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What is CalEnviroScreen 3.0?

CalEnviroScreen 3.0 is a tool made by California Environmental Protection Agency to help identify communities most affected by pollution.

CalEnviroScreen uses the *cumulative impact theory* to compare pollution levels in communities across California.

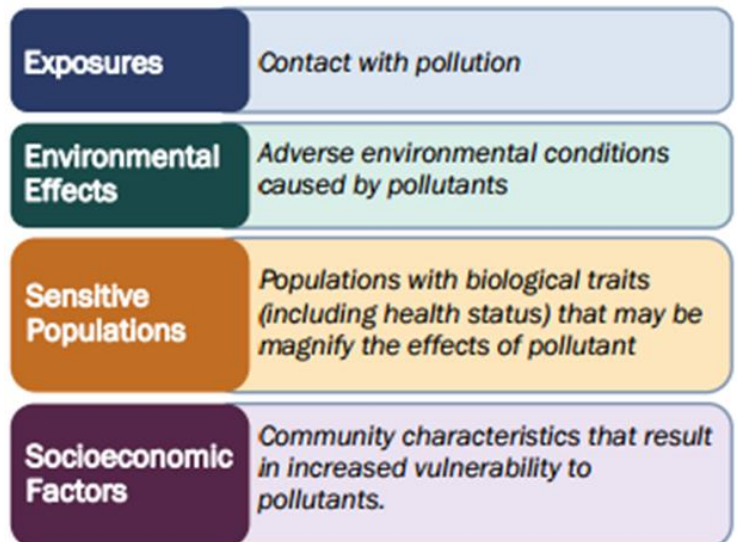
What are Cumulative Impacts?

Cumulative impacts are the combination of different factors that when added together, result in a higher impact.

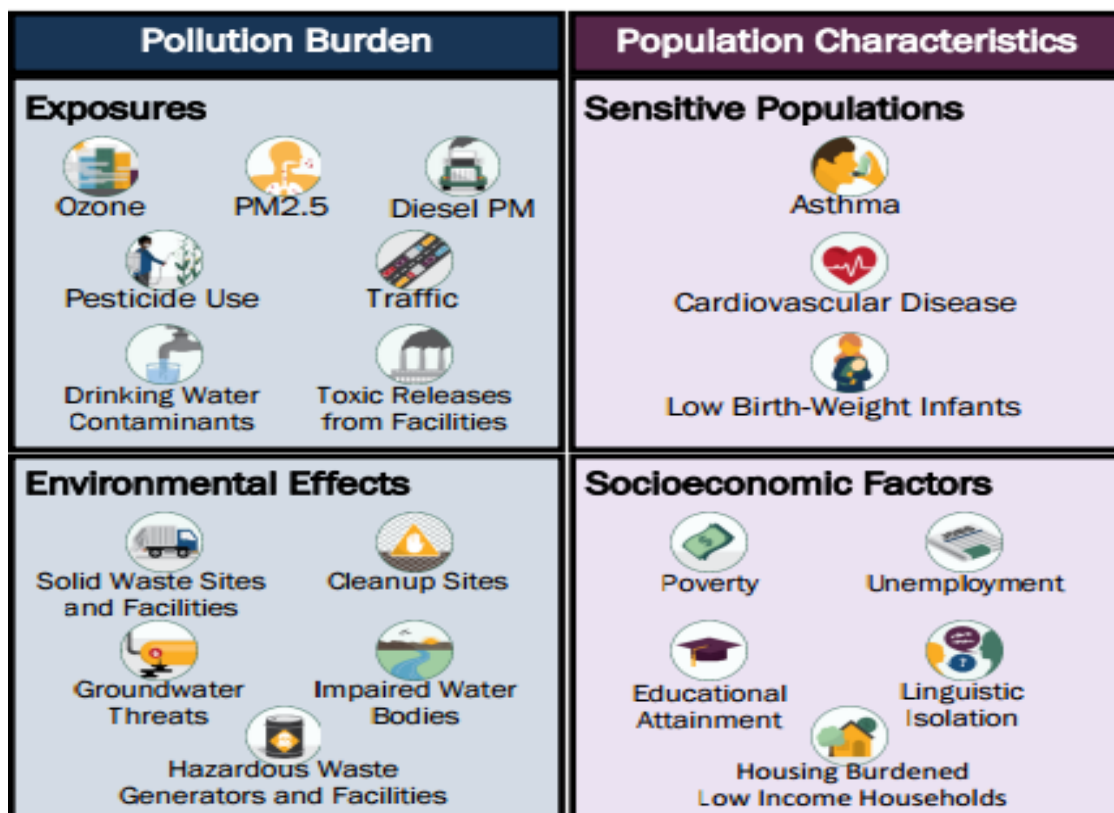
Example: Pollution + asthma + poverty = cumulative impacts!

1+1+1+1+1= too much!

CalEnviroScreen measures these indicators through these four main groups:



The CalEnviroScreen results are the pollution burden times the population characteristics.



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What does this mean for Kettleman City?

A community with a high percentage is experiencing a higher pollution burden and vulnerability than a community with a lower percentage in California.

Kettleman City rates in the 90% percentile on CalEnviroScreen.


This means that Kettleman City has a higher pollution burden than 90% of California.



CalEnviroScreen results for Kettleman City:

For Environmental, Health factors, or Population Characteristics, the higher the %, the more the factor affects the community.

Environmental Factors	Percentage
Pesticides	92%
Drinking Water Threats	74%
Solid Waste	85%
Health Factors	Percentage
Asthma	73%
Low Birth Weight	74%
Cardiovascular	83%
Population Characteristics	Percentage
Poverty	86%
Unemployment	74%
Lack of Formal Education	93%



How to learn more and access the tool:
Website: <http://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>
Email: CalEnviroScreen@oehha.ca.gov

The CalEnviroScreen 3.0 report (in English and Spanish), maps and additional data:
<https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30>

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