

Air pollution

India is home to six of ten cities in the world with the worst air pollution, according to the World Health Organisation.

● Most polluted ● Least polluted cities and towns

Data collected in 4,357 settlements* from 2010 to 2016



MOST POLLUTED

PM 2.5** annual mean, micrograms per m³

City	Country	PM 2.5** annual mean, micrograms per m ³
Gwalior	India	176
Allahabad	India	170
Al Jubail	Saudi Arabia	152
Pasakha	Bhutan	150
Raipur	India	144
Novi Sad	Serbia	142
Delhi	India	123
Ludhiana	India	122
Cairo	Egypt	117
Khanna	India	114

LEAST POLLUTED

PM 2.5 annual mean, micrograms per m³

City/town	Country	Rank
Bredkalen	Sweden	1
Muonio	Finland	2
Dias D'Avila	Brazil	3
El Pueyo De Araguas	Spain	3
Guimaraes	Portugal	3
La Plaine Des Cafres	France	3
Lousame	Spain	3
Kiruna	Sweden	3
Te Anau	New Zealand	3
Arrest	France	4

Note: Data is a combination of measured and converted values.

*Ranging in size from under 100 people to more than 10 million inhabitants.

**The concentration of fine suspended particles of less than 2.5 microns in diameters is a common measure of air pollution.

Source: World Health Organisation.