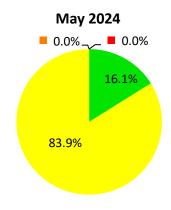
# Monthly Air Quality Report May 2024 · Birmingham, AL



### SUMMARY

This report presents daily maximum Air Quality Index (AQI) values and corresponding AQI colors from five different pollutants monitored in the Birmingham area: carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter ( $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ ), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). The table and figure below show the number of days and percentage of days in each AQI category, respectfully, for the month.

May 2024			
AQI Category	Number of Days		
Good	5		
Moderate	26		
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	0		
Unhealthy	0		



## **AQI CHART**

AQI Levels of Health Concern	AQI Value	Actions to Take	
Good	0-50	None	
Moderate	51-100	Unusually sensitive people should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion	
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101-150	<ul> <li>The following groups should limit prolonged outdoor exertion:</li> <li>People with heart or lung disease</li> <li>Children and older adults</li> <li>People who are active outdoors</li> </ul>	
Unhealthy	151-200	<ul> <li>The following groups should avoid prolonged outdoor exertion:</li> <li>People with heart or lung disease</li> <li>Children and older adults</li> <li>People who are active outdoors</li> <li>Everyone else should limit prolonged outdoor exertion</li> </ul>	
Very Unhealthy	201-300	<ul> <li>The following groups should avoid all outdoor exertion:</li> <li>People with heart or lung disease</li> <li>Children and older adults</li> <li>People who are active outdoors</li> <li>Everyone else should limit outdoor exertion</li> </ul>	

#### **DAILY AQI VALUES**

The table below shows this month's daily maximum AQI values and corresponding AQI category for each pollutant.

Date	СО	<b>O</b> <sub>3</sub>	<b>PM</b> <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>
1	3	71	25	51	2
2	3	50	30	56	3
3	5	31	21	52	1
4	5	54	16	41	3
5	7	44	22	56	3
6	3	34	17	52	1
7	2	27	20	56	1
8	1	26	19	57	1
9	2	48	20	55	1
10	2	47	14	28	0
11	5	47	17	52	2
12	5	61	19	56	1
13	3	39	21	56	1
14	2	43	15	49	1
15	2	45	16	53	1
16	3	51	22	59	1
17	5	39	15	52	2
18	3	43	17	44	1
19	3	38	14	54	1
20	5	48	16	48	1
21	5	48	22	57	3
22	2	47	23	59	3
23	3	47	29	66	4
24	17	42	30	65	4
25	22	49	27	68	7
26	8	33	22	61	9
27	3	39	23	58	4
28	5	44	18	47	1
29	2	54	19	48	10
30	2	67	20	52	5
31	2	49	22	55	2

All data displayed in this report is preliminary and have not been through quality assured and quality controlled procedures. The AQI is used for forecasting and reporting daily air quality and is not used for compliance purposes. For daily air quality forecasts and real-time monitoring data, go to <u>www.jcdh.org</u>.

## **AIR QUALITY ALERTS**

Air quality alerts are issued for days that are forecast to have AQI values greater than 100 for  $O_3$  and/or  $PM_{2.5}$ .  $O_3$  is forecast by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management during the warm season.  $PM_{2.5}$  is forecast by the Jefferson County Department of Health year-round.

The table below shows air quality alerts that were issued for this month and includes the date of the alert, the pollutant for which the alert was issued, and the AQI category that was forecast. There have been a total of 2 air quality alerts issued in 2024 through May.

Date of Alert	Pollutant	AQI Category
5/1/2024	O <sub>3</sub>	Orange

#### **METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS**

The calendar below shows all reported weather conditions within the hourly weather observations for each day of the month from the National Weather Service's station located at the Birmingham International Airport.

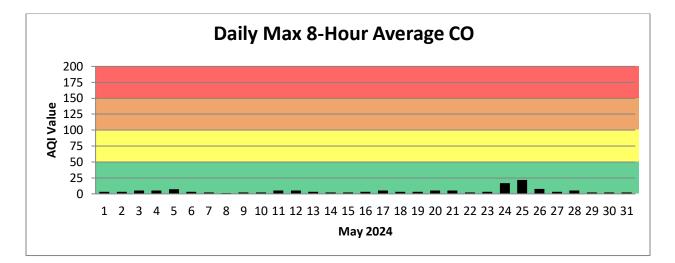
MAY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
<b>5</b> RA, TS	6	7	8	9 BR, RA, TS	<b>10</b> BR, RA, TS	11
12	<b>13</b> <sub>RA</sub>	<b>14</b> <sub>RA, TS</sub>	15 <sub>BR</sub>	16	17 BR, DZ, RA	<b>18</b> BR, RA, TS
<b>19</b> BR	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <sub>BR</sub>	27 <sub>RA, TS</sub>	28	29	30	31	

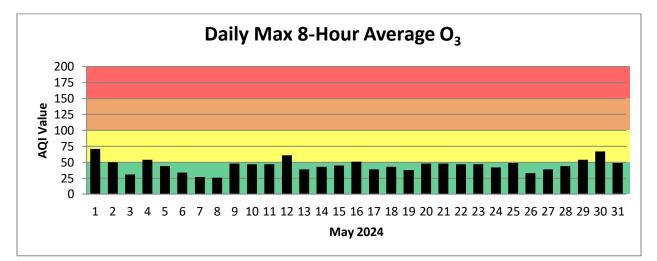
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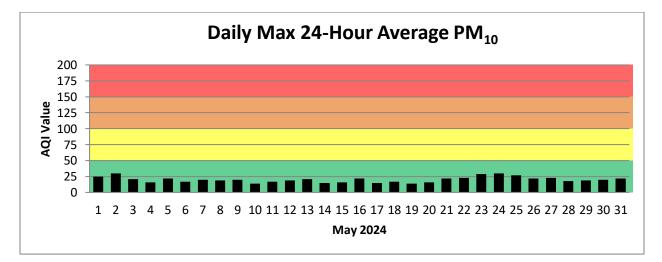
Drizzle (DZ) Haze (HZ) Rain (RA) Fog (FG)Freezing DHail (GR)Ice PelletsSmoke (FU)Snow (SN)

Freezing Drizzle (FZDR) Ice Pellets (PL) Freezing Rain (FZRA) Mist (BR) Thunderstorms (TS)

#### **GRAPHS OF DAILY AQI VALUES BY POLLUTANT**







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