

# ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE & AIR QUALITY

## AIR QUALITY

Poor air quality affects almost everyone around the globe due to industrial emissions, but a disproportionate amount of its effects fall on largely minority communities



**WILMINGTON, CA**  
Wilmington is surrounded by oil rigs, refineries, and freeways making exposure to pollutants unavoidable. Residents in Wilmington are 98% more likely to get cancer from pollution than the rest of the LA area.

## UNFAIR BURDENS

Wilmington's community is 85% Latinx and has been for decades. Due to racist attitudes in the area people of color were forced into more industrial areas during the 1950's because of the decreased land prices associated with the health risks of living there



## SOURCES

[CSULB Wilmington Enviro](#)  
[Racism](#)  
[The Diesel Death Zone](#)  
[Oil Infrastructure](#)  
[CalMatters](#)

## POLICY PROBLEMS

Because of the many refineries and oil rigs in Wilmington, policy makers see it as an economic gold mine, refusing to do anything to remedy the issues caused by their inaction