

Table 361. National Ambient Air Pollutant Concentrations by Type of Pollutant: 2001 to 2007

[Data represent annual composite averages of pollutant based on daily 24-hour averages of monitoring stations, except carbon monoxide which is based on the second-highest, nonoverlapping, 8-hour average; ozone, the fourth-highest maximum 8-hour value; and lead, the maximum quarterly average of ambient lead levels. Based on data from the Air Quality System. $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ = micrograms of pollutant per cubic meter of air; ppm = parts per million]

Pollutant	Unit	Monitoring stations, number	Air quality standard ¹	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
				Carbon monoxide	ppm	322	² 9	3.3	2.9	2.7
Ozone	ppm	1,013	³ 0.075	0.081	0.085	0.080	0.074	0.079	0.077	0.077
Sulfur dioxide	ppm	406	⁴ 0.03	0.0046	0.0043	0.0043	0.0041	0.0041	0.0037	0.0035
Particulates (PM-10)	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	734	⁵ 150	86.5	86.8	84.4	69.6	65.2	75.6	68.5
Fine particulates (PM2.5) annual average	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	725	⁶ 15	13.2	12.7	12.3	11.9	12.9	11.6	11.9
Fine particulates (PM2.5) daily average	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	725	⁷ 35	34.1	32.9	30.8	30.5	33.5	28.7	30.9
Nitrogen dioxide	ppm	313	⁸ 0.053	0.015	0.015	0.014	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.012
Lead	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	103	⁹ 0.15	0.35	0.17	0.17	0.21	0.16	0.14	0.155

¹ Refers to the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard. ² Based on 8-hour standard of 9 ppm. ³ Based on annual standard of 0.03 ppm. ⁴ Based on 8-hour standard of 0.075 ppm. On March 12, 2008, EPA revised the level of the primary and secondary 8-hour ozone standards to 0.075 ppm. ⁵ Based on 24-hour (daily) standard of 150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The particulates (PM-10) standard replaced the previous standard for total suspended particulates in 1987. In 2006, EPA revoked the annual PM-10 standard. ⁶ Based on annual standard of 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The PM-2.5 national monitoring network was deployed in 1999. National trend data prior to that time is not available. ⁷ Based on daily standard of 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The PM-2.5 national monitoring network was deployed in 1999. National trend data prior to that time is not available. ⁸ Based on annual standard of 0.053 ppm. ⁹ Based on 3-month standard of 1.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Latest Findings on National Air Quality—Status and Trends through 2007*; released November 2008; <<http://www.epa.gov/air/airtrends/2008/index.html>>.