

A National Program

Tracking brings together environmental and public health data in one place. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program, New Hampshire's tracking program links nationally consistent data from other States and across the United States.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has been a part of the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program since 2002.

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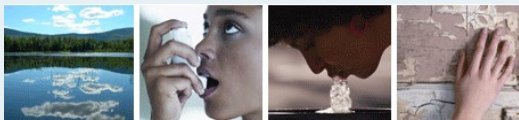
Making the connection between health and environment.



What is Environmental Public Health Tracking?

Environmental public health tracking is the ongoing collection, integration, analysis, and interpretation of data related to environmental hazards, exposure, and potential health effects related to exposure to environmental hazards. A tracking network is crucial to providing insight into the role the environment plays in human development, detecting unusual trends in health and exposure to hazards, identifying populations at risk, facilitating policy development, and guiding public health actions.

The New Hampshire tracking program is dedicated to analyzing trend information, evaluating public health outcomes and improving the health of citizens in our communities.



What Data Are Available?

The Environmental Public Health Data Portal is supported by Web-based Interactive System for Direction and Outcome Measures (WISDOM). WISDOM provides data about environmental hazards, exposures, and associated health effects. Data available on WISDOM focus on measures of health outcomes that are related to the environment, hazard data that tell us about pollutants that may be found in the environment, and exposure data that tell us about contaminants found in people's bodies.

Environment Data: Air Quality, Climate Change, Drinking Water Quality, and Radon.

Health Data: Asthma, Birth Defects, Cancer, Carbon Monoxide, Heart Attack, and Lead Poisoning.

Local Project Areas: Heat and Health, Neighborhood Health Indicators, Recreational Water Quality, Social Determinants of Health, and Tickborne Disease.

Access the data portal at
wisdom.dhhs.nh.gov/wisdom

Why Does Tracking Matter?

New Hampshire boasts natural beauty and endless recreational opportunities. There is a sea coast to swim and surf. There are also mountains, lakes, and forests to explore. However, environmental hazards, such as tickborne disease, recreational water quality, and climate change, threaten the enjoyment of these natural resources.

The New Hampshire Public Health Tracking Program is keeping track of these and other emerging environmental health threats in order to keep New Hampshire residents informed and protected.



Between the years 2000 and 2008, Lyme disease incidence increased dramatically in New Hampshire and across the nation.