Air Quality Summary | May 2020



Central Ohio

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Air quality conditions in Columbus for May 2020 were significantly better than those during the same period in 2018 and 2019. In May 2020, Good AQI levels were observed on 29 days, which accounted for 94% of days during the month.

Frequent storm systems passing through central Ohio contributed to Good air quality during the month. These storm systems generated increased cloud cover, rain showers, and cool temperatures, which aided vertical mixing and limited ozone formation. On the two Moderate AQI days during the month, an upper-level ridge of high pressure west of Columbus hindered mixing. Furthermore, light surface winds inhibited dispersion, while partly sunny skies aided ozone formation. As a result, the observed AQI values on these days reached the low-Moderate AQI range.

