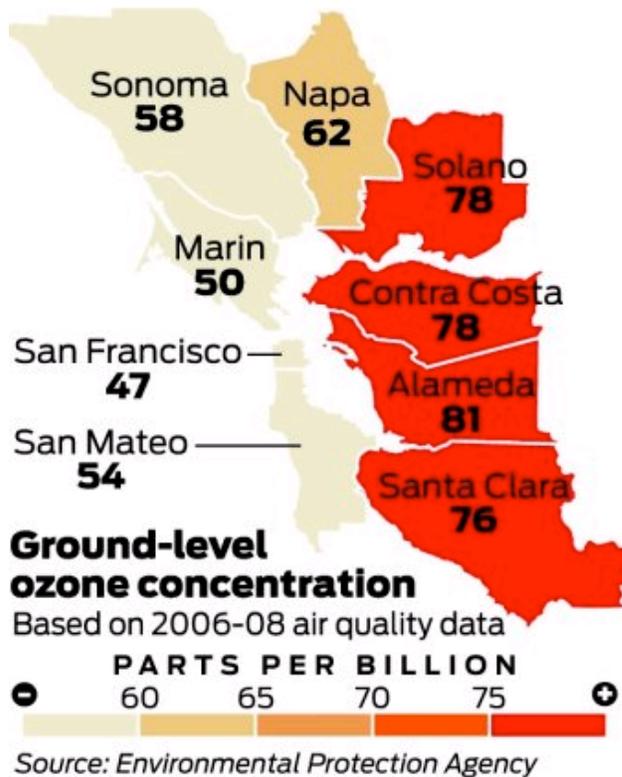


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## Stricter standards

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed the strictest health standards to date for smog, which is linked to serious health problems and premature death. The proposed standards limit ground-level ozone to between 60 and 70 parts per billion, and would throw out a 75 ppb standard adopted in 2008 by the Bush administration that some deemed too lenient.

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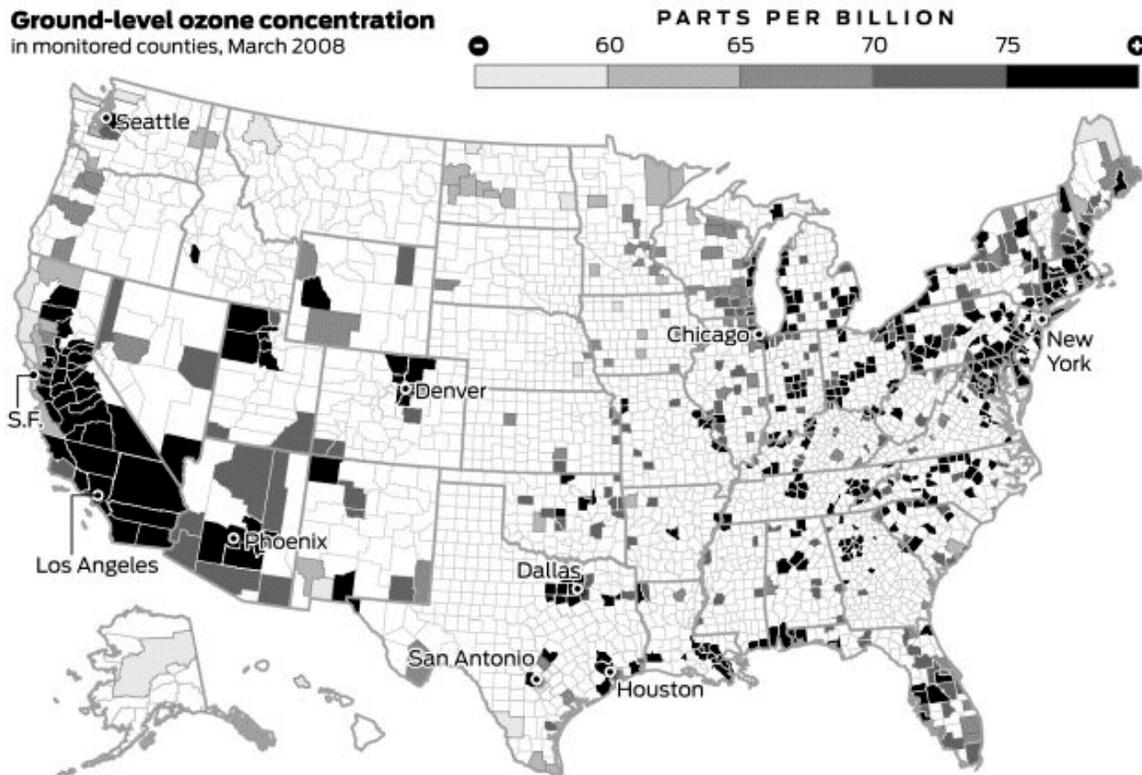
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## EPA to replace smog limit with stricter standard

A new EPA proposal for allowable smog concentration will be between 60 and 70 parts per billion – down from 75 parts per billion. That's equivalent to a single tennis ball in an Olympic-sized swimming pool full of tennis balls.

**Ground-level ozone concentration**  
in monitored counties, March 2008



Note: Based on 2006–08 air quality data. Counties shown in white were not monitored.  
Source: Environmental Protection Agency

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