

THE TRACKING TIMES

HOT OFF THE PRESSES

2015 County Environmental Health Profiles Released!

Earlier this month we released the [2015 County Environmental Health Profiles](#). The profiles give Wisconsin communities county-specific data on environmental health-related indicators, such as water quality, lead poisoning, and melanoma.

Environmental health data are often hard to access and interpret. The County Environmental Health Profiles make access to data easy for communities by including 12 environmental health indicators in one document. The profiles provide a snapshot of a county's environmental health. Readers can delve deeper into the data and create maps on our online data portal.

The profiles include five categories of environmental health: air quality, water quality, home hazards, birth outcomes, and health indicators.

The data in the profiles can be used in community health assessments, accreditation documents, grant proposals, education and outreach activities, and policy development. The profiles page includes resources for educational activities, programs, and policies to address areas that might need improvement.

County Environmental Health Profiles can be downloaded on the [profiles page](#).



The profiles are updated every 2-3 years. This year we completely revamped the look and feel of the profiles to be more user-friendly.

TRACKING IN ACTION

In each newsletter, we'll share a Tracking success story.



How do we know if a new public health threat is making an impact in our community?

Stimulants, Street Drugs, and Bath Salts

In 2013, news outlets reported on dangerous synthetic drugs being sold in gas stations and specialty shops with the label "bath salts" in order to avoid detection by authorities.

Wisconsin had already seen a steady increase in opioid-related deaths since 2004 and Department of Health Services (DHS) staff and their partners had been actively responding to this public health problem. The debut of "bath salts" seemed to add fuel to the fire. [Read more...](#)

YOUR TRACKING TOOLBOX

In each newsletter, we'll share environmental health articles and resources.

New Issue Briefs Published

Radon and ultraviolet radiation were the subjects of two issue briefs published recently, both in collaboration with the Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

[Radon brief](#) | [Ultraviolet radiation brief](#)

Targeting Resources with Sub-County Lead Data

The Tracking Program's plans to enhance our public portal to include sub-county lead poisoning data were included in an article published in the *Journal of Public Health Management in Practice*. [Read more...](#)



Two briefs have been released so far this year. Check out our [Resources page](#) for past publications from the Tracking Program.



STOP BY AND SEE US
SOMETIME

We'd love to talk in person.
Check out our [calendar of events](#), stop by, and say hello!



DROP US A LINE
ANYTIME

Have questions about Tracking? Unsure how to use your data? Want to share a success story? Got feedback? [We want to hear from you!](#)



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CONVERSATION

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