## Air Quality Summary | September 2020



## Central Ohio

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Air quality conditions in Columbus for September 2020 were better than those observed in 2019, and similar to 2018. AQI levels observed in September 2020 were Good on 27 days and Moderate on 3 days. No Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups days were recorded, and no Air Quality Alerts were issued during the month.

Ground-level ozone was the primary pollutant on two of the three Moderate AQI days. The highest AQI day during the month occurred on September 23, when surface high pressure south of Columbus hindered vertical mixing. Additionally, partly sunny skies aided ozone formation, and calm to light westerly winds limited pollutant dispersion. Ozone development was further enhanced by smoke transport from wildfires in the western United States. These conditions resulted in an observed AQI value of 61, which is in the low -Moderate category.

