CSN 2021 Site Report: St. Louis - Blair Street

AQS ID: 29-510-0085, POC 6 (38.656429, -90.198348) 1-in-3 Day Schedule

The Chemical Speciation Network (CSN) is a routine air monitoring network designed to complement the PM$_{2.5}$ monitoring network; support the implementation of PM$_{2.5}$ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); assist in developing and tracking emission control strategies; and provide data to aid in health studies. CSN sites are primarily located in urban areas and complement the largely rural Interagency Monitoring of PROtected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) network. The CSN target analytes are trace elements, ions, and carbon.

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Samples Successfully Collected and Analyzed in 2021 by Filter Type. PTFE: 119 (97.5%), Nylon: 119 (97.5%), Quartz: 119 (97.5%)

The plots below show temporal trends for site 29-510-0085 alongside network-wide CSN and IMPROVE average concentrations. The top plot shows the variability of the reconstructed fine mass (RFM) concentrations during 2021; RFM can only be calculated if all three filters collected on a sampling day are valid. The bottom plot illustrates the long-term trends of ambient concentrations; the gray shaded region represents the range of values measured each year at this site, illustrated using the 10$^{th}$ and 90$^{th}$ percentile values.

Daily Reconstructed Fine Mass in 2021

Long−Term Trends in Reconstructed Fine Mass

Missing years are due to low number of RFM values.

To view and download CSN data: [https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data](https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data)

EPA website with guidance documents and background information: [https://www.epa.gov/amtic/chemical-speciation-network-csn](https://www.epa.gov/amtic/chemical-speciation-network-csn)

EPA real-time air monitoring data: [https://www.airnow.gov/](https://www.airnow.gov/)

Univ. of California, Davis website with information about current research and publications: [https://aqrc.ucdavis.edu/csn](https://aqrc.ucdavis.edu/csn)

The Colorado State Univ. website with data resources, literature, and visibility overviews: [http://vista.cira.colostate.edu/improve/](http://vista.cira.colostate.edu/improve/)
The following plots summarize the chemical composition of particles collected at this site. The monthly averaged compositions calculated from 2017-2021 data are shown on the left while compositions for the day with the highest measured concentrations during 2021 are shown on the right.

Average Monthly Particle Composition

Components Calculation Natural Sources Anthropogenic Sources
Salt\[1.8 \cdot \text{Chloride}\] Ocean spray, dry lakebeds Chemical manufacturing, lake consumption
Soil Dust\[2.2 \cdot Al + 2.49 \cdot Si + 1.63 \cdot Ca + 2.42 \cdot Fe + 1.94 \cdot Ti\] Soil resuspension, dust storms long-range transport
Soot \text{Elemental Carbon} Wildfires Motor vehicles, wood burning, smoking
Organic Matter\[1.4 \cdot \text{Organic Carbon}\] Plants, animals, wildfires Motor vehicles, cooking oils, household cleaners
Nitrate\[1.29 \cdot \text{Nitrate}\] Plants, animals Fertilizer, stock yards, chemical manufacturing
Sulfate\[4.125 \cdot \text{Sulfur}\] Volcanism Coal-fired power plants, chemical manufacturing

The following map shows the average RFM concentrations for nearby sites in both CSN and the rural IMPROVE Network. The point shapes indicate which network the sites are associated with. The color bar indicates the average annual RFM concentration (micrograms per cubic meter) measured at each site in 2021.