

ISG Cleveland Works:
More neighbors than any comparable U.S. steelmaker

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393,385 people live and breathe within five miles of the ISG Cleveland Works. No comparable steel plant in the United States has so many neighbors.

Second to ISG Cleveland is Rouge Steel in Dearborn, near Detroit. Ranked third is the U.S. Steel Mon Valley Works in Braddock, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh.

Steel plant pollution respects no boundaries, of course. The resulting health problems are suffered most, however, by people living nearby.

The mills listed are the U.S. integrated steelmakers with the most production capacity. Minimills are not included because the patterns of pollution aren't comparable.

The "Neighbors" column is a count of all people living within five miles of the center latitude and longitude of the plant, according to 2000 U.S. Census data in U.S. EPA databases. Since ISG Cleveland is not a single point, but a 1200-acre

Plant owner	Location	Neighbors
ISG	Cleveland, OH	393,385
Rouge Steel	Dearborn, MI	362,656
U.S. Steel	Braddock, PA	262,023
U.S. Steel	Fairfield, AL	138,864
ISG	East Chicago, IN	121,720
Republic	Lorain, OH	115,330
U.S. Steel	Gary, IN	103,600
WCI Steel	Warren, OH	95,464
ISG	Sparrows Point, MD	82,315
AK Steel	Middletown, OH	77,117
AK Steel	Ashland, KY	66,004
ISG	Weirton, WV	51,961
Wheeling Pitt	Steubenville, OH	36,735
ISG	Burns Harbor, IN	31,717

complex, the government population count is certainly lower than actual.

Sources:

- 2004 Directory: Iron and Steel Plants, [Association for Iron and Steel Technology](#).
- [Enforcement and Compliance History Online](#), *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*.