

Episode 56TM April 29, 2024. American Lung Association State of the Air, PM2.5 statistics.

In Episode 56TM, American Lung Association (annual) State of the Air, PM2.5 statistics. 1)By Municipality, 1a)Worst Air, and 1b)Best Air. 1<sup>st</sup> column is by year round particle pollution, column 2 is by short term particle pollution. 2)By State, Worst to Best, see ALA website for this information on their United States Map. 3)For Wisconsin as an example, 27 out of 72 Counties compared. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. <https://www.lung.org/research/sota/city-rankings/most-polluted-cities> Select on a city name to view the rankings for your city, a chart of the trends for ozone and year-round particle levels over time, and information about how many residents are in each of the groups most at risk from air pollution. Note that some cities rank high on one list and don't show up on other lists because of the differences in their pollution problems. Each city includes all the counties that form the economic and transportation network that makes up the metropolitan area as defined by the federal government.

1a)Municipality List of Worst

By Year Round Particle Pollution

- #1: [Bakersfield, CA](#)
- #2: [Visalia, CA](#)
- #3: [Fresno-Madera-Hanford, CA](#)
- #4: [Eugene-Springfield, OR](#)
- #5: [San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, CA](#)
- #6: [Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA](#)
- #7: [Sacramento-Roseville, CA](#)
- #8: [Medford-Grants Pass, OR](#)
- #9: [Phoenix-Mesa, AZ](#)
- #10: [Fairbanks, AK](#)
- #11: [Indianapolis-Carmel-Muncie, IN](#)
- #12: [Yakima, WA](#)
- #13: [Detroit-Warren-Ann Arbor, MI](#)
- #14: [Chico, CA](#)
- #16: [Houston-The Woodlands, TX](#)
- #17: [El Centro, CA](#)
- #18: [Reno-Carson City-Fernley, NV](#)
- #19: [Pittsburgh-New Castle-Weirton, PA-OH-WV](#)
- #20: [Kansas City-Overland Park-Kansas City, MO-KS](#)
- #20: [Las Vegas-Henderson, NV](#)
- #22: [Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI](#)
- #22: [Cincinnati-Wilmington-Maysville, OH-KY-IN](#)
- #24: [Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC](#)
- #25: [Corpus Christi-Kingsville-Alice, TX](#)
- #25: [Oklahoma City-Shawnee, OK](#)

By Short-Term Particle Pollution

- #1: [Bakersfield, CA](#)
- #2: [Fresno-Madera-Hanford, CA](#)
- #3: [Fairbanks, AK](#)
- #4: [Eugene-Springfield, OR](#)
- #5: [Visalia, CA](#)
- #6: [Reno-Carson City-Fernley, NV](#)
- #7: [San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, CA](#)
- #8: [Redding-Red Bluff, CA](#)
- #9: [Sacramento-Roseville, CA](#)
- #10: [Chico, CA](#)
- #11: [Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA](#)
- #12: [Yakima, WA](#)
- #13: [Seattle-Tacoma, WA](#)
- #14: [Missoula, MT](#)
- #16: [Phoenix-Mesa, AZ](#)
- #17: [Boise City-Mountain Home-Ontario, ID-OR](#)
- #18: [San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA](#)
- #19: [Salt Lake City-Provo-Orem, UT](#)
- #20: [Denver-Aurora, CO](#)
- #21: [Logan, UT-ID](#)
- #21: [Portland-Vancouver-Salem, OR-WA](#)
- #23: [Las Vegas-Henderson, NV](#)
- #24:  [Fargo-Wahpeton, ND-MN](#)
- #24: [Salinas, CA](#)

The cities on the lists of the cleanest for ozone and short-term particle pollution are not ranked because all the cities earned the same scores. The cities on the list of the cleanest for year-round particle pollution levels are ranked by their average levels of particles, as calculated by EPA. Note that some cities are clean for one category but not for others.

1b)Municipality Best to Worst.Top 25 Cleanest U.S. Cities by Year-round Particle Pollution

- #1: [Urban Honolulu, HI](#)
- #2: [Casper, WY](#)
- #3: [Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, HI](#)
- #4: [Wilmington, NC](#)
- #5: [Bangor, ME](#)
- #6: [Cheyenne, WY](#)

Cleanest U.S. Cities by Short-term Particle Pollution

- [Asheville-Marion-Brevard, NC](#)
- [Bangor, ME](#)
- [Bloomington-Bedford, IN](#)
- [Burlington-Fort Madison-Keokuk, IA-IL-MO](#)
- [Cape Coral-Fort Myers-Naples, FL](#)
- [Champaign-Urbana, IL](#)

#7: [Duluth, MN-WI](#)  
#8: [Colorado Springs, CO](#)  
#9: [Anchorage, AK](#)  
#9: [St. George, UT](#)  
#11: [Elmira-Corning, NY](#)  
#12: [Asheville-Marion-Brevard, NC](#)  
#12: [Grand Junction, CO](#)  
#12: [Lubbock-Plainview-Levelland, TX](#)  
#12: [Saginaw-Midland-Bay City, MI](#)  
#16: [Amarillo-Pampa-Borger, TX](#)  
#16: [Lynchburg, VA](#)  
#16: [Salisbury-Cambridge, MD-DE](#)  
#19: [Rochester-Austin, MN](#)  
#20: [Greenville-Kinston-Washington, NC](#)  
#20: [Syracuse-Auburn, NY](#)  
#22: [Grand Island, NE](#)  
#23: [Lima-Van Wert-Celina, OH](#)  
#23: [Lincoln-Beatrice, NE](#)

[Charlottesville, VA](#)  
[Cleveland-Indianola, MS](#)  
[College Station-Bryan, TX](#)  
[Dayton-Springfield-Kettering, OH](#)  
[Erie-Meadville, PA](#)  
[Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR](#)  
[Florence, SC](#)  
[Gadsden, AL](#)  
[Greenville-Kinston-Washington, NC](#)  
[Gulfport-Biloxi, MS](#)  
[Harrisonburg-Staunton, VA](#)  
[Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC](#)  
[Hot Springs-Malvern, AR](#)  
[Houma-Thibodaux, LA](#)  
[Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA](#)  
[Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, HI](#)  
[Kokomo-Peru, IN](#)  
[Lafayette-West Lafayette-Frankfort, IN](#)  
[Lake Charles-Jennings, LA](#)  
[Lansing-East Lansing, MI](#)  
[Lima-Van Wert-Celina, OH](#)  
[Lincoln-Beatrice, NE](#)  
[Lynchburg, VA](#)  
[Madison-Janesville-Beloit, WI](#)  
[Midland-Odessa, TX](#)  
[Mobile-Daphne-Fairhope, AL](#)  
[Montgomery-Selma-Alexander City, AL](#)  
[Morgantown-Fairmont, WV](#)  
[New Orleans-Metairie-Hammond, LA-MS](#)  
[North Port-Sarasota, FL](#)  
[Orlando-Lakeland-Deltona, FL](#)  
[Owensboro, KY](#)  
[Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL](#)  
[Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna, WV-OH](#)  
[Pensacola-Ferry Pass, FL-AL](#)  
[Ponce-Yauco-Coamo, PR](#)  
[Portland-Lewiston-South Portland, ME](#)  
[Rochester-Batavia-Seneca Falls, NY](#)  
[Rockford-Freeport-Rochelle, IL](#)  
[Rocky Mount-Wilson-Roanoke Rapids, NC](#)  
[Saginaw-Midland-Bay City, MI](#)  
[Salisbury-Cambridge, MD-DE](#)  
[San Juan-Bayamón, PR](#)  
[Scottsboro-Fort Payne, AL](#)  
[Tuscaloosa, AL](#)  
[Urban Honolulu, HI](#)  
[Virginia Beach-Norfolk, VA-NC](#)  
[Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA](#)  
[Wilmington, NC](#)

Within Wisconsin, 27 out of 72 counties could be graded for at least one measure of air quality.

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### High Ozone Days Particle Pollution Populations at Risk

Wisconsin reports data on 26 out of 72 counties. Counties with no ozone data are not shown.

Sorted by County

County	Grade	Wgt. Avg.	Orange Days	Red Days	Purple Days
<a href="#">Ashland</a>	B	0.3	1	0	0
<a href="#">Brown</a>	C	1.0	3	0	0
<a href="#">Columbia</a>	C	1.3	4	0	0
<a href="#">Dane</a>	C	1.0	3	0	0
<a href="#">Dodge</a>	B	0.7	2	0	0
<a href="#">Door</a>	F	4.0	12	0	0
<a href="#">Eau Claire</a>	A	0.0	0	0	0
<a href="#">Fond du Lac</a>	C	1.0	3	0	0
<a href="#">Forest</a>	A	0.0	0	0	0
<a href="#">Jefferson</a>	C	1.7	5	0	0
<a href="#">Kenosha</a>	F	9.0	24	2	0
<a href="#">Kewaunee</a>	D	2.2	5	1	0
<a href="#">La Crosse</a>	A	0.0	0	0	0
<a href="#">Manitowoc</a>	F	4.3	10	2	0
<a href="#">Marathon</a>	A	0.0	0	0	0
<a href="#">Milwaukee</a>	F	5.5	15	1	0
<a href="#">Outagamie</a>	C	1.0	3	0	0
<a href="#">Ozaukee</a>	F	6.0	15	2	0
<a href="#">Racine</a>	F	6.7	17	2	0
<a href="#">Rock</a>	C	1.0	3	0	0
<a href="#">Sauk</a>	B	0.3	1	0	0
<a href="#">Sheboygan</a>	F	6.5	15	3	0
<a href="#">Taylor</a>	A	0.0	0	0	0
<a href="#">Vilas</a>	A	0.0	0	0	0
<a href="#">Walworth</a>	D	2.7	8	0	0
<a href="#">Waukesha</a>	D	2.7	8	0	0