

# MASSACHUSETTS HAS THE WORST TRAFFIC IN THE NATION

For some of us, it's a headache. For many of us, it's **ASTHMA**.

## May 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Asthma Day

For too long, communities of color and low-income communities have had a high prevalence of asthma – impacted by pollution and climate change – and saw an increase of 58.5% of asthma in adults with annual incomes below \$25,000.

## We cannot let our communities suffer anymore.

Now more than ever, we need to fight for clean air, affordable transit, and equitable legislation that will address our health and environmental concerns. Learn about our campaigns below. #WeStillCantBreathe



An Act to Improve Outdoor and Indoor Air Quality For Communities Burdened by Pollution (HD.2474, SD.1180) will improve air quality, especially for EJ populations and residents suffering from congested roadways and ports, gas stoves, and mold in rental housing.



MBTA workers and riders need a low-income fare. To make transit affordable for all riders, we are urging the MA Legislature to maintain the funding for a low-income fare program at the MBTA included in Governor Healey's budget, using dedicated transportation revenue from the Fair Share Amendment; and pass legislation to ensure a low-income fare is permanently available to riders. Together, we can make the MBTA affordable for all by passing H.3373 and S.2231.



The Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition is advocating for a bill to require the electrification of the Fairmount Commuter Line, which will reduce pollution, improve air quality, and provide economic opportunities for the primarily low-income residents of the surrounding communities, as well as serving as a pilot for the electrification of the rest of the MBTA Commuter Rail system. Support Electrification for the Fairmount Line campaign for better transit.



Clean Air ROX campaign is dedicated to monitoring air quality by installing community-owned sensors and determining sources of indoor and ambient air pollution; mitigating air pollution by installing HEPA air purifiers and quantifying their effectiveness; and using data to take action by making it accessible for residents and partners.

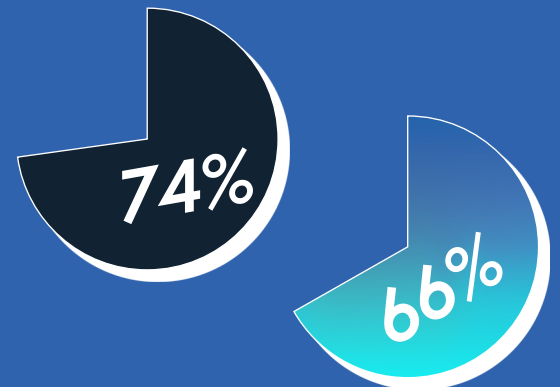
On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, join the Green Justice Coalition and allies at Dudley Cafe in Boston for our annual rally on Asthma Justice! Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/GJC2023>

## Did You Know?

**1 in 9** individuals struggle with asthma.



**74%** of adults and **66%** of children with asthma do not have it well-controlled or have poor control of their asthma.



In Massachusetts, the highest asthma prevalence estimates were seen in and around densely populated areas, including, but not limited to, **Boston, Springfield, Worcester, Lowell, New Bedford, and Fall River.**

