

# MiTracking

Michigan Environmental  
Public Health Tracking

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### New portal data

We've got new and updated data! New data are available for:

- Asthma (updated years)
- Birth defects
- Carbon monoxide poisoning (updated years)
- Citizen-submitted ticks
- Drinking water (updated years)
- Heat illness (updated years)
- Heart attacks (updated years)

Coming soon:

- COPD
- Total population demographics
- Traumatic work-related deaths

*We're always working on other data, so don't forget to keep checking MiTracking to see what's new! You can also submit ideas for datasets at any time using the contact information below.*

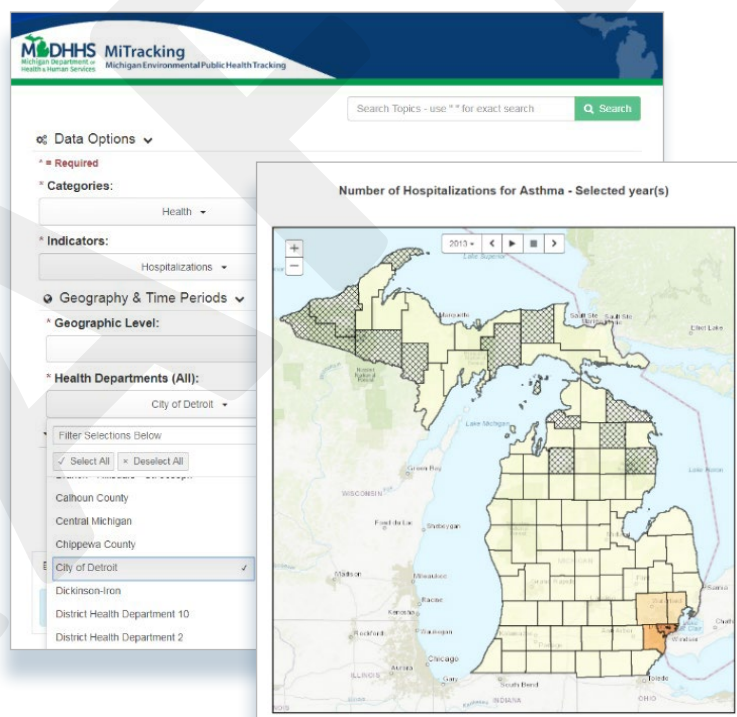
### Portal enhancements and we've got a lot.

Go to the Data 

We've updated the MiTracking data portal! We have used your suggestions and incorporated some new features

to make using MiTracking a little easier:

- Basic and advanced query options
- Measure comparisons
- Multiple time-period query and time-lapse maps
- Enhanced searches



### MiTracking in the Spotlight: Detroit-Specific Data

MiTracking was featured as a Grantee Spotlight in the CDC Environmental Health Tracking Newsletter for work with city-specific data. MiTracking received a request for Detroit-specific data outside of Wayne County, since Detroit has its own health department. MiTracking worked with data stewards on geographical search and displays while the MiTracking epidemiologist worked on Detroit data. MiTracking now has Detroit-specific counts and rates for asthma hospitalizations and is working on additional Detroit data. Plans for more city-specific data are in the works.



## Collaboration with Tick program

MiTracking is collaborating with MDHHS Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease Section on a Tick and Lyme disease awareness campaign. The campaign began in May, which is Lyme disease Awareness Month and will continue into the fall. The warmer months are a perfect time to educate Michigan residents about the expanding range of blacklegged (formerly deer tick) ticks in Michigan and their potential for carrying Lyme disease, and the steps people can take to prevent tick bites.

Find out more about ticks and how to keep yourself safe:

- [MDHHS Tick Submission Kit](#)
- [MiTracking Portal](#)
- [Emerging Diseases website](#)
- [MI-Disease Mapper](#)

## Tracking Awareness Week (TAW)

TAW took place on July 9th to 13th. A different health topic was highlighted daily through social media. This year TAW focused on Healthy Communities covering Health Equity, Children, Urban and Rural, Women's Health, and Healthy Schools. To see what TAW posted to Twitter and Facebook, check out #WeTrackThat.



## Announcements

### Oct. 10-11

MiTracking will be presenting at the Michigan Premier Public Health Conference in Bay City, MI.

MiTracking received funding in August for a new 5-year grant. The grant will carry the program into 2022.

Calls for training! MiTracking offers training on portal usage. If you are interested in a training, please contact Jamie Florida at [floridaj@michigan.gov](mailto:floridaj@michigan.gov)

### Oct. 17-18

MiTracking will be presenting at the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference in Novi, MI.



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