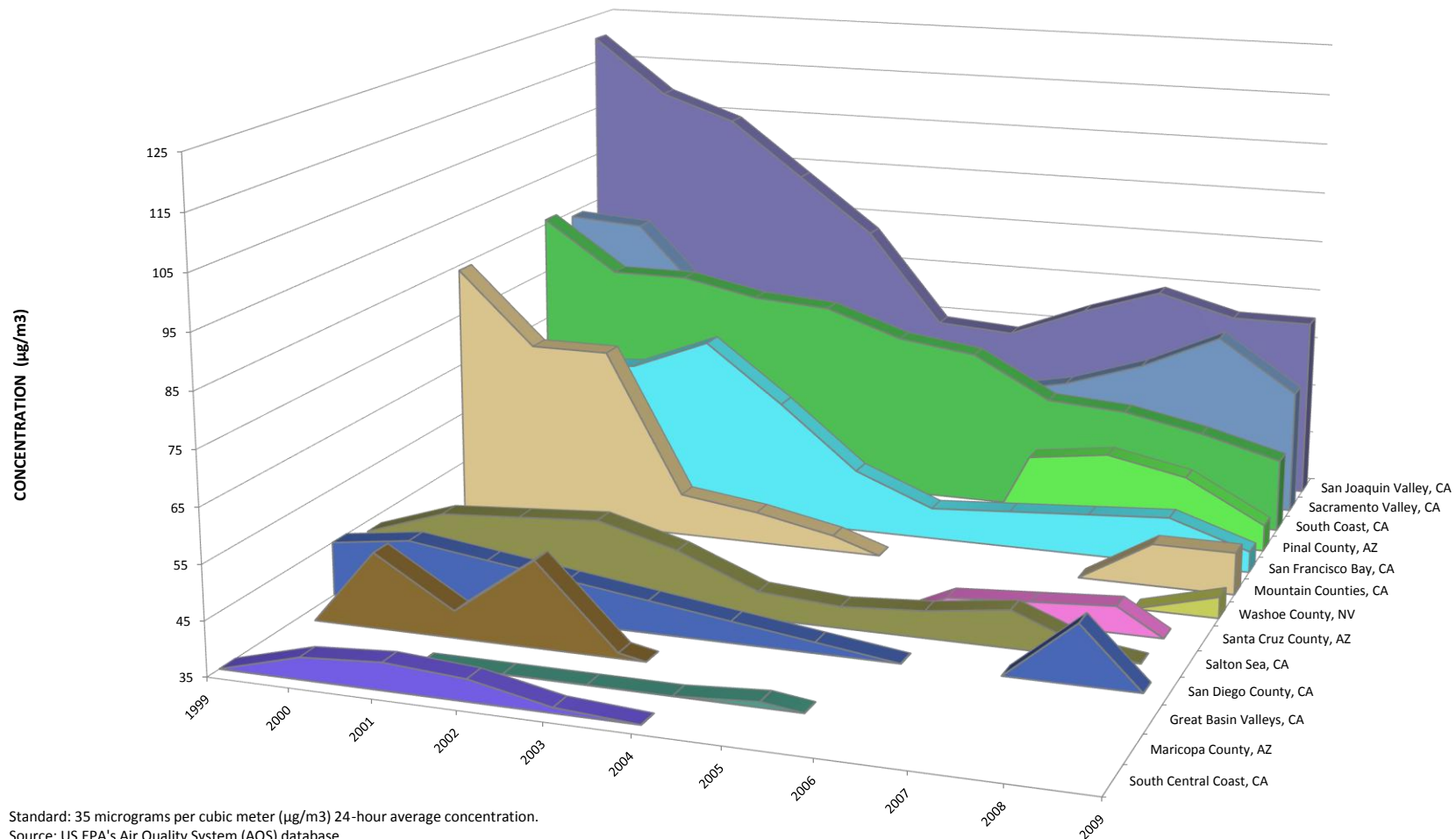


**US EPA REGION 9 AIR QUALITY TRENDS, 1999-2009  
PM-2.5 DESIGN VALUE CONCENTRATIONS BY AIR BASIN**



Standard: 35 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) 24-hour average concentration.  
 Source: US EPA's Air Quality System (AQS) database.  
 Design Value: Three-year average of the 98th percentile concentration at the air basin's highest monitor.  
 Not all design values are valid due to data completeness issues. X-axis labels represent the last year of a monitor's three year average. All regionally-occurred exceptional events have been excluded from design value calculations.