

**Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District**  
**PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitoring Report**  
**March 2022**

This report summarizes PM<sub>2.5</sub> data collected by Federal Reference Method (FRM) and Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) instruments. Measurements are reported as 24-hour averages in micro-grams per cubic meter (µg/m<sup>3</sup>). The data are subject to further quality assurance checks and are not final.

**PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monthly Data Summary for February 2022**

Site Name	Maximum		Minimum		Sample	Monthly
	Conc.	Date	Conc.	Date	Recovery	Average
Algonquin Parkway	16.4	2/2/22	4.4	2/3/22	96.4%	10.2
Durrett Lane	19.2	2/2/22	4.2	2/3/22	100.0%	11.3
Cannons Lane	14.5	2/2/22	3.4	2/3/22	100.0%	9.6
Watson Lane	21.7	2/1/22	4.2	2/3/22	100.0%	10.8
Overall	21.7	2/1/22	3.4	2/3/22	99.1%	10.5

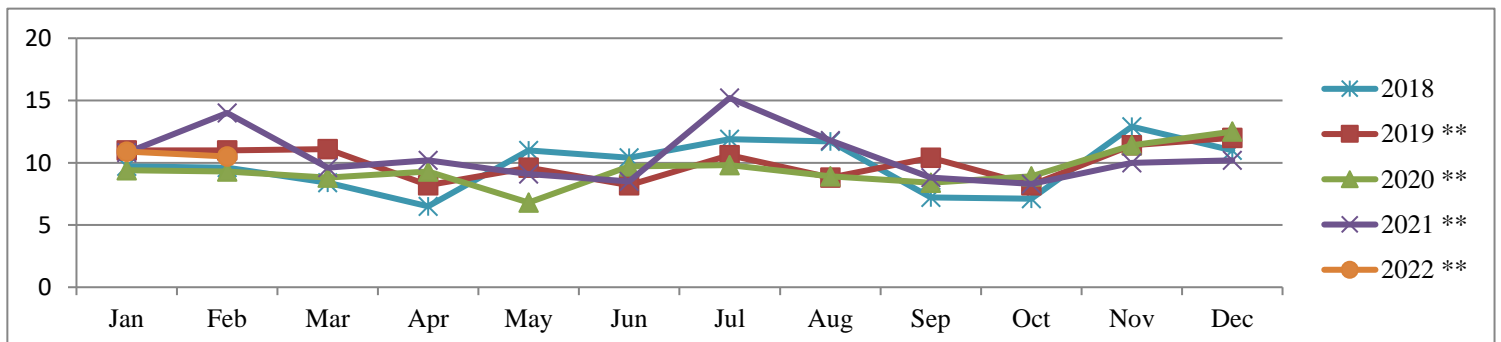
**PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monthly Averages Tracking Table for 2012-2022**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Months >Annual Standard
2012	8.9	9.5	9.2	7.2	11.7	10.9	12.5	11.9	8.6	7.3	13.1	9.6	0
2013*	10.5	10.0	8.5	7.6	8.8	11.6	10.1	12.7	11.9	9.3	7.2	10.7	0
2014	7.5	14.3	11.7	9.6	10.7	14.0	16.4	13.6	9.9	7.9	9.8	12.4	1
2015	10.9	11.0	11.3	6.9	10.2	10.1	13.1	10.0	9.7	7.5	8.5	7.7	0
2016	8.9	9.5	6.4	7.1	7.1	8.5	7.4	8.9	9.3	8.1	11.3	9.3	0
2017	7.7	8.1	6.6	5.8	7.2	6.7	11.3	9.3	8.5	6.8	10.5	10.7	0
2018	9.7	9.6	8.4	6.5	11.0	10.4	11.9	11.7	7.2	7.1	12.9	11.0	1
2019 **	11	11.0	11.1	8.2	9.6	8.2	10.6	8.8	10.4	8.2	11.4	12.0	0
2020 **	9.4	9.3	8.8	9.3	6.8	9.7	9.8	8.9	8.4	8.9	11.4	12.5	1
2021 **	10.8	14.0	9.6	10.2	9.1	8.5	15.2	11.8	8.8	8.3	10.0	10.2	2
2022 **	10.9	10.5											0
Average	9.7	10.6	9.2	7.8	10.3	9.9	11.8	10.8	9.3	7.9	10.6	10.6	

\*The new PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard of 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup> became effective on March 18, 2013

\*\* Data from continuous FEM Instruments

**PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monthly Averages 5-Year Trend**



**National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS):**

National Ambient Air Quality Standards consist of primary and secondary standards. The primary standards define levels of air quality which EPA judges are necessary, with an adequate margin of safety, to protect the public health. The secondary standards define levels of air quality which EPA judges necessary to protect the public welfare from any known or anticipated adverse effects of a pollutant. For PM<sub>2.5</sub> the levels of the primary and secondary standards are the same.

**National Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM<sub>2.5</sub> - Annual Standard:**

The annual standard is designed to provide an appropriate level of protection from long-term exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The standard is met when the annual design value is less than or equal to 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The standard changed from 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup> on March 18, 2013. The annual design value is calculated by averaging the annual means of 3 consecutive complete years of air quality data. The table below compares data collected from 2016 through year-to-date 2022 to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual standard.

**PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Means and Annual Design Values**

Site Name	Annual Means µg/m <sup>3</sup>							Annual Design Values				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2016-2018	2017-2019	2018-2020	2019-2021	2020-2022
Algonquin	8.3	8.3	9.5	10.2	9.3	10.2	9.3	8.7	9.3	9.6	9.9	9.6
Durrett Lane	9.2	8.9	10.2	10.4	9.7	11.2	11.5	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>
Cannons Lane	7.9	7.9	9.1	9.6	9.2	9.9	9.9	8.3	8.8	9.3	9.6	9.7
Watson Lane	8.4	8.1	10.5	10.0	9.6	10.6	10.9	9.0	9.6	10.1	10.1	10.4

**Bold:** Design value for Louisville

**National Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM<sub>2.5</sub> - 24-Hour (Daily) Standard:**

The 24-hour standard is designed to provide an appropriate level of protection from short-term exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The standard is met when the 24-hour design value is less than or equal to 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The design value is based on 3 consecutive complete years of air quality data and is calculated by taking the average of the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile value for each of the 3 years. The 98<sup>th</sup> percentile value is the 24-hour average out of a year of PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring data below which 98 percent of all 24-hour averages fall. The table below compares data collected from 2016 through year-to-date 2022 to the 24-hour standard for PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

**PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual 98<sup>th</sup> Percentiles and 24-Hour Design Values**

Site Name	Annual 98 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value µg/m <sup>3</sup>							24-Hour Design Values				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2016-2018	2017-2019	2018-2020	2019-2021	2020-2022
Algonquin	17.0	17.8	23.0	20.2	18.9	26.0	16.4	19.3	20.3	20.7	21.7	20.4
Durrett Lane	18.7	20.7	24.7	22.9	22.4	28.3	25.9	<b>21.4</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>25.5</b>
Cannons Lane	18.7	17.2	22.2	20.5	20.6	26.1	22.1	19.4	20.0	21.1	22.4	22.9
Watson Lane	16.2	17.7	24.3	21.4	21.3	27.2	21.8	19.4	21.1	22.3	23.3	23.4

**Bold:** Design value for Louisville

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Air Monitoring Report for Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)  
March 2022**

On June 2, 2010, EPA strengthened the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for SO<sub>2</sub>. Specifically, EPA replaced the existing annual (30 ppb) and 24-hour (140 ppb) primary standards with a new 1-hour standard set at 75 ppb. The 1-hour standard was set to better protect public health by reducing exposure to high short-term concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub>. The new standard took effect August 23, 2010.

**Exceedances of the 1-Hour SO<sub>2</sub> Standard:**

An exceedance occurs when a measured 1-hour average is greater than 75 ppb. Since up to twenty-four 1-hour averages are recorded each day, multiple exceedances may occur in one day. However, only the maximum 1-hour average (Daily Max) for each day is used in determining if the area is in compliance with the standard. The table below indicates the number of exceedances and the daily maximums reported thus far this year. The data are subject to further quality assurance checks and are not final.

**SO<sub>2</sub> Daily Maximums and Exceedances through February 28th**

Date	Algonquin Parkway		Watson Lane Elementary		Cannons Lane NCore		New Albany Indiana	
	Exceeds	Daily Max	Exceeds	Daily Max	Exceeds	Daily Max	Exceeds	Daily Max
01/16/22		3.2		3.6		5.2		NA
01/23/22		1.1		5.0		5.8		NA
01/26/22		0.6		5.7		0.7		NA
02/07/22		2.3		1.5		10.5		NA
02/28/22		0.9		10.0		8.1		NA
Totals/Max	0	3.2	0	10.0	0	10.5	0	0.0
99 <sup>th</sup> Percentile		3.2		10.0		10.5		NA

NA - Indicates data were not available

**Attainment of the SO<sub>2</sub> Standard:**

Attainment of the new standard is achieved when the 3-year average of the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile annual distribution of the daily maxima is less than or equal to 75 ppb. Since this value can be calculated from historical data, the table below indicates those values based on 2016-2022 data.

**SO<sub>2</sub> Annual 99<sup>th</sup> Percentiles and Annual Design Values**

Site Name	Annual 99 <sup>th</sup> Percentiles (ppb)							Annual Design Values				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2016-2018	2017-2019	2018-2020	2019-2021	2020-2022
Watson Lane	26	14	16	15	15	13	10	19	15	15	14	12
Algonquin	16	11	12	6	5	4	3	13	10	8	5	4
Cannons Lane	8	7	8	9	8	9	11	8	8	8	9	9
New Albany	11	8	9	7	4	4	NA	9	8	7	5	4

\* Design Value calculations are approximations based on preliminary summary data and may differ from official design value calculations