

Colombia & Pollution

Health and Economic Impacts



The Lancet Commission on pollution and health provides data related to the health and economic costs of pollution for 190 countries. It also gives specifics on the inequity of pollution's impact, and provides an overview of solutions implemented or possible to reduce the burden of pollution.

The Commission's lead authors have prepared this brief summary of pollution's impact specifically in Colombia.

Average % of Deaths from Pollution

High-Income Countries	7.3%
Upper-Middle-Income Countries	10.3%
Lower-Middle-Income Countries	14.7%
Low-Income Countries	19.2%

Pollution in the air, water, and soil was responsible for **9.0%** of all deaths in Colombia.

Health Impact

In 2015, the report indicates that 20,000 Colombians died from pollution-related disease. That is over five and a half times more than deaths from HIV, TB and malaria combined.

Economic Impact

The economic costs of pollution to Colombia is calculated in two ways:

The costs of lost productivity from pollution-related diseases are estimated to be between .08% and .09% of gross domestic product (GDP).

When willingness-to-pay method is used to estimate the amount that people would be willing to pay to avoid premature death due to pollution-related disease, the total is estimated to be US \$12.5 billion, which is approximately 3.6% of the country's economic output.

Causes and Risks of Deaths – Colombia

