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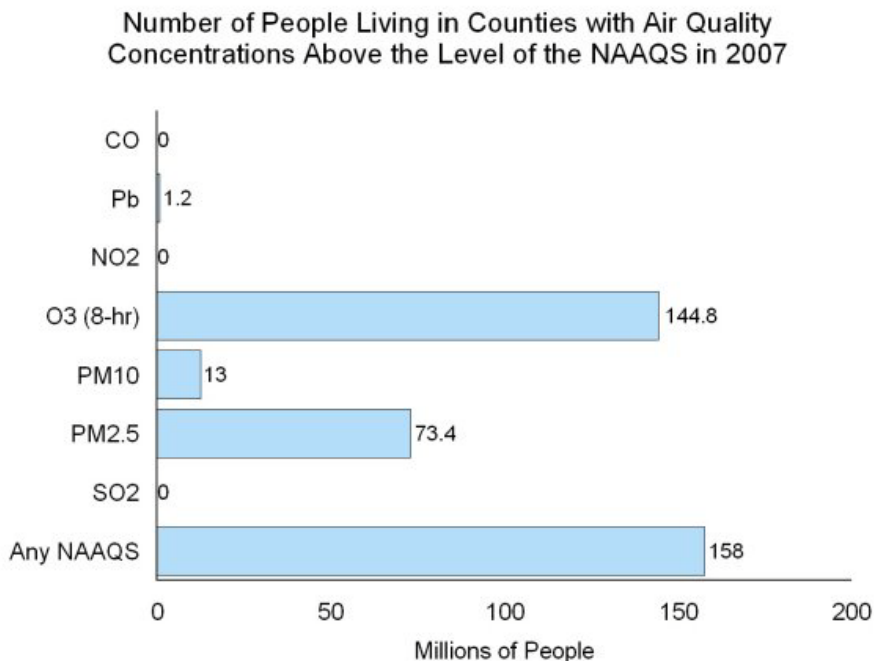
“Air quality is a major national concern. It has been estimated that about 50% of Americans live in areas where levels of one or more air pollutants are high enough to affect public health and/or the environment.”

**References:**

$$158,000,000^a / 305,685,570^b = 51.2\%$$

Despite great progress in air quality improvement, approximately 150 million people nationwide lived in counties with pollution levels above the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in 2007.<sup>a</sup>

- a) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "Air Trends: Basic Information," (n.d.), retrieved November 18, 2008, from <http://www.epa.gov/airtrends/sixpoll.html>.



- b) U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimate, retrieved November 18, 2008, from <http://www.census.gov>.