



# 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:

- Birth defects (updated years: 2014-2016)
- COPD
- Heart attacks (added Detroit-level 2000-2014)
- Heat illness (updated year: 2015)
- Total population demographics
- Workers' compensation claims
- Work-related deaths

Coming soon:

- Cancers (updated years)
- Childhood blood lead (updated years)
- Drinking water (updated years)
- Drug overdose deaths
- Historical climate
- Reproductive/Birth outcomes (updated years)
- Socioeconomic measures

### Portal enhancements

We've updated the MiTracking data portal!

- Administrative updates allowing MiTracking staff to configure map legends and colors
- Users can select between bar and line charts
- Many query restrictions have been removed to reduce the number of error messages
- Basic queries default to "select all" years

[Go to the Data](#) 

### User Satisfaction Survey

Please help us improve our data portal by taking a short [user satisfaction survey!](#)



### Partner Highlight

MiTracking has been collaborating with Michigan State University Occupational and Environmental Medicine (MSU OEM) since summer 2017 on work-injury and illness data. From this partnership, MiTracking's Data Portal now hosts workers' compensation and work-related death data. Recently, MSU OEM was able to highlight their work with MiTracking at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) grantee meeting. The meeting took place at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment with NIOSH and other states doing similar work. The demonstration was well received, especially the mapping ability. Next up, MSU OEM and MiTracking will be adding adult lead poisoning to the data portal. Collaborations like this one allow us to provide new and innovative data to the public. If you are interested in partnering with us, please contact [MDHHS-mitracking@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-mitracking@michigan.gov).

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## ICD Codes



Starting on October 1, 2015, hospital record data (all causes of hospitalizations and emergency department visits) changed to a new, more detailed coding system. The coding change means that hospitalizations data from 2014 and before cannot be compared to later years. It also makes 2015 hospitalization data unreliable itself. Differences in counts and rates in years prior to 2015 compared to years after 2015 could be a result of this coding change and not an actual difference in the number of events. MiTracking is currently working on 2015 data and reports to show the unique effects of the coding change. These reports will be available on the MiTracking portal sometime in 2019.

## Announcements

### Data Call

MiTracking had another successful “data call” to CDC. Data submitted were hospitalization data and 3 new years of birth defects data (available now on MiTracking).

### March 1-2

MiTracking will be exhibiting at the Michigan Science Teacher Association Conference on March 1-2, 2019 in Grand Rapids, MI.

### Advisory Group Meeting

On October 15, 2018, MiTracking held an Advisory Group Meeting. Thank you to all that attended, your input is invaluable to us!

### Trainings

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

### New Resources

To continue offering useful content, MiTracking is now creating fact sheets on various topics. Current topics include air quality, asthma, carbon monoxide, and COPD. You can find or download these on content pages.

### March 28

MiTracking will be exhibiting at the Michigan Library Association- Spring Institute on March 28, 2019 in Bay City, MI.



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