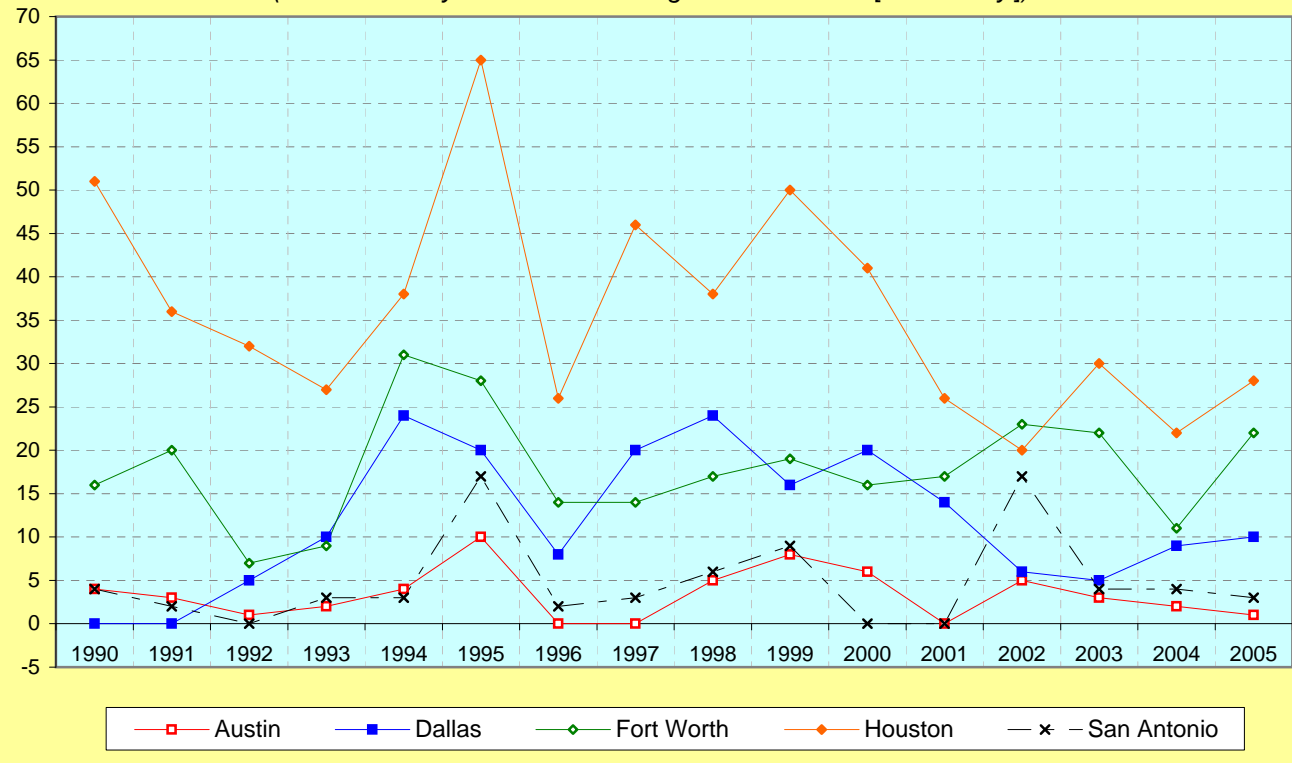


Air Quality Index (AQI) in Selected Texas Cybercities, 1990-2005

(Days)

(Number of days with AQI values greater than 100 [ozone only])



Air Quality Index (AQI): To measure ozone levels, the US EPA uses an index called the Air Quality Index (AQI). The AQI is an index for reporting daily air quality that indicates how clean or polluted the air is in selected metropolitan areas in the US. The AQI is also used to make the population aware of associated health concerns. For example: in the year 2005, Austin had 1 day during which the ozone level exceeded 100; in 1995, Austin had 10 days that exceeded 100.

Austin - Austin-Round Rock MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area)

Dallas - Dallas MSA

Fort Worth - Fort Worth-Arlington MSA

Houston - Houston MSA

San Antonio - San Antonio MSA

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