

Title: Particulates & Population Zoom In Inquiry

Teacher Sheet

Instructions: Your teacher will display images for the class to observe. With each image, there will be a question. As you observe the images, follow the steps below:

- 1) **Think:** On the chart below, jot down a response to the question that is posted. (1 min)
- 2) **Pair:** Talk with your partner about your response to the question that is posted. (1 min.)
 - Respond with follow-up questions:
 - What makes you say that?
- 3) **Share:** Your teacher will call on 2-3 students to share out. (1 min.)

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 1. Expected student responses: Circles that are different sizes Mostly blue/ turquoise circles but some dark blue and orange circles A lot of circles in the Northeast of the United States and the Southwest. 	 2. Expected student responses: Orange and blue/ turquoise circles on South America Some big circles and a lot of small dots Some dots are spread out while some circles overlap one another 	 3. Expected student responses: Circles could represent cities. Circles could represent sites of contamination Circles could represent windiest regions because many are located close to the ocean.
4. Expected student responses: The map creator wanted to show where there are places in the world with a lot of people. Circles on a map can be easier to understand than a lot of numbers.	5. The data was collected between 2000-2019. Expected student responses: • The map creator used orange/red to show areas where the PM _{2.5} per person increased and blue/ purple to show where it decreased from 2000-2019.	6. Possible student responses: Air quality has improved the most in West Africa, Mexico, parts of East Asia, Europe and the United States. Air quality has worsened in India, Australia, Northeast Asia among other places.





7. Expected student responses:

• There are two large urban areas in South Africa with over 5 million people where PM_{2.5} concentrations have decreased. Near those areas, there are dozens of urban areas with 2.5 million people or less where PM_{2.5} has slightly increased or decreased. There is also one area with between 2.5 and 5 million people where particle pollution worsened.

8. Expected student responses:

I would like to show this map to policy makers at the United Nations. I would like them to see how much particle pollution worsened in India from 2000-2019 so that they can develop a global solution to this problem.

9. Answers will vary.

[Extension] expected student response:

- I would define the exact range in population for each of the circle sizes.
- I would consider making the circles smaller in the scale or adding more circle sizes to the scale so they don't overlap as much.

