

**Table 5:** *Cleanest U.S. Cities for Short-term Particle Pollution (24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub>)<sup>1</sup>*

| <b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>   | <b>Population</b> |
|--|-------------------|
| Alexandria, LA                         | 150,080           |
| Amarillo, TX                           | 241,515           |
| Bismarck, ND                           | 101,138           |
| Brownsville-Harlingen-Raymondville, TX | 408,362           |
| Cheyenne, WY                           | 85,384            |
| Colorado Springs, CO                   | 599,127           |
| Corpus Christi-Kingsville, TX          | 446,565           |
| Fargo-Wahpeton, ND-MN                  | 210,523           |
| Farmington, NM                         | 126,473           |
| Flagstaff, AZ                          | 124,953           |
| Fort Collins-Loveland, CO              | 276,253           |
| Great Falls, MT                        | 79,385            |
| Longview-Marshall, TX                  | 267,186           |
| Midland-Odessa, TX                     | 251,842           |
| Pueblo, CO                             | 152,912           |
| Redding, CA                            | 179,951           |
| Salinas, CA                            | 410,206           |
| San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA        | 257,005           |
| Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta, CA   | 400,335           |
| Santa Fe-Espanola, NM                  | 183,356           |
| Sioux Falls, SD                        | 212,911           |
| Tucson, AZ                             | 946,362           |
| Valdosta, GA                           | 126,305           |

Note:

(1) This list represents cities with the lowest levels of short-term PM<sub>2.5</sub> air pollution. Monitors in these cities reported no days with unhealthy PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels.

**Table 5a: Top 25 Cleanest U.S. Cities for Long-term Particle Pollution  
(Annual  $PM_{2.5}$ )<sup>1</sup>**

| Rank <sup>2</sup> | Design Value <sup>3</sup> | Metropolitan Statistical Area     | Population |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1                 | 4.5                       | Cheyenne, WY                      | 85,384     |
| 2                 | 4.7                       | Santa Fe-Espanola, NM             | 183,356    |
| 3                 | 4.9                       | Honolulu, HI                      | 909,863    |
| 4                 | 5.3                       | Great Falls, MT                   | 79,385     |
| 5                 | 5.9                       | Farmington, NM                    | 126,473    |
| 6                 | 6.0                       | Tucson, AZ                        | 946,362    |
| 7                 | 6.5                       | Bismarck, ND                      | 101,138    |
| 7                 | 6.5                       | Flagstaff, AZ                     | 124,953    |
| 9                 | 6.7                       | Anchorage, AK                     | 359,180    |
| 10                | 6.9                       | Salinas, CA                       | 410,206    |
| 11                | 7.3                       | Fort Collins-Loveland, CO         | 276,253    |
| 12                | 7.4                       | Duluth, MN-WI                     | 274,244    |
| 13                | 7.5                       | Pueblo, CO                        | 152,912    |
| 14                | 7.6                       | Midland-Odessa, TX                | 251,842    |
| 15                | 7.7                       | Pocatello, ID                     | 86,357     |
| 15                | 7.7                       | Redding, CA                       | 179,951    |
| 17                | 7.8                       | Fargo-Wahpeton, ND-MN             | 210,523    |
| 17                | 7.8                       | Albuquerque, NM                   | 816,811    |
| 19                | 8.0                       | San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA   | 257,005    |
| 20                | 8.1                       | Reno-Sparks-Fernley, NV           | 451,791    |
| 20                | 8.1                       | Colorado Springs, CO              | 599,127    |
| 22                | 8.3                       | Las Vegas-Paradise-Pahrump, NV    | 1,820,232  |
| 23                | 8.4                       | Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL         | 571,344    |
| 24                | 8.6                       | Boise City-Nampa, ID              | 567,640    |
| 24                | 8.6                       | Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL | 534,359    |

Notes:

(1) This list represents cities with the lowest levels of annual  $PM_{2.5}$  air pollution.

(2) Cities are ranked by using the highest Design Value for any county within that metropolitan area.

(3) The **Design Value** is the calculated concentration of a pollutant based on the form of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard, and is used by EPA to determine whether the air quality in a county meets the standard. The source for the Design Values is EPA, communication from the Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards, Mark Schmidt, October 31, 2007.

**Table 5b: Cleanest U.S. Cities for Ozone Air Pollution<sup>1</sup>**

| <b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b> | <b>Population</b> | <b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>       | <b>Population</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Albuquerque, NM                      | 816,811           | Lafayette-Frankfort, IN                    | 219,962           |
| Ames-Boone, IA                       | 106,729           | Laredo, TX                                 | 231,470           |
| Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI          | 377,906           | Lexington-Fayette--Frankfort--Richmond, KY | 645,006           |
| Austin-Round Rock, TX                | 1,513,565         | Lincoln, NE                                | 283,970           |
| Bangor, ME                           | 147,180           | Logan, UT-ID                               | 111,156           |
| Bellingham, WA                       | 185,953           | Medford, OR                                | 197,071           |
| Bloomington, IN                      | 178,714           | Montgomery-Alexander City, AL              | 413,802           |
| Bloomington-Normal, IL               | 161,202           | Naples-Marco Island, FL                    | 314,649           |
| Bowling Green, KY                    | 113,320           | Ocala, FL                                  | 316,183           |
| Brunswick, GA                        | 100,613           | Omaha-Council Bluffs-Fremont, NE-IA        | 858,720           |
| Burlington-South Burlington, VT      | 206,007           | Peoria-Canton, IL                          | 407,572           |
| Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL            | 571,344           | Port St. Lucie-Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL    | 522,217           |
| Carson City, NV                      | 55,289            | Rapid City, SD                             | 118,763           |
| Cedar Rapids, IA                     | 249,320           | Reno-Sparks-Fernley, NV                    | 451,791           |
| Champaign-Urbana, IL                 | 216,581           | Roanoke, VA                                | 295,050           |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL  | 377,291           | Rochester, MN                              | 179,573           |
| Decatur, IL                          | 109,309           | Rochester-Batavia-Seneca Falls, NY         | 1,128,989         |
| Des Moines-Newton-Pella, IA          | 604,626           | Rockford-Freeport-Rochelle, IL             | 450,466           |
| Duluth, MN-WI                        | 274,244           | Salinas, CA                                | 410,206           |
| Elmira, NY                           | 88,641            | Savannah-Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA       | 394,036           |
| Eugene-Springfield, OR               | 337,870           | Sioux Falls, SD                            | 212,911           |
| Fargo-Wahpeton, ND-MN                | 210,523           | Spokane, WA                                | 446,706           |
| Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL           | 142,657           | Springfield, IL                            | 206,112           |
| Gadsden, AL                          | 103,362           | Utica-Rome, NY                             | 297,286           |
| Gainesville, FL                      | 243,985           | Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA                   | 162,263           |
| Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC         | 359,856           | Wilmington, NC                             | 326,166           |
| Honolulu, HI                         | 909,863           | Yuma, AZ                                   | 187,555           |

Note:

(1) This list represents cities with no monitored ozone air pollution in unhealthy ranges using the Air Quality Index based on the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard of 0.08 ppm..