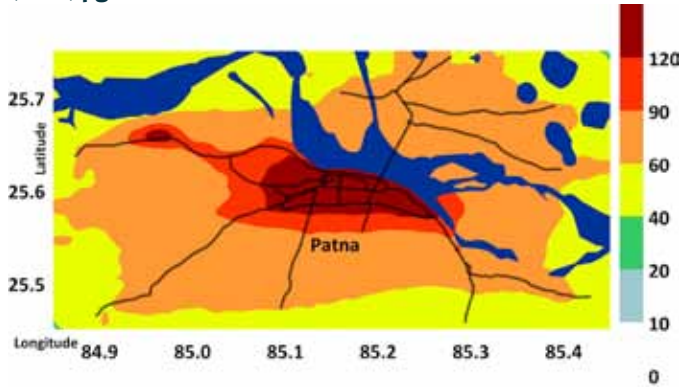


Modeled annual average PM_{2.5} concentration (2015) µg/m³



For urban Patna, average PM_{2.5} concentration was 122.2 ± 23.1 µg/m³. This is more than 3 times the national standard (40) and more than 12 times the WHO guideline (10).

Air monitoring infrastructure

Patna has 1 Continuous Air Monitoring Station (CAMS) reporting data for all the criteria pollutants and 2 manual stations reporting data on PM₁₀, SO₂, and NO₂. There should be at least 26 CAMS in the city for efficient reporting.

Annual averages from the national ambient monitoring program (2011-2015) µg/m³

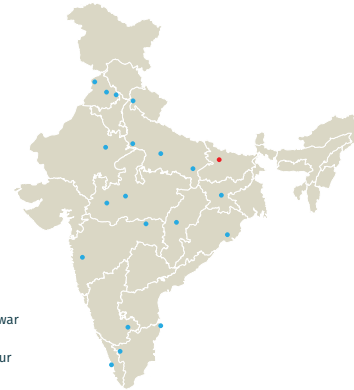
PM ₁₀	NO ₂	SO ₂
162.0 +/- 91.7	33.0 +/- 24.3	4.6 +/- 5.0

Trend in PM_{2.5} concentrations, based on satellite observations and global model simulations (1998-2014) µg/m³



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Designing an effective Air Quality Management (AQM) plan for a city requires robust data on levels of pollution, affected areas, source contributors, peaking trends and possible control mechanisms.

The Air Pollution Knowledge Assessment (APnA) City Program seeks to make this database available and also serve as a starting point for understanding air pollution.

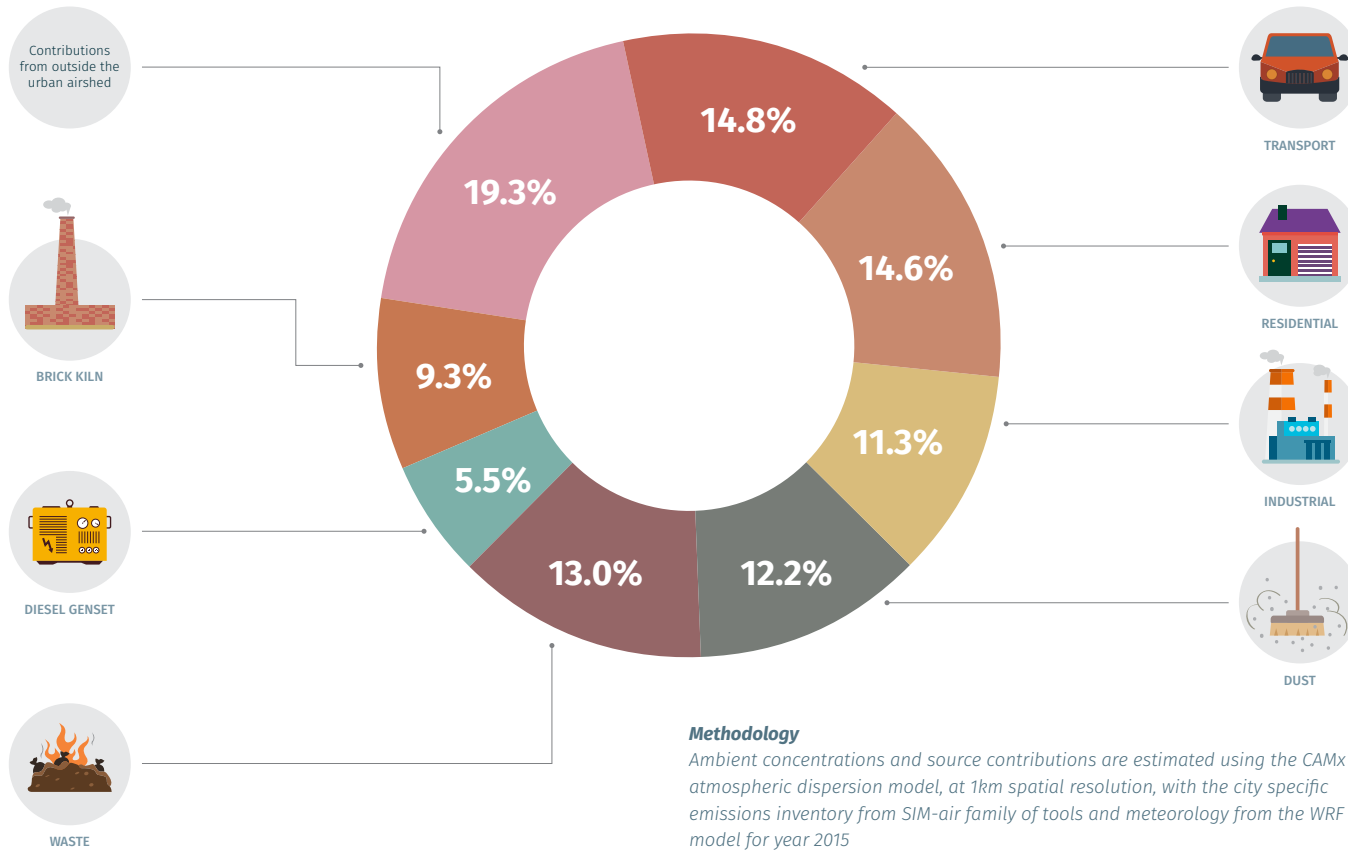
The program, implemented by Urban Emissions and facilitated by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, seeks to create a comprehensive, city-specific information pool by pulling together data from disparate sources, surveys, mapping and atmospheric modeling.

Policy options based on this information, and their implementation, would be the effective next steps in improving the air quality of our cities.

Patna

The air of this ancient city is rich with history and PM_{2.5} that's thrice the national standard.

How various sources contributed annually to the modeled ambient PM_{2.5} concentrations in 2015



Findings & Recommendations

- The modeled source contributions present an even share of transport (including on-road dust), domestic cooking and heating, industries, open waste-burning, and influence of outside sources.

- An estimated 19% of the ambient annual PM_{2.5} pollution (in 2015) originated outside the urban airshed. It came from coal-fired power plants, large (metal and non-metal processing) industries and brick kilns located outside the urban airshed. Some regional interventions could reduce the pollution loads.

- By 2030, increase in LPG consumption, residential electrification and urbanisation will decrease emissions from residential cooking and lighting. However, use of biomass and coal for warmth in the winter will still be an issue.

- The city needs to aggressively promote public and non-motorized transport and improve road infrastructure to reduce on-road dust re-suspension.

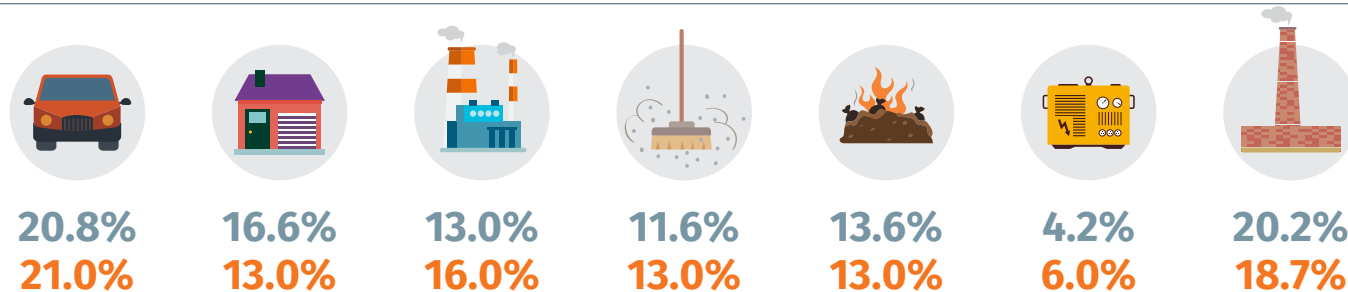
- Vehicle exhaust emissions are expected to remain constant by 2030, if and only if, Bharat 6 fuel standards are introduced nationally in 2020, as recommended by the Auto Fuel Policy.

- The 300 brick kilns in the urban airshed can benefit from a technology upgrade from the current fixed-chimney and clamp-style baking to (for example) zig-zag, in order to improve their overall energy efficiency.

- Most of the small and the medium industries need an energy efficiency management plan to address the emissions from coal, heavy fuel oil and gas combustion, or they need to shift to electricity.

- Patna is generating more garbage without a corresponding increase in its ability to sort and dispose it. Open burning, which is prevalent across the city, needs stricter regulations.

PM_{2.5} estimated annual emissions inventory: 2015 and 2030



Total emissions in 2015 = 18,050 tons Total emissions in 2030 = 25,700 tons