

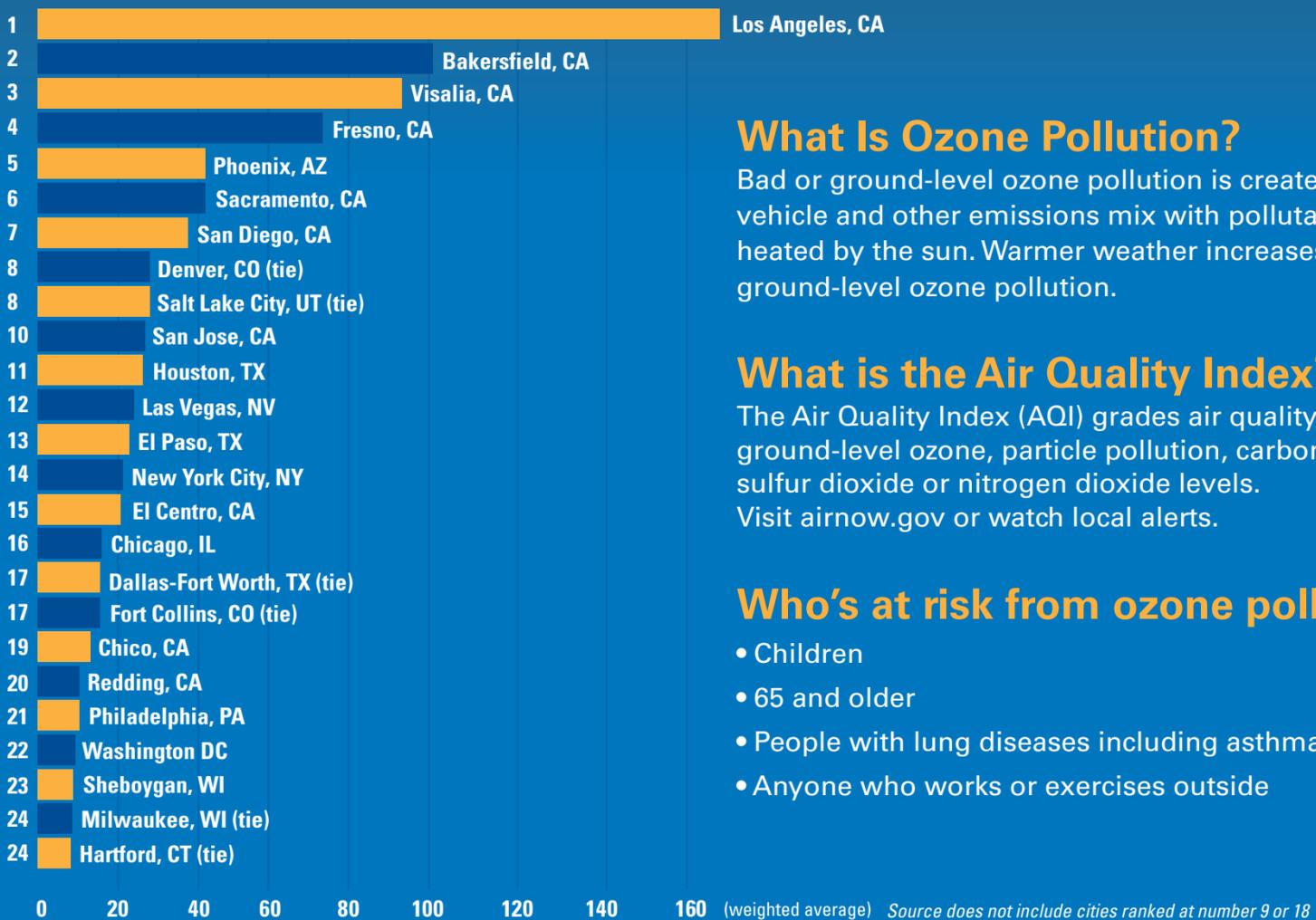
BEST & WORST CITIES FOR OZONE POLLUTION

Cleanest Ozone Cities

(alphabetical order)

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| 1. Altoona, PA | 11. Columbus, GA | 21. Florence, SC | 31. Johnstown, PA | 41. Paducah, KY | 51. Shreveport, LA |
| 2. Bangor, ME | 12. Corpus Christi, TX | 22. Florence, AL | 32. La Crosse, WI | 42. Panama City, FL | 52. Springfield, MO |
| 3. Bismarck, ND | 13. Crestview, FL | 23. Fort Smith, AR | 33. Laredo, TX | 43. Raleigh, NC | 53. Topeka, KS |
| 4. Bowling Green, KY | 14. Dothan, AL | 24. Gadsden, AL | 34. Lexington, KY | 44. Rapid City, SD | 54. Tupelo, MS |
| 5. Brownsville, TX | 15. Duluth, MN | 25. Gainesville, FL | 35. Lincoln, NE | 45. Roanoke, VA | 55. Utica, NY |
| 6. Brunswick, GA | 16. Elmira, NY | 26. Harrisonburg, VA | 36. McAllen, TX | 46. Rochester, MN | 56. Virginia Beach, VA |
| 7. Burlington, VT | 17. Fairbanks, AK | 27. Hickory, NC | 37. Monroe, LA | 47. Rocky Mount, NC | 57. Wausau, WI |
| 8. Casper, WY | 18. Fargo, ND | 28. Honolulu (Urban), HI | 38. Morgantown, WV | 48. Salinas, CA | 58. Wichita, KS |
| 9. Charlottesville, VA | 19. Fayetteville, NC | 29. Jackson, MS | 39. Myrtle Beach, SC | 49. Savannah, GA | 59. Williamsport, PA |
| 10. Clarksville, TN | 20. Fayetteville, AR | 30. Jefferson City, MO | 40. New Bern, NC | 50. Scottsboro, AL | 60. Wilmington, NC |

Most Ozone Polluted Cities



What Is Ozone Pollution?

Bad or ground-level ozone pollution is created when vehicle and other emissions mix with pollutants and are heated by the sun. Warmer weather increases ground-level ozone pollution.

What is the Air Quality Index?

The Air Quality Index (AQI) grades air quality based on ground-level ozone, particle pollution, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide or nitrogen dioxide levels. Visit airnow.gov or watch local alerts.

Who's at risk from ozone pollution?

- Children
- 65 and older
- People with lung diseases including asthma and COPD
- Anyone who works or exercises outside

Protect Your Lungs from Ozone Pollution

- Watch local air quality advisories.
- Stay indoors as much as possible and when ozone/pollution levels are high.
- Keep windows closed.
- Take medications exactly as prescribed.
- Use the circulate setting on your home thermostat to keep polluted air out.
- Exercise or be outside in the morning when ozone levels are lowest.
- Call your doctor if symptoms increase or if you need more medication.

Facemasks are highly encouraged to limit COVID-19 infection risk but provide no protection against ozone.

Source: American Lung Association 2021