Spring 2015 Portal Updates

Over the past several months the Tracking Team has been working on significant enhancements to the birth defects, cancer, and drinking water data sets of the Vermont Tracking Data Portal. The Tracking Team is also pleased to announce that reports for these data sets are now Apple device (Safari, iOS) compatible.

Many thanks to our data stewards and collaborators at the Vermont Cancer Registry, the Birth Information Network, and the Department of Environmental Conservation's Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division.

New Years of Data Added

Three new years of community drinking water data are now available: 2011 to 2013.

Sub-county level cancer reports: three new years of data were added. Reports now include data from 2002 to 2011.

There is also a new five-year period for birth defects

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Vermont Tracking

Vermont is one of 25 states and one city funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop a state and national tracking network of environmental and health data for the public, policy makers, researchers, and agencies. The VT Environmental Public Health Tracking Portal provides these data in maps, charts, and tables as a part of the State's continuing effort to help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health. Topics include air quality, climate change, public and private drinking water, asthma, birth defects, cancer, carbon monoxide, heart attack, childhood lead poisoning, reproductive health, blue-green algae, and radon.

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(2008 to 2012), and a new year of data (2011) for county-level cancer reports.

**New Sub-County Level Cancer Data**
Sub-county level reports for Bladder Cancer and Melanoma have been published for the first time. Reports for Prostate Cancer and Colorectal Cancer are newly available on the Tracking Portal. Lung Cancer, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and Breast Cancer have also been updated.

**Time Trend Charts Now Available**
Use the ‘Toggle Between Charts’ button to view the new time series trend charts for birth defects and county-level cancer.