



Environmental Public Health Tracking

Making the connection between health and environment

Vermont Tracking Program News & Updates

The Vermont Tracking Program has been busy improving user experience plus adding new features to the Public Health Data Explorer portal. We've designed a new query tool that's easier to use, created our first community profile, and updated report templates for better browser compatibility. And with the help of data stewards from Vermont's [Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Prevention Program](#), [Cancer Registry](#), [Healthy Vermonters Team](#), and the [Department of Environmental Conservation](#), data were added to the portal.

New Query Tool!

We are pleased to unveil our new and improved query tool. What's a query tool, you ask? It's what you use to search data topics and indicators to view the data reports. Along with an updated look and feel, searching is now easier and quicker with the new vertical design, pre-populated queries (searches), mobile device friendly layout, and integrated informational pages to complement the data reports. Try it out!

[Go to the Public Health Data Explorer](#)

VERMONT Data Explorer

Step 1 - Select your Topic

Environmental Public Health Tracking

Childhood Lead Poisoning

Blood Lead Level

Children Born in the Same Year

Number of Children Tested Before Age 3

Step 2 - Location Type & Time Period

Location Type
Counties (+ Unknown)

Time Period
2012

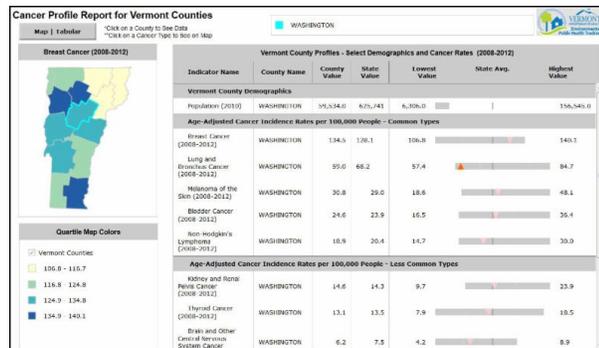
Step 3 - Search...

SEARCH Clear All

Community Profiles

Community profiles provide a snapshot look at all the indicators of a particular topic by county. Comparisons can be made county to county as well as to the state average. Once you access the profile report, click on one of the counties on the map to view and compare data. We've added our first community profile report: cancer. We will be adding more, so stay tuned!

[View the Cancer Community Profile Report](#)



Portal Updates

New data were added for [air quality](#), [drinking water \(public\)](#), [childhood lead poisoning](#), [cancer](#), and [Healthy Vermonters 2020](#). Plus, updated [childhood lead](#)

poisoning PDF reports are now available.

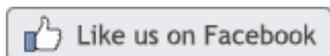
The Tracking Team also finished converting ALL reports to HTML5 for better browser compatibility when accessing and viewing the reports.

[Search the Public Health Data Explorer](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Childhood Lead Poisoning' page. At the top, it says 'Environmental Public Health Tracking Making the connection between health and environment'. Below that is a search bar and a 'Search Data' button. A main image shows a house with a tree. Text on the page includes: 'There is no safe level of lead in the body. Vermont was the first state to define an elevated blood lead level as 5 ug/dL or more. About 70% of homes in Vermont were built before 1978, the year lead in house paint was banned.' A list of questions follows: 'What is lead?', 'How can I tell if my child is lead poisoned?', 'How are children exposed to lead?', 'What are the health effects of lead poisoning?', 'How can lead poisoning be prevented?', 'What treatments are available?', and 'What data about lead are included in Vermont's Tracking program?'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Ask Tracking 1-800-439-8550' and 'Join CDC Tracking Network today. www.cdc.gov/trackingsystem'.

About Vermont Tracking

Vermont is one of 25 states and one city funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 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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