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Spokane Counts 2015

A summary of 59 selected public health indicators

Air Quality

Environmental



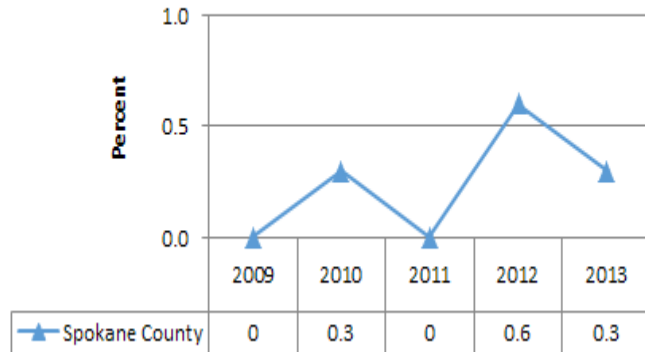
Indicator: Air Quality

Definition: Percent of days tested exceeding the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) 24-hour standard for particulate matter (PM2.5). PM2.5 consists of particles less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter.

Why this is important: All particles found in the air, such as dust, dirt, soot, smoke, and liquid droplets are particulate matter. Exposure to particulate matter, especially PM2.5, has been linked to causing or worsening lung (including asthma) and cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke). People with these diseases, adults age 65 and older, and infants and children are more likely to be affected by breathing PM 2.5, especially as levels rise.

Where we are: During 2013 in Spokane County, 1 day (0.3%) out of 359 days that were tested exceeded the standard for PM2.5. The rate of poor air quality was stable from 2009 to 2013.

Days Exceeding Air Quality Standard for PM2.5



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Data Source	WTN, 2013
Geography	Spokane County 0%
	Washington state Not Available
	United States Not Available
Trend	09-13 No Trend

Data Source: Air Quality System (AQS), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Accessed through the Washington Tracking Network. Presentation of data by Spokane Regional Health District, Data Center.

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