

Air Quality Fact Sheet

Particle Pollution - Monthly Climatology

QA When do high particle pollution levels occur?

Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) AQI levels (orange) in the Youngstown-Warren region occur mostly in January, June, July, and August.

QA How many high particle pollution days occur each year?

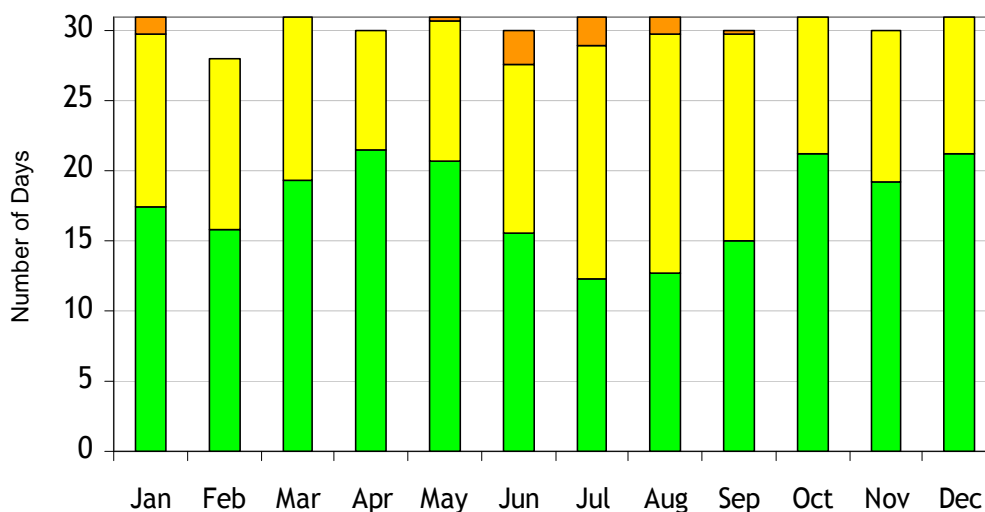
AQI levels reach USG on an average of seven days each year.

i Other information:

Moderate AQI levels (yellow) typically occur on more than half of the days in July and August.

April is the cleanest month. In the fall, winter, and spring generally more than half of the days each month have Good AQI levels (green).

Particle pollution levels have not been in the Unhealthy AQI (red) range since 2001.



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Footnotes:

Statistics are based on data collected from 2001 to 2004.

AQI = Air Quality Index, Good = Green, Moderate = Yellow, Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups = Orange.

Particle pollution is also called PM_{2.5}, particulate matter, and fine particles.