## We provide real-time data of air pollutants in Hyogo.

We update the latest information collected by the Air Pollution Monitoring System hourly on our website.





### In the Event of a Photochemical Oxidant Warning

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Warning Criteria: When the hourly oxidant concentration is 0.12 ppm or higher, and the concentration is deemed continuous in light of the weather conditions When a warning is issued following a rise in photochemical oxidant concentrations, keep the following health advisories in mind.

Avoid outdoor activities whenever possible.



Avoid strenuous exercise when outdoors.



If you experience eye or throat discomfort, rinse your eyes or gargle with tap water, and rest. Seek medical attention if

cipal office or public health center immediately in case of injuries.



#### In the Event of a PM2.5 Advisory

**Advisory Criteria:** When there is a risk the daily average PM2.5 concentration may exceed  $70 \mu \text{ g/m}^3$ People with chronic respiratory or cardiovascular diseases, children, and the elderly should take extra precautions based on their physical condition.

Minimize unnecessary outings.



Avoid prolonged strenuous outdoor exercise.



Children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory or cardiovascular diseases (e.g., asthma or heart conditions) should monitor changes in their physical condition.



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## Hyogo Prefecture Air Pollution Monitoring System

We are always monitoring invisible airborne particles.







# Hyogo Prefecture continuously monitors airborne pollutants.

Information sent from each

monitoring station is collected,

stored, managed and analyzed

by a database server.



Continuously storing and

We display the collected and stored monitoring

data for each hour and month as tables and

graphs, making the data easy to view and check.

▲Environmental standards achievement status

▲Photochemical smog advisory/warning status

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▲Annual values report

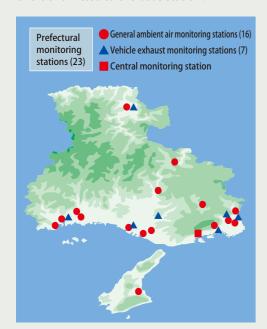
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To ensure the well-being and safety of our residents, we have set up monitoring stations across the prefecture to consistently track airborne pollutant levels round-the-clock, every day of the year.

### Observation (monitoring stations)

Stations are deployed in the vicinity of industrial facilities, residential zones, and high-traffic roads to monitor air pollutants. The data from measuring devices is recorded by a telemeter and transmitted to the base station.



### Monitored air pollutants

#### Sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)

A substance produced when oil, coal, and other fuels containing sulfur are combusted.

#### Nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)

A substance produced when nitrogen and oxygen in the air combine when materials are combusted.

#### Carbon monoxide (CO)

A substance produced by incomplete combustion of fuels.

#### Suspended particulate matter (SPM)

Airborne dust with a particle diameter of  $10 \mu$  m ( $1 \mu$  m = 0.001 mm) or less.

#### Photochemical oxidant (Ox)

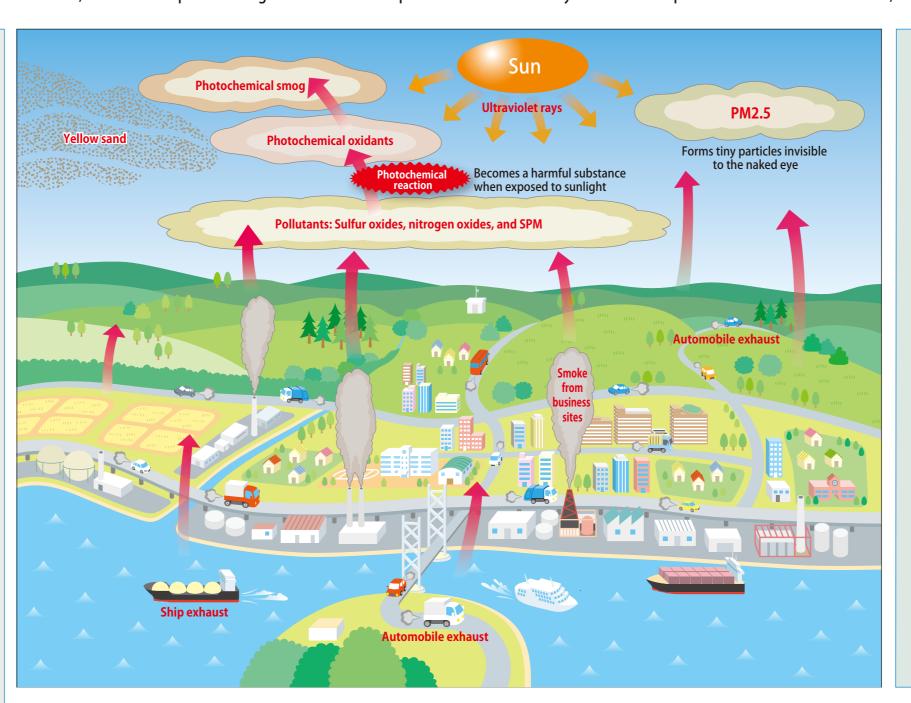
A substance produced when nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons contained in gasoline undergo a photochemical reaction triggered by the strong ultraviolet rays of the sun.

#### Particulate matter (PM2.5)

Small airborne particles with a diameter of  $2.5 \,\mu$  m or less.

#### Nonmethane hydrocarbons (NMHC)

A substance produced from automobile exhaust and from storage tanks at chemical plants and gas stations.



#### **Sharing and Use**

The observed atmospheric data is available online at the Hyogo Prefectural Government website "Environment in Hyogo" and the Ministry of the Environment's Atmospheric Environmental Regional Observation System(AEROS, or "Soramame-kun" in Japanese nickname.)



