# 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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# New Hampshire **Environmental Public Health Tracking Program**



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 Tracking Program data portal is supported by a 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. The Tracking Program is developing select indicators for small area estimates to be used in Community Profiles and exploring linkages related to: Bladder Cancer and Arsenic, Lead Poisoning and Social Vulnerability, Birth Outcomes and Social Vulnerability, Air Quality and Heart Disease, and Smoking and Respiratory/Cardiovascular Disease.

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

**Health Data:** Asthma, Birth Outcomes, Cancer, Carbon Monoxide, Heart Attack, Lead Poisoning and Tickborne Disease.

### 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 Environmental 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 2003 and 2013, Lyme disease incidence increased dramatically in New Hampshire and across the nation.