

What Are the NAAQS?

The Clean Air Act requires EPA to set National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for pollutants considered harmful to public health and the environment. The Clean Air Act established two types of national air quality standards.

Primary standards set limits to protect public health, including the health of "sensitive" populations such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly.

Secondary standards set limits to protect public welfare, including protection against decreased visibility, or damage to animals, crops, vegetation, and buildings. The table and key on the following page lists the NAAQS for the six criteria pollutants.

National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Exceedance Level	Units
Ozone	8hr (1)	76	ppb
PM _{2.5}	24hr (2)	35.5	micrograms per cubic meter
	annual (3)	12.05	micrograms per cubic meter
PM ₁₀	24hr (4)	155	micrograms per cubic meter
Sulfur dioxide	1hr (5)	75.5	ppb
	3hr (6)	0.55	ppm
Carbon monoxide	1hr (6)	35.5	ppm
	8hr (6)	9.5	ppm
Nitrogen dioxide	annual	0.0535	ppm
	1 hr (7)	100.5	ppb
Lead	Rolling 3-month average (8)	0.155	micrograms per cubic meter

- (1) To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentrations measured at each monitor within an area over each year must not exceed 75 ppb.
- (2) To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the 98th percentile of 24-hour concentrations at each population-oriented monitor within an area must not exceed 35.5 μ g/m³ (effective December 17, 2006).
- (3) To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the weighted annual mean $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations from a community-oriented monitor must not exceed 12.05 μ g/m³ (effective March 16, 2013).
- (4) Not to be exceeded more than once per year on average over 3 years.
- (5) Final rule signed June 2, 2010. To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the 99th percentile of the daily maximum 1-hour average at each monitor within an area must not exceed 75 ppb.
- (6) Not to be exceeded more than once per year.
- (7) To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the 98th percentile of the daily maximum 1-hour average at each monitor within an area must not exceed 0.100 ppm (effective January 22, 2010).
- (8) Final rule signed October 15, 2008.

See 40CFR Part 50 for details on attainment calculations

Ozone Data in This Report

Nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOC's) react in sunlight and hot weather and can cause ground-level ozone to form in harmful concentrations in the air. Ozone is considered a summertime pollutant and data is collected seasonally from April 1 through October 31.

Both urban and rural areas may experience high ozone levels because wind can carry ozone and the pollutants that form it hundreds of miles away from their original sources.

Ozone monitors are continuous instruments that report hourly averages for each hour of each day of the ozone season.

Particulate Data Used for this Report

Particulate data in this report is from filter based samplers where the data is collected over a 24-hour period and then analyzed in a laboratory. Filter samplers are normally operated on a schedule of one sample every third day (1 in 3). In areas of high population or high concentration, the samplers may be operated on an accelerated schedule (1 in 2 or daily).

EPA has encouraged States to use automated continuous samplers to inform the public of current air quality levels. EPA has approved the use of data from certain types of continuous samplers for regulatory purposes. Data from continuous monitors that pass EPA equivalency tests may be included in this report in the future.

(Reported Through October 8th)

Date	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	Ozone	SO ₂	Lead
1/8/13				1	
1/10/13				1	
1/11/13				1	
2/10/13				1	
2/24/13	1				
3/3/13				1	
3/4/13	1			1	
3/7/13				1	
3/8/13				1	
3/17/13	1			1	
3/22/13				1	
4/5/13				1	
4/6/13				1	
4/7/13				1	
4/14/13				3	
4/20/13				1	
4/22/13				1	
4/26/13				1	
4/29/13				2	
4/30/13				1	
5/13/13				1	
5/14/13				1	

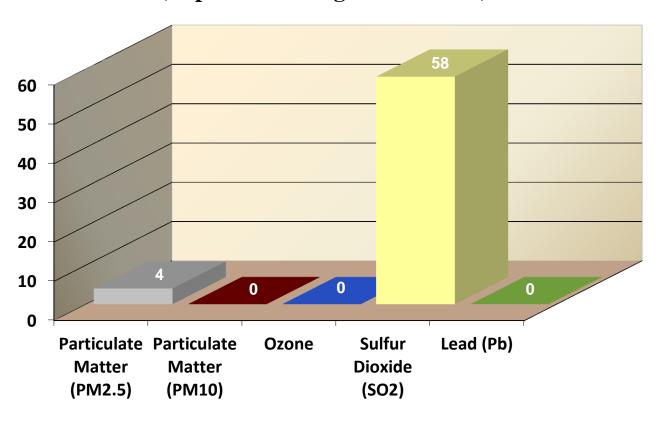
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Date	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	Ozone	SO ₂	Lead
5/17/13				2	
5/19/13				1	
5/26/13	1				
5/27/13				1	
5/29/13				1	
5/30/13				2	
5/31/13				1	
6/4/13				1	
6/5/13				1	
6/9/13				1	
6/14/13				1	
6/20/13				1	
6/21/13				2	
6/22/13				1	
7/13/13				1	
7/29/13				1	
8/17/13				1	
8/20/13				1	
8/25/13				1	
9/3/13				2	
9/6/13				2	
9/8/13				1	
9/17/13				1	

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Date	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	Ozone	SO ₂	Lead**
9/23/13				1	
9/24/13				1	
9/27/13				1	
9/28/13				1	
9/30/13				1	
10/3/13				1	
10/4/13				1	
TOTAL	4	0	0	58	0

(Reported Through October 8th)



	2013	NAAQS Exceedances (reporte	ed through	October 8 th)		
Monitor	Site		Exceedance	2		
Туре	Location	Site Name	Date	Concentration	Units	AQI
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	1/8/13	100.8	ppb	112
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	1/10/13	92.2	ppb	108
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	1/11/13	145.8	ppb	132
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	2/10/13	119.1	ppb	120
PM _{2.5}	Sioux City	Bryant Elementary	2/24/13	43.5	μg/m³	114
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	3/3/13	139.2	ppb	129
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	3/4/13	157.7	ppb	137
PM _{2.5}	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	3/4/13	47.3	μg/m³	130
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	3/7/13	156.9	ppb	137
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	3/8/13	110.0	ppb	116
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	3/17/13	112.8	ppb	117
PM _{2.5}	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	3/17/13	40.1	μg/m³	128
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	3/22/13	136.0	ppb	112
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	4/5/13	146.8	ppb	132
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	4/6/13	90.8	ppb	107
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	4/7/13	222.5	ppb	166
SO2	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	4/14/13	109.8	ppb	116
SO2	Muscatine	Musser Park	4/14/13	178.5	ppb	147
SO2	Muscatine	Greenwood Cemetery	4/14/13	94.3	ppb	109

	2013 NAA	QS Exceedances (reported th	rough Octob	er 8 th) continued	d	
Monitor	Site		Exceedance	!		
Туре	Location	Site Name	Date	Concentration	Units	AQI
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	4/20/13	95.2	ppb	110
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	4/22/13	143.8	ppb	131
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	4/26/13	75.7	ppb	101
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	4/29/13	132.2	ppb	126
SO ₂	Muscatine	Greenwood Cemetery	4/29/13	106.5	ppb	114
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	4/30/13	88.6	ppb	106
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	5/13/13	96.6	ppb	110
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	5/14/13	101.5	ppb	112
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	5/17/13	87.0	ppb	106
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	5/17/13	90.9	ppb	107
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	5/19/13	79.4	ppb	102
PM _{2.5}	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	5/26/13	39.0	μg/m³	110
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	5/27/13	75.7	ppb	101
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	5/29/13	188.5	ppb	152
SO ₂	Muscatine	Greenwood Cemetery	5/30/13	104.8	ppb	114
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	5/30/13	237.1	ppb	172
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	5/31/13	133.1	ppb	127
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	6/4/13	198.6	ppb	156

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Monitor	Site		Exceedance	9		
Type	Location	Site Name	Date	Concentration	Units	AQI
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	6/5/13	109.8	ppb	116
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	6/9/13	96.2	ppb	110
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	6/14/13	86.6	ppb	105
SO ₂	Muscatine	Greenwood Cemetery	6/20/13	83.7	ppb	104
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	6/21/13	94.6	ppb	109
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	6/21/13	122.3	ppb	122
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	6/22/13	159.0	ppb	138
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	7/13/13	91.6	ppb	108
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	7/29/13	95.8	ppb	110
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	8/17/13	164.8	ppb	141
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	8/20/13	102.5	ppb	113
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	8/25/13	150.5	ppb	134
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	9/3/13	160.9	ppb	139
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	9/3/13	77.2	ppb	101
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	9/6/13	96.2	ppb	110
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	9/6/13	102.7	ppb	113
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	9/8/13	146.6	ppb	132
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	9/17/13	109.4	ppb	116

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Monitor Type	Site Location	Site Name	Exceedance Date	e Concentration	Units	AQI ⁽¹⁾
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	9/23/13	110.0	ppb	116
SO ₂	Muscatine	Muscatine HS E Campus (Garfield)	9/24/13	88.5	ppb	106
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	9/27/13	94.8	ppb	109
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	9/28/13	149.9	ppb	134
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	9/30/13	76.5	ppb	101
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	10/3/13	99.8	ppb	111
SO ₂	Muscatine	Musser Park	10/4/13	81.4	ppb	103

Web Resources

Real-time Air Monitoring Data:

In Polk County:

http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/airquality/Pages/Monitoring.aspx

In Linn County:

http://www.linncleanair.org/

Outside Polk and Linn Counties:

http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/env/ambient/data.xml

Attainment Calculations:

http://epa.gov/airtrends/values.html

National Ozone and Particulate Maps:

http://airnow.gov/

Historical Air Monitoring Data for Iowa and Other States:

http://www.epa.gov/airdata/