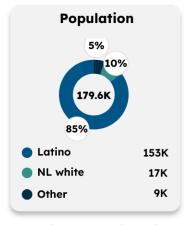
AIR POLLUTION

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Imperial County

County Statistics

Factors Influencing Exposure to Air Pollution



Median
Age
Latino: 31 yrs
NL white: 50 yrs

Noncitizen Population

Latino: 17% NL white: 1% A_Z

Limited English
Proficiency

Latino: 40% NL white: 1%



Renter Households

Latino: 45% NL white: 27%



Poverty Rate

Latino: 22% NL white: 12%



Median Income (Household)

Latino: \$52k NL white: \$68k



SNAP Benefits

Latino: 28% NL white: 13%



Insecurity Latino: 25% NL white: 11%



Latino: 7% NL white: 6%



Fair/Poor Health Status

Latino: 21% NL white: 15%

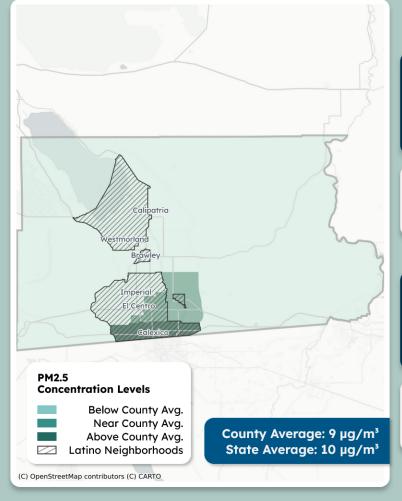


Expectancy
Latino: 78 yrs
NL white: 73 yrs

Neighborhood Statistics

Air Pollutants

Latino Neighborhoods and Exposure to Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5), 2015-2017



Note: μg/m³ = one-millionth of a gram per cubic meter of air

Note: California's state standard for PM2.5 is an annual average of 12 μg/m³, while the federal standard is 9 μg/m³. There is no state or federal or state standard for Diesel PM.

PM2.5

PM2.5 is produced from sources like vehicle exhaust, wildfires, and industrial activity. These fine air particles enter the lungs and bloodstream and worsen conditions like asthma and heart disease.

Latino neighborhoods had <u>higher exposure</u> to PM2.5 than NL neighborhoods.

10 μg/m³ Latino neighborhoods 9 μg/m³ NL neighborhoods

Annual mean concentration

Diesel PM

Diesel emissions from vehicles and heavy-duty equipment release harmful particulate matter. Exposure to diesel exhaust can raise blood pressure, trigger heart attacks, and worsen lung conditions.

Latino neighborhoods had <u>the same exposure</u> to diesel PM as NL neighborhoods.

0.15 tons/year Latino neighborhoods

0.01 tons/year NL neighborhoods

Emissions

Latino neighborhoods = Census tracts with 70%+ Latino residents
Non-Latino neighborhoods = Census tracts with 70%+ non-Latino
residents

^{*}NL white = Non-Latino white

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Neighborhood Statistics (cont.)

Proximity to Major Sources of Air Pollution

Note: Exposure and proximity scores take into account the number of sites/facilities and their proximity to neighborhoods.

Higher scores = more exposure to pollutants for residents.

Cleanup sites, such as Superfunds, are polluted with materials like lead and asbestos. Examples include old and abandoned processing plants and manufacturing facilities.

Exposure Score

10

Latino neighborhoods **NL** neighborhoods

Hazardous waste facilities are

treatment, storage, and disposal sites. They can release toxic substances such as carcinogens, mercury, and asbestos into the air, water, and soil.

Exposure Score

0.6

Latino neighborhoods **NL** neighborhoods

RMP facilities are sites where hazardous chemicals—like propane, pesticides, ammonia, and explosives—are present, posing risks to the environment and communities if released.

Proximity Score

0.5

NL neighborhoods

Vehicle Types and Traffic

Lower-emission vehicles (LEVs)

use battery electric, plug-in hybrid, or hybrid technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

% of LEVs owned

2% 4% **Latino** neighborhoods

NL neighborhoods

Clunker vehicles (vehicles 20 years or older) emit high levels of pollutants because they lack advanced emission-control equipment.

% of clunker vehicles owned

11% 30% **Latino** neighborhoods **NL** neighborhoods

Vehicle kilometers per hour

Traffic density measures the concentration of vehicles on roads within an area. Neighborhoods

near major roadways face greater exposure to

harmful emissions released from vehicles.

801 km/hr 346 km/hr **Latino** neighborhoods **NL** neighborhoods

Vulnerable Groups

Age

Children and older adults are more vulnerable to air pollution and have a higher risk of developing respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. **8%** ages 0-5

14% ages 65+

Latino neighborhoods

4% 9%

ages 0-5 ages 65+ NL neighborhoods

Health

Air pollution worsens pre-existing health conditions like asthma and coronary heart disease, increasing emergency visits and health complications. Long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic illness and premature death.

% of Adults (18+) with Pre-Existing Conditions

6% Latino

/% NL

neighborhoods neighborhoods

Coronary Heart Disease

10% 10% Latino NL

neighborhoods neighborhoods

Asthma

Emergency Department Visits (per 10,000 people)

20

13

Latino NL neighborhoods

Heart Attacks

91

47

Latino NL neighborhoods

Asthma Attacks

Low Birth Weight (LBW) Babies

LBW babies are born under 5 lbs. LBW increases the risk of infant mortality, developmental delays, and chronic health conditions. Exposure to air pollution, such as PM2.5, contributes to higher rates of LBW

babies.

% of Infants

4%

Latino neighborhoods

4%

neighborhoods

Disadvantaged Communities

The CA Environmental Protection Agency defines disadvantaged communities based on their environmental pollution burden and population characteristics. Under Senate Bill 535, revenue from CA's Cap-and-Trade Program is partly directed toward these communities through the CA Climate Investments program to reduce pollution, enhance climate resilience, and improve health and economic well-being.

% of Disadvantaged Communities

79% Latino

Latino neighborhoods **NL** neighborhoods

14%