

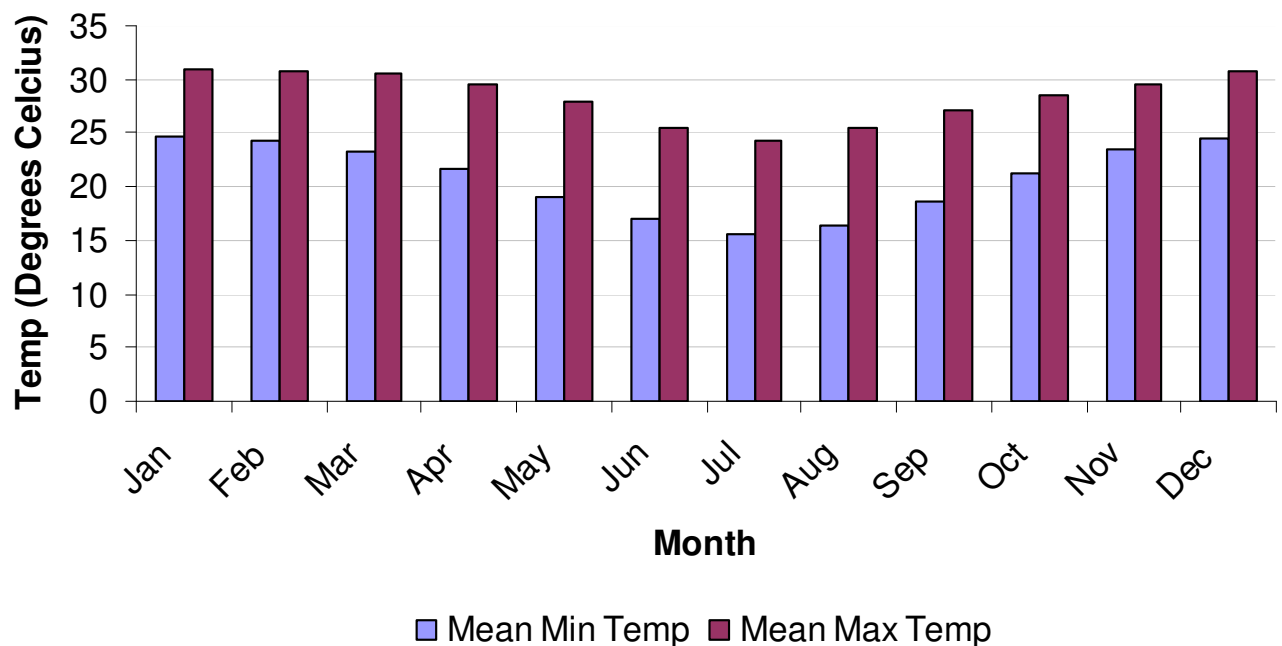
INVESTING IN NORTH QUEENSLAND CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Located in a dry tropics climate, Townsville offers an average of 300 days of sunshine each year. The region's weather pattern is dominated by a short wet summer with considerable rainfall and a relatively long dry period for the remainder of the year.

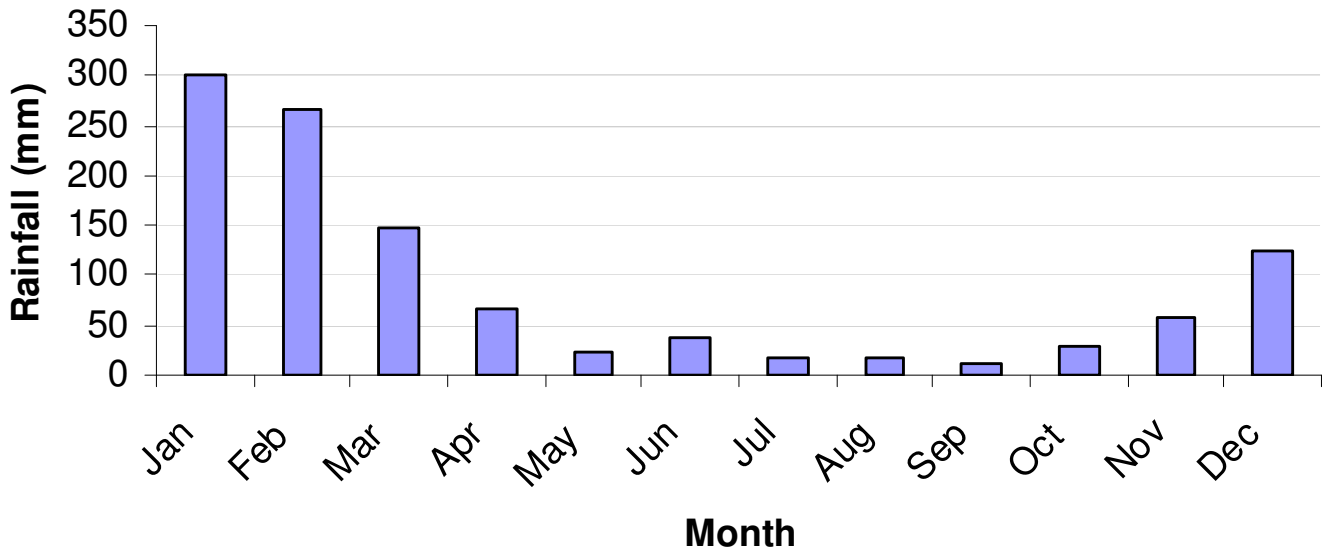
Temperatures range between a minimum of 13 degrees in the winter months to a maximum of 33 degrees in the summer months.

The following graphs and tables describe Townsville's climate and environmental conditions:

Average Temperature

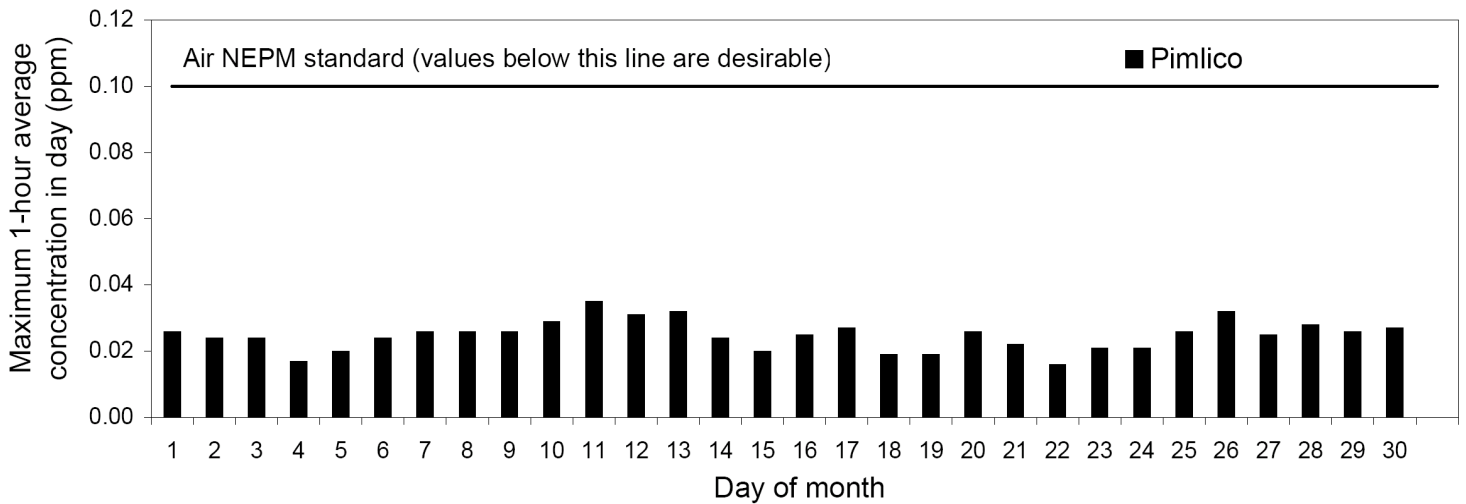


Average Rainfall



Air Quality

Ozone (photochemical oxidants)

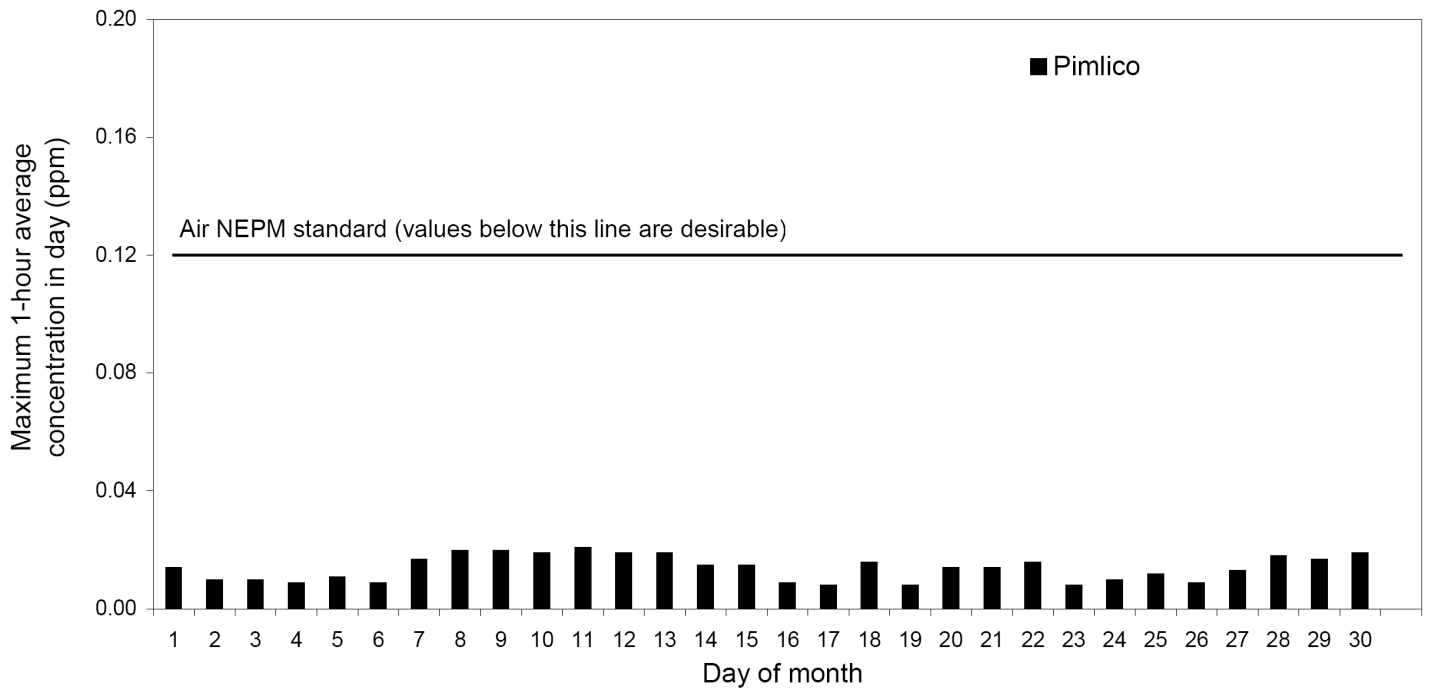


Ambient concentrations of Ozone at the Pimlico (Townsville) site. Daily maximum 1-hour average concentrations (ppm), June 2007 (EPA, Air Quality Bulletin, North Queensland, June 2007)

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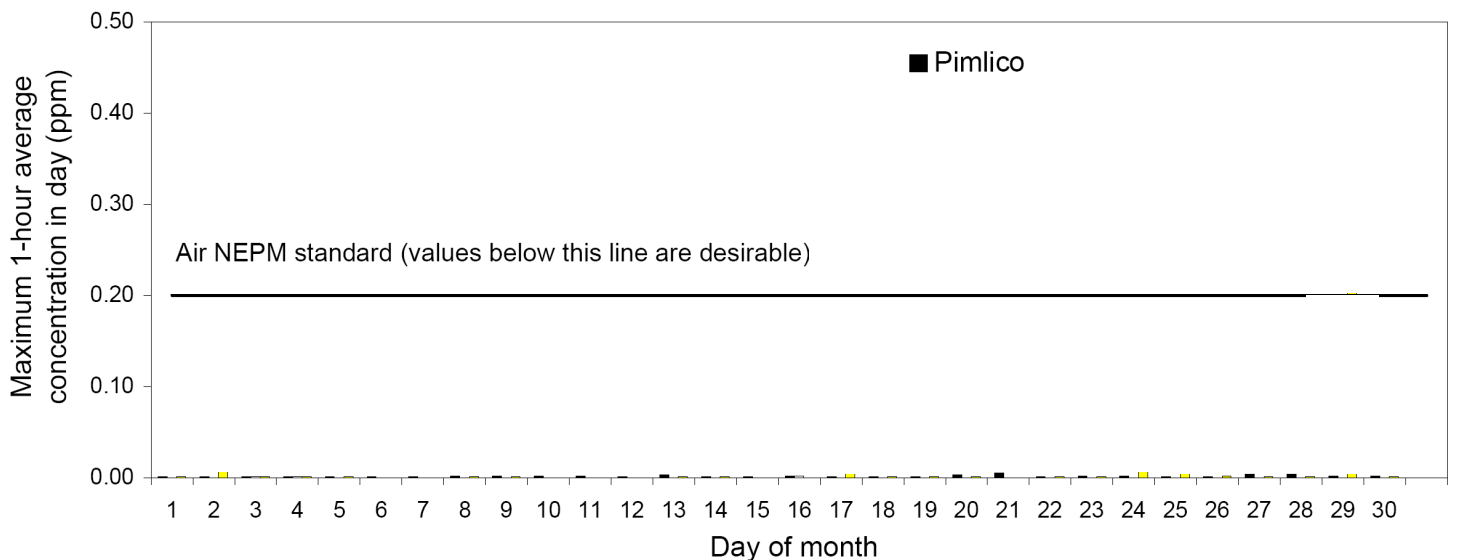


Nitrogen Dioxide



Ambient concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide at the Pimlico (Townsville) site.
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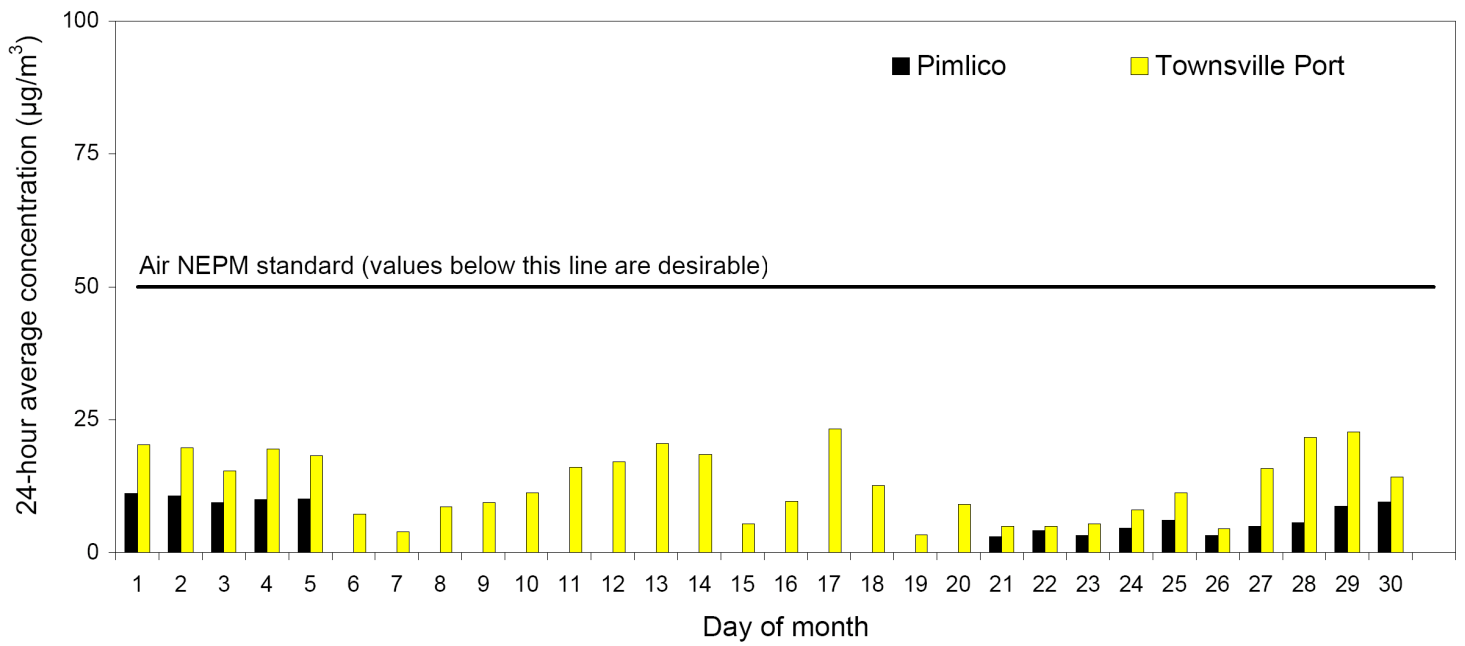
Sulphur Dioxide



Ambient concentrations of Sulphur Dioxide at the Pimlico (Townsville) site.
Daily maximum 1-hour average concentrations (ppm), June 2007 (EPA, Air Quality
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PM₁₀



Ambient concentrations of PM₁₀ at the Pimlico (Townsville) and Townsville Port monitoring sites. Daily 24-hour average concentrations (µg/m³), June 2007 (EPA, Air Quality Bulletin, North Queensland, June 2007)

