Air Quality Summary | December 2020



Central Ohio

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Air quality conditions in Columbus for December 2020 were similar to those observed in 2019 and 2018. AQI levels observed in December 2020 were Good on 26 days and Moderate on 5 days. No Air Quality Alerts were issued during the month.

Two episodes of Moderate air quality were observed in December 2020. The first episode occurred December 9 through 11 as a surface high pressure system moved across the region. The high pressure resulted in a strong temperature inversion and calm winds, which limited pollutant dispersion. The second episode occurred on December 17 and 18 as periods of fog and low clouds enhanced particle production over central Ohio. Furthermore, light westerly winds also transported regional pollutants into the area, elevating AQI levels into the Moderate category.

