Community leaders, state policymakers and environmental health advocates will be able to compare and visualize how pollution affects the well-being of some of the state’s most impacted communities.

The map provides new and rigorous insights into where public investments can be prioritized to buffer environmental health impacts on Washington’s communities, so that everyone can benefit from clean air, clean water and a healthy environment.
Collaboration in Action

The map is the result of a collaborative project between:
• University of Washington’s Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
• Front and Centered – a community-based coalition
• Washington State Department of Health
• Washington State Department of Ecology
• Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

The map was designed using input from community leaders and organizations on the environmental health conditions affecting their communities.

Census Tracts

The map shows 19 indicators at the census tract level. A census tract is an area designated for taking the U.S. census. Washington state has 1458 census tracts. Some census tracts are smaller in size while others are larger in area depending on how how many people live there.

Zooming in on the map makes more census tracts appear, as shown in the image to the left. Census tracts are compared using a 1-10 ranking scale.

‘Your zip code, income, race or language ability shouldn’t determine how healthy you are. I want clean air for my family and neighbors who suffer from asthma. Children should be able to grow up in a safer, less polluted environment.’

-- Rosario Maria Medina
Longtime South Seattle resident
Community organizer for Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

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