Air Quality Summary | July 2020



Central Ohio

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Air quality conditions in Columbus for July 2020 were slightly worse than conditions during 2018 and 2019. In July 2020, Good AQI levels were observed on 14 days, Moderate AQI levels were observed on 15 days, and Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI levels were observed on 2 days.

During the month, 17 Moderate or worse AQI days were observed, with ground-level ozone being the primary pollutant on 16 of these days. The highest ozone readings of the month occurred between July 6 and 9, as partly sunny skies and temperatures above 90°F each day increased ozone formation, while periods of light and variable winds hindered dispersion, allowing pollutants to accumulate in the Columbus region. These conditions resulted in ozone AQI levels reaching the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category at the Maple Canyon Drive monitor on July 6 and at the Delaware monitor on July 9.

