

# PENNSYLVANIA

# 2018 Healthy Housing Fact Sheet

Unhealthy conditions found in hazardous housing can lead to lead poisoning, asthma, respiratory illness, cancer, and unintentional injuries, resulting in missed school days and poor school performance for children, as well as missed work days for parents. To protect the health of Pennsylvania's families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services:

	PA received funding since 2016?
<b>CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CDC's National Asthma Control Program</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HUD's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>EPA's Lead Categorical Grants</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>EPA's Radon Categorical Grants</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>EPA's Drinking Water Revolving Fund</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HHS' Maternal and Child Health Block Grants</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HHS' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program</b>	<b>YES</b>

Full funding to federal programs such as these will help to address many of the risks and burdens facing the families and residents of Pennsylvania, including:



In Pennsylvania, **29% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 19% of children live in poverty.



In 2015, **9,643 Pennsylvania children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **1,868 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more.**



**71% of Pennsylvania housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint; 25% was built before 1940.



**Unintentional falls were responsible for 1,389 deaths among Pennsylvanians over the age of 65** in 2016.



Approximately **10% of adults and 11% of children have current asthma** in Pennsylvania (2015).



In 2013, there were **over 18,000 inpatient hospitalizations** due to asthma in Pennsylvania, costing the state **over \$496 million.**



**40% of Pennsylvania homes tested for radon have test results above the EPA action level.** In 49 Pennsylvania counties average indoor air radon levels are predicted to be greater than 4 pCi/L.



On average, **75 Pennsylvanians die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2011-2015), the highest average for any state during this period.