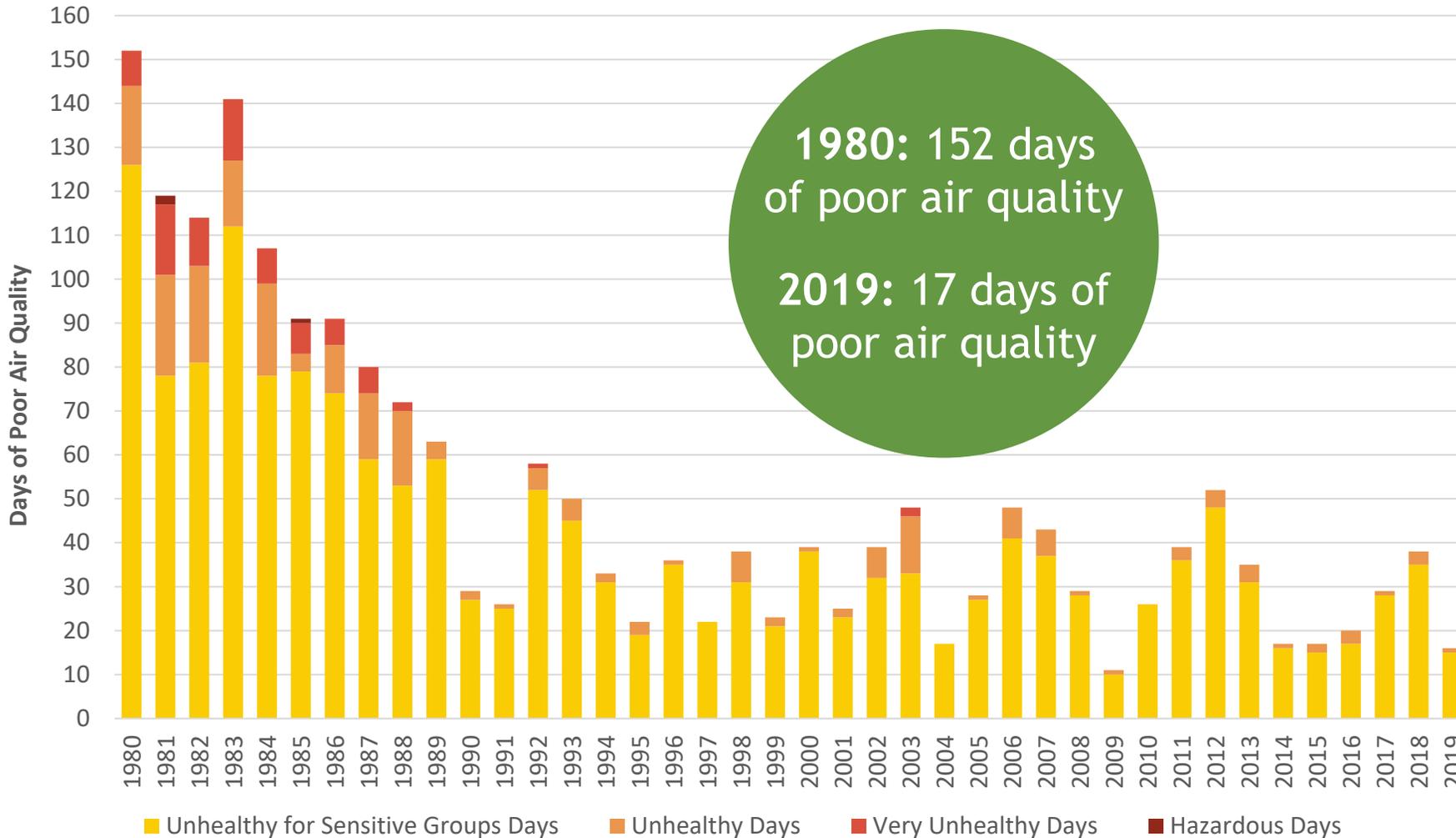
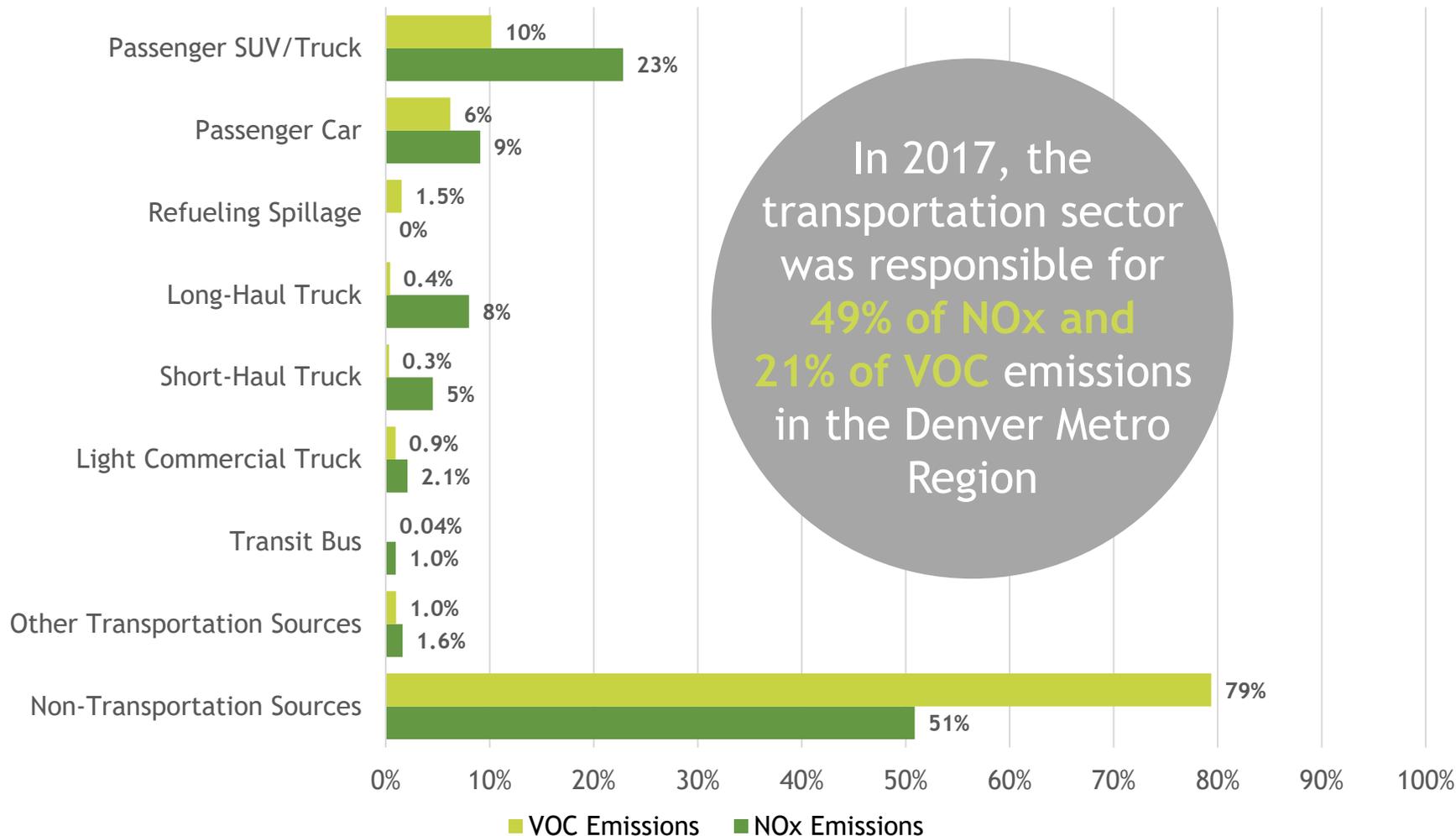


REGIONAL AIR QUALITY



Air quality in the Denver Metro Region has significantly improved over the last 40 years with the **number of poor air quality days decreasing by almost 90% from 1980 to 2019**. However, the region is not currently meeting EPA Ozone standards.

OZONE NON-ATTAINMENT



Ozone is a harmful air pollutant because of its effects on people and the environment. Ozone is formed when nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) react in the presence of sunlight. **The EPA has classified the Denver Metro Region as a serious ozone non-attainment area.**