

8,000 m

Cirrocumulus

Cirrus

Cirrostratus

6,000 m

Cumulonimbus

Altostratus

4,000 m

Alto cumulus

Cumulus

2,000 m

Stratocumulus

Nimbostratus

Stratus

High Clouds

Because of the cold temperatures at high altitude, high clouds are made up of ice crystals. The prefix *cirro-* is used to describe high clouds.

Middle Clouds

Middle clouds can be made up of both water droplets and ice crystals. The prefix *alto-* is used to describe middle clouds.

Low Clouds

Low clouds are made up of water droplets. The prefix *strato-* is commonly used to describe these types of clouds.

