

Air Quality Recap

December 2009

Did Ohio Make the Grade?

The American Lung Association recently released their 2009 State of Tobacco Control report. The report grades the progress of federal and state laws to protect citizens from tobacco-caused illnesses. To learn more about The American Lung Association's efforts to fight for smokefree air and to see Ohio's grade, visit www.stateoftobaccocontrol.org/.



Number of Observed Days with AQI Above 100

PARTICLES	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2009	5	0	0	0	0	5
2008	0	3	0	1	0	4
2007	2	2	0	0	0	4
AVERAGE	2	2	0	0	0	

In December 2009, the Air Quality Index (AQI) in Columbus was Good on 77% of days and Moderate on 23% of days. Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG) AQI levels were reached on zero days, which was also the case in December 2007 and 2008.

As in December 2007 and 2008, there were no Air Quality Alerts issued in December 2009.

The mean temperature for the month was 32.2°F, which was 1.3°F below normal. Columbus received 3.60 inches of precipitation, which was 123% of normal. Total snowfall for the month was 8.9 inches, which was 3.9 inches above normal.

Maximum Daily AQI for the Month by Category

