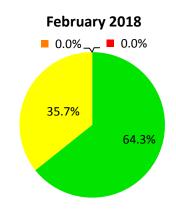
# Monthly Air Quality Report February 2018 · Birmingham, AL



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 ( $O_3$ ), and sulfur dioxide ( $SO_2$ ). The table and figure below show the number of days and percentage of days in each AQI category, respectfully, for the month.

February 2018					
AQI Category	Number of Days				
Good	18				
Moderate	10				
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.  $O_3$  is not reported November through February.

Date	СО	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>
1	3	19	55	1
2	2	3	18	0
3	3	4	29	3
4	8	8	47	1
5	9	15	55	3
6	8	11	53	22
7	7	12	44	5
8	8	12	61	37
9	13	10	56	12
10	3	3	29	1
11	3	8	22	0
12	5	6	40	0
13	6	11	52	9
14	5	9	36	5
15	5	11	45	3
16	5	10	27	0
17	5	6	23	1
18	7	4	24	0
19	7	14	50	3
20	5	14	53	2
21	2	19	52	3
22	3	17	52	3
23	8	19	58	2
24	8	11	42	2
25	3	8	23	3
26	3	6	24	0
27	3	6	24	1
28	3		49	5

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> and under the "Programs" pull down menu, click on the link titled "Air Quality Forecast."

### **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 from mid-April through mid-October.  $PM_{2.5}$  is forecast by the Jefferson County Department of Health year-round.

No air quality alerts were issued in February. There have been a total of 0 air quality alerts issued in 2018 through February.

## **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.

	FEBRUARY 2018												
	SUN	ſ	MON		TUE	1	WED		THU		FRI		SAT
								1	BR, RA	2		3	
4	BR, RA	5	BR	6	RA	7	BR, DZ, RA, TS	8	BR, HZ	9	RA	10	BR, RA
11	BR, RA	12	BR, RA	13	BR, RA	14	BR, RA	15	BR	16	BR, DZ	17	BR, RA
18	RA	19	BR	20		21	BR	22		23		24	RA
25	BR, RA	26	BR, RA	27	RA	28	BR, RA						

Weather phenomena and obscuration notations as used by the National Weather Service:

Drizzle (DZ)	Fog (FG)	Freezing Drizzle (FZDR)	Freezing Rain (FZRA)
Haze (HZ)	Hail (GR)	Ice Pellets (PL)	Mist (BR)
Rain (RA)	Smoke (FU)	Snow (SN)	Thunderstorms (TS)

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

