



Environmental Public Health Tracking
Making the connection between health and environment

Vermont Tracking Program News & Updates

The Vermont Tracking Program is celebrating a new grant award that will allow its work to continue for five more years! The program also created a new video that shows how you can identify Vermont's most vulnerable populations using the Social Vulnerability Index. Updates to the Public Health Data Explorer include: Reproductive Health, Private Drinking Water maps, the Social Vulnerability Index, and new Healthy Vermonters 2020 indicators.

Tracking Program Awarded New Five-Year Grant

In August, the [Vermont Tracking Program](#) was awarded a five-year grant by the CDC to collect and share health and environmental data and take actions to protect the health of Vermonters. The new grant places an increased focus on:

- Expanding the availability and utility of sub-county level data
- Demonstrating the effectiveness of interventions aimed at preventing environmental exposures
- Developing partnerships with individuals or groups outside of the traditional public health sector



Video Shows How to Identify Vulnerable Vermonters

Do you know where Vermont's most vulnerable communities are and how to help them? A new video shows how you can use the Tracking Program's [Social Vulnerability Index](#), which is a planning tool designed to help identify populations in your community that may need more help routinely or during a public health emergency. The Tracking Program will be sharing the video with organizations that work with these populations. [Watch the video](#) and share with others who might find it useful!



The [Social Vulnerability Index](#) was also recently updated with 2015 Census Data.

What's New on the Public Health Data Explorer

New data were added for [Reproductive Health](#), including [preterm births](#), [low birthweight](#), [mortality rates](#), and more, through 2014.

Maps for private drinking water indicating areas where [arsenic](#) and [nitrate](#) levels were above maximum contaminant levels were updated through 2016.

New [Healthy Vermonters 2020](#) updates include new indicators for [social determinants of health](#), [risky alcohol use among older adults](#), [injury prevention](#), [adolescent effective contraception use](#), and many more!

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About the Vermont Tracking Program

Vermont is one of 26 state and local health departments funded by the 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 [Vermont Public Health Data Explorer](#) 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, asthma, birth defects, cancer, carbon monoxide, childhood lead poisoning, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, climate and health, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), drinking water, heart attack, radon, and reproductive health outcomes.



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