

# COLORADO

## 2019 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 Colorado's families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services:

	CO received funding since 2017?
<b>CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CDC's National Asthma Control Program</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network</b>	<b>YES</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 State Indoor Radon 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 residents and families of Colorado, including:



In Colorado, **31% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 12% of children live in poverty.



**46% of Colorado housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



In 2016, **260 Colorado children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **64 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more**. Less than 7% of the population under 72 months old was tested.



Between 2005-2018, **17 counties in Colorado had 80% or more of their homes test above the EPA radon action level**, and only one county (Sedgwick) had less than 20% of its homes test above the EPA action level.



Approximately **9% of adults** (2017) and **9% of children** (2010) in Colorado **have current asthma**.



In 2017, there were over **17,700 emergency department visits** and approximately **2,300 hospitalizations due to asthma** in Colorado.



In 2017, **unintentional falls were responsible for 805 deaths among Coloradans over the age of 65**.



On average, **16 Coloradans die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2012-2016).