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State of the Air
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State of the Air 2025

Nearly half (46%) of people living in the United States are impacted by unhealthy levels of air pollution. In California, it's far worse.

Nearly 9 in 10 Californians live in counties impacted by air pollution. Tailpipe emissions and record heat drive up ozone pollution, while prolonged drought conditions and other impacts from climate change, such as historic wildfires, contribute to particle pollution. California's hard-earned progress toward clean air is increasingly at risk.

The American Lung Association's [State of the Air](#) 2025 report finds California cities dominate the lists of the most polluted cities in America:

5 of the 10
U.S. cities 
most polluted by ozone.

88% 
of Californians live in a
community with unhealthy air.

5 of the 10
U.S. cities 
most polluted by daily and
annual particle pollution.

Poor air quality contributes to a wide range of negative health impacts, including childhood asthma attacks, impaired lung function and development, lung cancer, heart attacks and strokes, and premature deaths. Many Californians, especially those in lower-income communities and communities of color, often face disproportionate impacts due to multiple, local sources of pollution.