air observations resumed in December 1961, when the office at the airport was re-established; the city office was then closed in January 1962. The office was closed during the NWS modernization of the 1990's.
Parkersburg	SigSvc WBO WSO	1888- 1982	Federal observations in Parkersburg began at the U.S. Courthouse in July 1888 by the Signal Service, and were transferred to the Weather Bureau in the early 1890's. The office moved temporarily in 1961-62 while a new Federal Building was constructed on the same site. The office was closed 4/1/1982.
Petersburg	WBO	1945- 1954	The Weather Bureau opened a facility at the county school office building in January 1945. The office was closed at the end of April 1954.