

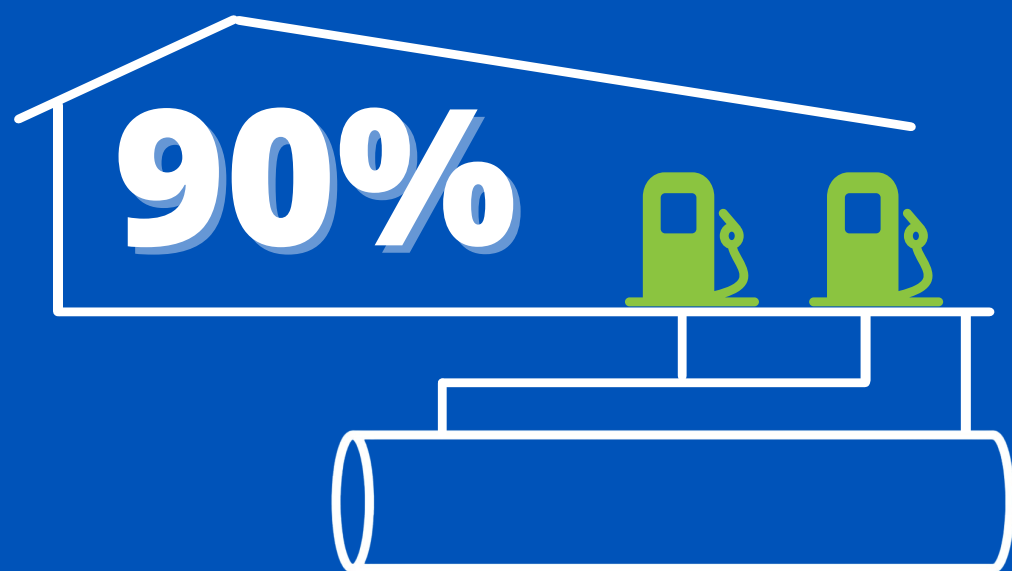


# Over 500,000

## Releases From Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) Cleaned Up

Thank you to our state, territorial, tribal, and industry partners. Reaching this milestone was possible because of your dedication and commitment, and we look forward to continuing to work together.

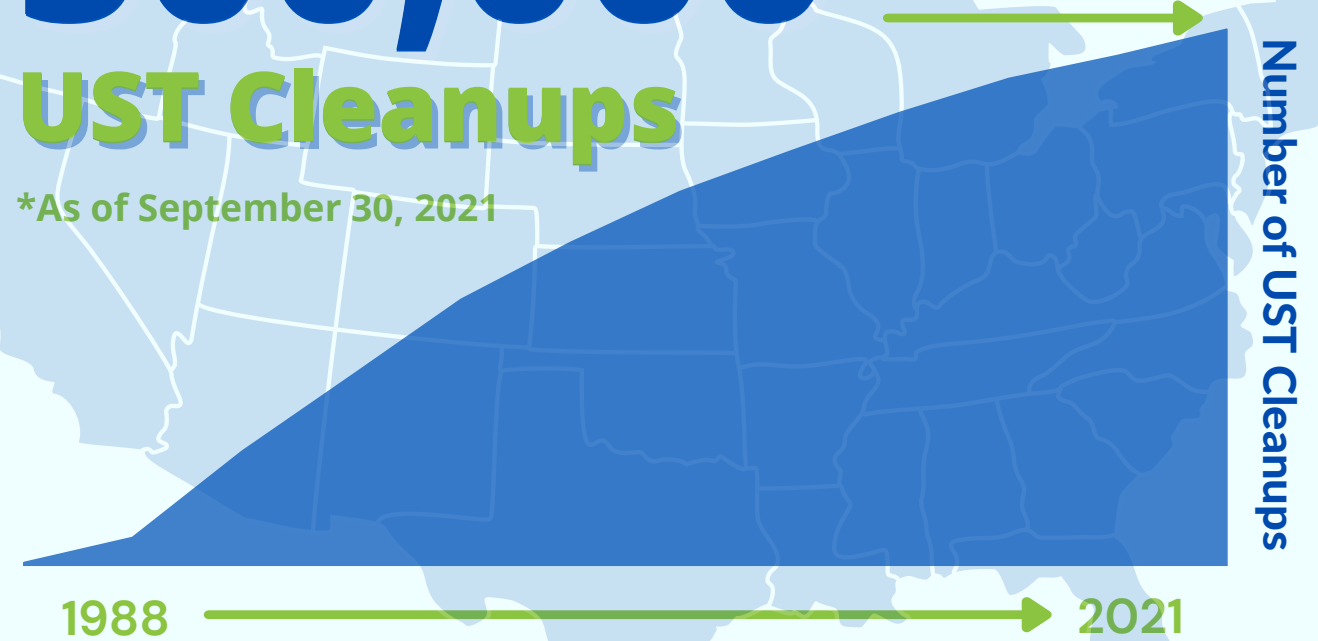
Over 500,000 cleanups completed means almost 90% of UST releases have been cleaned up.



62,000 cleanups remain in the backlog, and despite prevention efforts, about 5,000 new releases are reported each year.

# 500,000 UST Cleanups

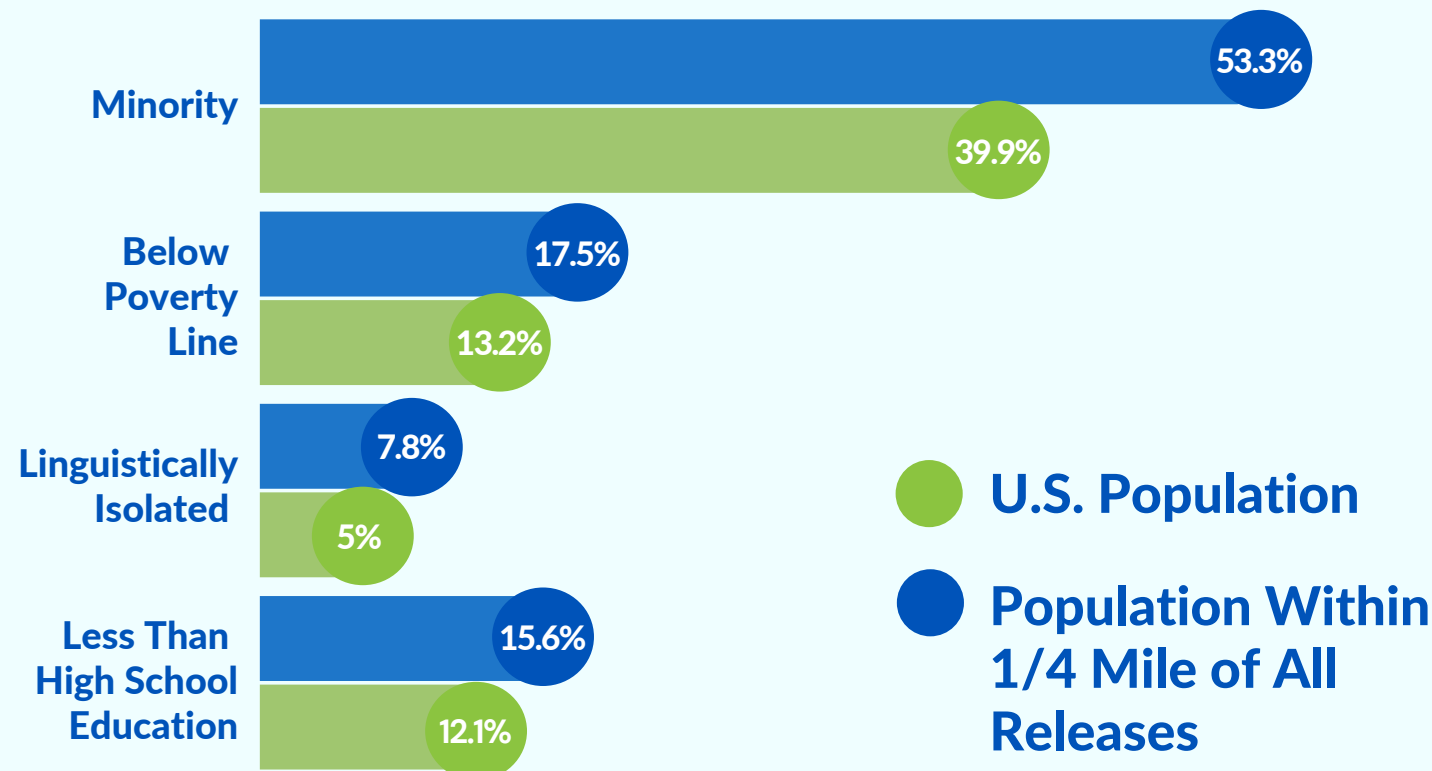
\*As of September 30, 2021



Since 1988, EPA and our partners have worked to clean up over 500,000 releases from USTs across the country.

### Environmental Justice Implications

Even though UST releases exist in thousands of U.S. communities, many of those releases are in economically distressed communities and burdens are disproportionately distributed to these communities.



EPA and our partners are committed to preventing and cleaning up UST releases equitably in U.S. communities.

### Protecting Public Health and the Environment



Cleaning up these releases helps keep communities safe from harmful contaminants in their soil and drinking water.