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# THE TRACKING TIMES

# 2017 COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROFILES NOW AVAILABLE

The profiles give counties a snapshot of the data we offer on our data portal.

The Tracking team is excited to announce our <u>2017 County</u> <u>Environmental Health Profiles</u> are now available! The profiles include county-level data on home hazards, climate, health outcomes, water quality, and air quality.

The profiles, which were last released in 2015, include new measures on Lyme disease and fluoride.

After reviewing your county's profile, be sure to take a look at <u>Ideas</u> <u>for Taking Action</u>, which offers communities a menu of potential strategies to address the topics in the profiles.



Ready to share your profile with your partners and community members? We put together a <u>template slide</u> <u>deck</u> to help you present on your data. Note that the dashboard in the profiles (page 3) can be printed as a stand-alone handout. Please <u>contact us</u> at any time if you have questions or need help.

# TRACKING IN ACTION

In each newsletter, we share a Tracking success story.

#### People Helping People: Lincoln County Health Department Nearly Doubles Cooling Centers for Heat Relief

When analyzing their <u>County Environmental Health Profile</u>, Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) staff realized heat-related emergency room visits in Lincoln County were well above the Wisconsin rate.

Staff recognized the need for more cooling centers to address heatrelated injury and took a novel approach to find them. <u>Read more...</u>



How can businesses play a role in protecting community members during extreme heat?

# YOUR TRACKING TOOLBOX

In each newsletter we share environmental health resources.

#### Lyme Disease and Oral Health Data Now Available

Just in case you missed it, we now have county-level Lyme disease data from 1991-2015 available on our <u>data</u> <u>portal</u>. We also added three oral health measures, two of which are at the county-level.

After you take a look at your data, be sure to skim <u>Ideas for</u> <u>Taking Action</u> and the Climate and Health Program's <u>Vectorborne Disease Toolkit</u> for tools and resources to address Lyme disease in your community.



Lyme disease and oral health data now on the data portal!

#### Asthma Disparities Surveillance Brief

Some populations are more likely to be affected by asthma. Learn more about racial and ethnic disparities in *Health Disparities in Wisconsin Hospitalizations for Asthma*.

#### Self-Reported Health and Use of Parks and Recreation Programs

The relationship between health and reported use of parks and recreation programs has shifted dramatically since 1991, as is documented in <u>this research brief</u>. The Tracking team is considering adding some built environment measures to our portal. What types of measures would you like to see? <u>Let us know!</u>



## stop by and see us sometime

We'd love to talk in person. Check out our <u>calendar of</u> <u>events</u>, 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!



# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Interested in Wisconsin environmental public health? Connect and share with public health colleagues by joining the envhealth listserv.





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