



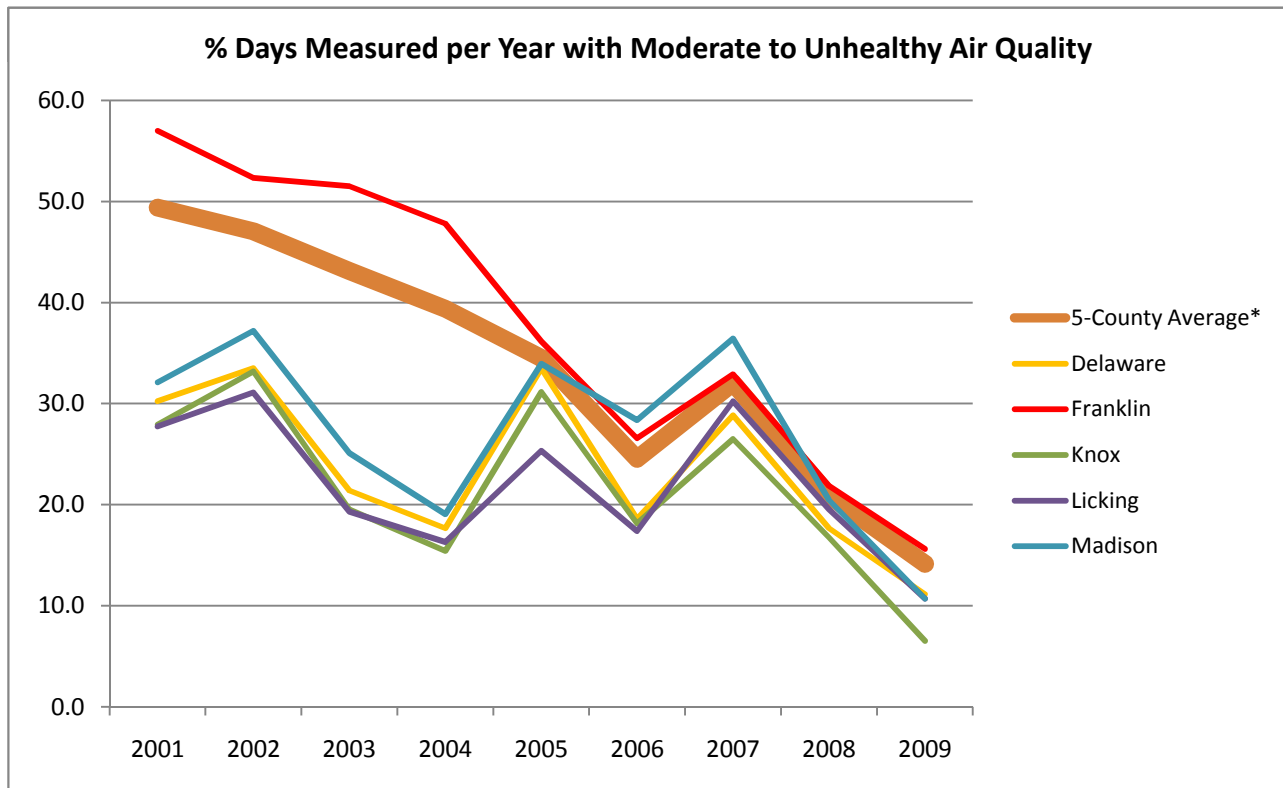
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

State of the Region 2010

Issue: Place
Metric: Air Quality

The Air Quality Index (AQI) is measured by the EPA in 5 counties in central Ohio. The AQI is an approximate indicator of overall air quality, taking into account air pollutants measured at specific locations. Each day on which measurements are taken is assigned one of four categories: "Good," "Moderate," "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups," or "Unhealthy." The chart below shows the percentage of days on which air quality at central Ohio measurement locations was reported as anything other than "Good." In central Ohio, the Air Quality Index was measured an average of 248 days out of the year from 2001 to 2009. Central Ohio has had no days rated "Unhealthy" (the worst rating) since 2005. Air quality in the region is reported daily on the MORPC website (www.morpc.org).

	% Days Measured per Year with Moderate to Unhealthy Air Quality									% Change, 2001-2009
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Delaware	30.2	33.5	21.4	17.7	33.5	18.6	28.8	17.7	11.2	-63.1
Franklin	57.0	52.3	51.5	47.8	36.2	26.6	32.9	21.9	15.6	-72.6
Knox	27.9	33.2	19.5	15.4	31.2	18.1	26.5	16.7	6.5	-76.6
Licking	27.7	31.1	19.3	16.3	25.3	17.4	30.2	19.5	10.7	-61.4
Madison	32.1	37.2	25.1	19.1	34.0	28.4	36.5	20.5	10.7	-66.7
5-County Average*	49.4	47.0	43.1	39.4	34.5	24.5	32.0	20.9	14.2	-71.3



* weighted by county population

Source: [Ohio Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.epa.gov)