

Air Quality Recap

May 2009

U.S. EPA Energy-Saving Tips

- Set programmable thermostats to save energy while you are asleep or away
- Run ceiling fans in a clockwise direction and make certain to turn them off when you leave the room
- Inspect your duct system for leaks and disconnections
- Maintain your cooling system—check the air filter every month and change it at least every 3 months
- Turn off lights and equipment when not in use
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Visit www.energystar.gov for more energy-saving tips

Number of Observed Days with AQI Above 100

OZONE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	TOTAL
2009	-	-	-	-	0	0
2008	-	-	-	-	0	0
2007	-	-	-	-	8	8
AVERAGE	-	-	-	-	3	

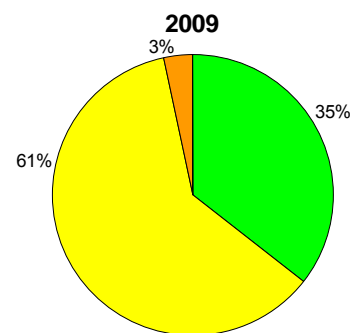
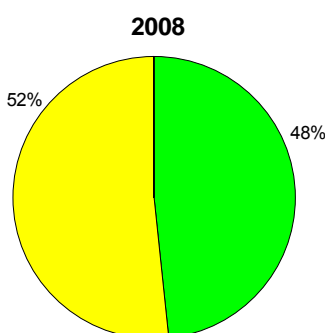
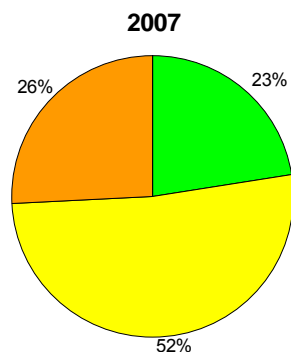
PARTICLES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	TOTAL
2009	2	2	0	0	1	5
2008	0	1	0	0	0	1
2007	0	0	0	0	1	1
AVERAGE	1	1	0	0	1	

In May 2009, the Air Quality Index (AQI) in Columbus was Good on 35% of days, Moderate on 61% of days, and Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) on 3% of days. USG AQI levels were reached on one day in May 2009, compared with zero days in May 2008 and eight days in May 2007.

One Air Quality Alert was issued in May 2009, for ozone compared with zero Alerts in May 2008.

The average temperature for the month was 0.9°F above normal. The mean temperature was 63.5°F, compared with 60.4°F in May 2008. Columbus received 2.42 inches of precipitation, which was 1.46 inches below normal.

Maximum Daily AQI for the Month by Category



Good
0 - 50

Moderate
51 - 100

Unhealthy for
Sensitive Groups
101 - 150

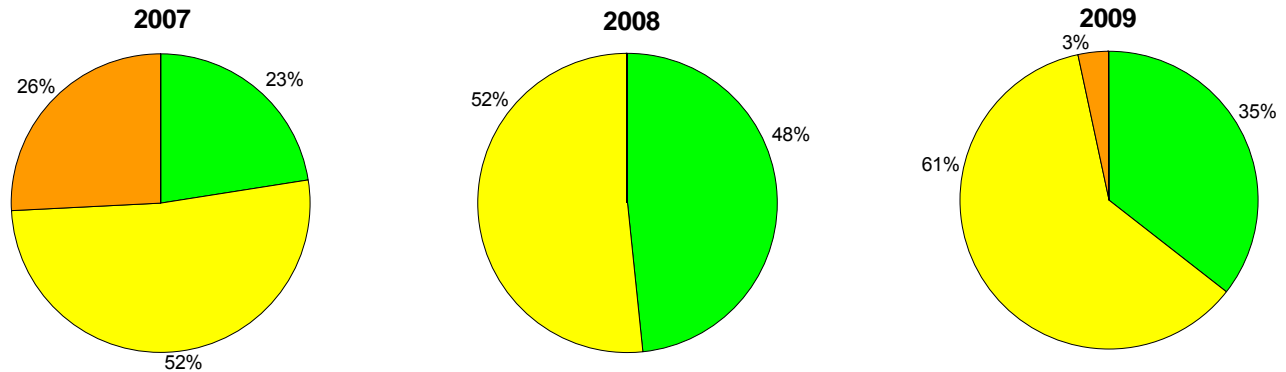
Unhealthy
151 - 200

Very Unhealthy
201 - 300

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Seasonal Summary: May 1 – May 31

Percentage of Days at Each AQI Level



2009 Daily Maximum AQI

