

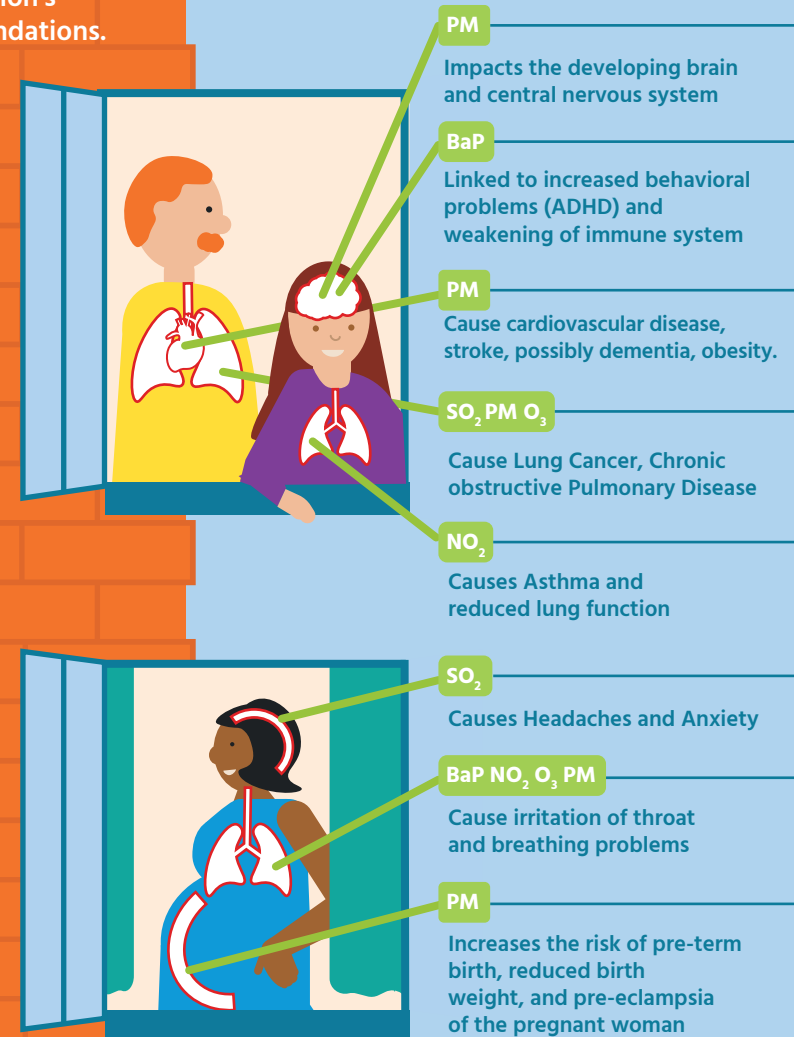
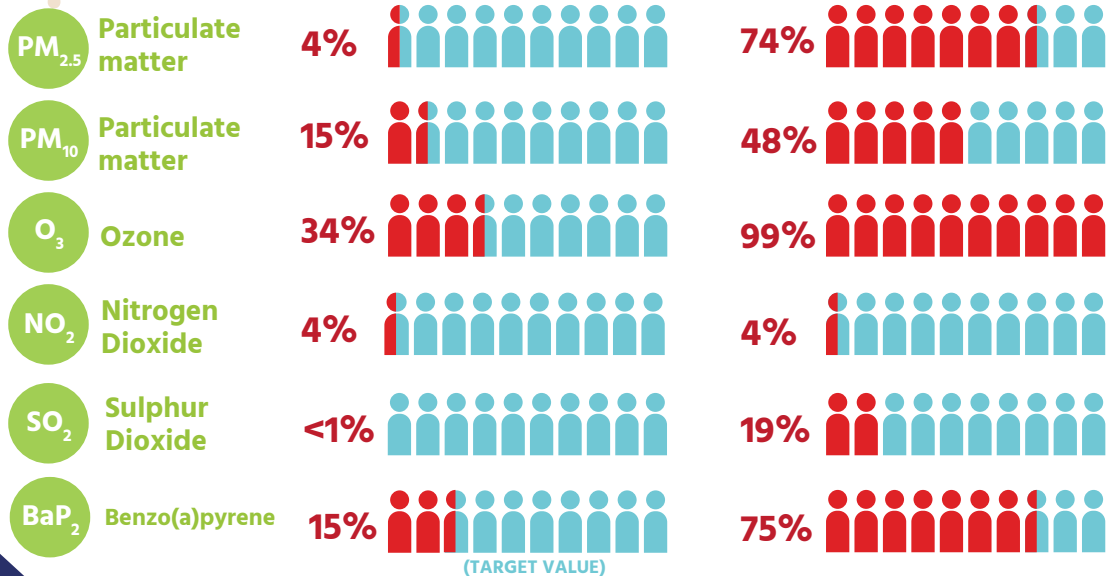
WHY CLEAN AIR STANDARDS HAVE TO BE HEALTH-BASED

EU air quality standards have proven to be a key instrument in reducing air pollution. But to protect people's health and reduce health costs, they must be tightened according to the World Health Organization's health-based recommendations.

Air pollution is the top environmental threat to people's health, in the short and long-term. Some groups are more vulnerable to its impacts: children, pregnant women, the elderly, people who are already ill, or live in poverty.

Share of city residents living with concentrations above EU standards or WHO recommendations (for 2018-19)

Other pollutants of concern for health include mercury and ultrafine particles.



2/3 OF THE EU'S POPULATION LIVE IN URBAN AREAS WITH POOR AIR QUALITY

(Judged on WHO recommendations.)

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