

Community Action to Fight Asthma Clean Air and Climate Plans and Policies

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Our 23rd annual report



- Puts air pollution into everyday language
- Gives the public local information
- Focuses attention on ozone and particle pollution
- Gives grades to 935 counties with monitors (out of 3,142 counties)
- Ranks 25 metro areas with worst pollution (& cleanest) for 3 pollutants



Air pollution can harm children and adults in many ways.

Wheezing and coughing Shortness of breath Asthma attacks Worsening COPD Lung cancer

Premature death
Susceptibility to infections
Heart attacks and strokes
Impaired cognitive functioning
Metabolic disorders
Preterm births and low birth weight





More than 4 in 10 Americans live in places with unhealthy levels of air pollution.



People of color are 3 times more likely than white people to live in a county with 3 failing grades.



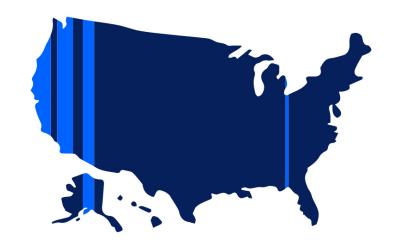
The three years covered by State of the Air 2022 ranked among the seven hottest years on record globally.



Most polluted cities for short-term PM_{2.5}

- 1. Fresno-Madera-Hanford, CA
- 2. Bakersfield, CA
- 3. Fairbanks, AK
- 4. San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, CA
- 5. Redding-Red Bluff, CA
- 6. Chico, CA
- 7. Sacramento-Roseville, CA
- 8. Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
- 9. Visalia, CA
- 9. Yakima, WA

All but one of the 25 worst cities for short-term particle pollution are in the western U.S.

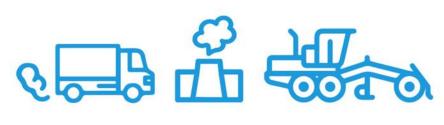




Most polluted cities for year-round PM_{2.5}

- Bakersfield, CA
- 2. Fresno-Madera-Hanford, CA
- 3. Visalia, CA
- 4. San Jose-San Francisco-Oakland, CA
- 5. Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
- 6. Medford-Grants Pass, OR
- 7. Fairbanks, AK
- 8. Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
- 9. Chico, CA
- 10. El Centro, CA

Sources of particle pollution







Most polluted cities for ozone

- 1. Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
- 2. Bakersfield, CA
- 3. Visalia, CA
- 4. Fresno-Madera-Hanford, CA
- 5. Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
- 6. San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA
- 7. Denver-Aurora, CO
- 8. Houston-The Woodlands, TX
- 9. Sacramento-Roseville, CA
- 10. Salt Lake City-Provo-Orem, UT





Transportation Pollution: California

~80%

Smog- and Particle-forming Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx)

~50%

Climate-forcing
Greenhouse Gases (GHG)



Planning for Clean Air and Climate Protection

Key Decisions in 2022

State Implementation Plan (SIP)

Achieve Ozone Standards

Climate Change Scoping Plan

Achieve Climate Standards



Sustainable Community Policies Needed

Vehicle Miles Traveled

Smart Growth, Healthy Active Transportation

Fund Healthier Projects

Align \$\$ with health and equity, not more pollution and driving



Healthy Communities

"Reducing vehicle miles traveled

is necessary to directly and immediately reduce mobile source emissions..."

California Air Resources Board 2020 Mobile Source Strategy

"...while **progress** around deployment of cleaner vehicle technology and fuels was significant, it was also

dampened by continued increases in per capita vehicle miles travelled."

CA GHG Emission Inventory, 2021 California Air Resources Board



"11,307 fewer chronic disease deaths annually"

- Increase physical activity
- Improve mental health
- Reduce chronic disease



Strong Zero-Emission Policies Needed

Key Decisions in 2022

Advanced Clean Cars

Clean Up + Transition Passenger Vehicles to Zero Emissions

Advanced Clean Fleets

Zero Emission Trucks Fleets and Sales Targets



\$1.2+ Trillion

Public Health Benefits

- Cumulative Public Health Benefits
- 2020-2050 Timescale
- National-scale Benefits

- 110,000 Premature Deaths Avoided
- 2.7 Million Asthma Attacks Avoided
- 13.4 Million Lost Work Days Avoided



State Benefits

Top 10 States Ranked by Monetized Health Benefits

Top 10 States Public Health Benefits		Cumulative Health Benefits, 2020 - 2050			
		Health Benefits (\$2017 Billions)	Premature Deaths Avoided	Asthma Attacks Avoided	Lost Work Days Avoided
1.	California	\$ 169.0	15,300	440,000	2,160,000
2.	Texas	\$ 104.0	9,320	346,000	1,520,000
3.	Pennsylvania	\$ 86.8	7,940	148,000	735,000
4.	Florida	\$ 85.6	7,760	142,000	766,000
5.	Ohio	\$ 68.5	6,280	137,000	635,000
6.	New York	\$ 68.2	6,200	159,000	825,000
7.	Illinois	\$ 59.5	5,410	138,000	670,000
8.	Michigan	\$ 51.4	4,700	97,400	466,000
9.	New Jersey	\$ 43.6	3,960	92,400	464,000
10.	Indiana	\$ 36.8	3,360	83,000	373,000



Thank you!

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