

# KENTUCKY

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

	KY 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>YES</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 Kentucky, including:



In Kentucky, **23% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 22% of children live in poverty.



In 2016, **80 Kentucky children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **23 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more**. Only 3.2% of the population under 72 months old was tested.



**51% of Kentucky housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



On average, **18 Kentuckians die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2012-2016).



Approximately **11% of adults** (2017) and **8% of children** (2016) **have current asthma** in Kentucky.



**19,678 emergency department visits** and **5,111 hospitalizations due to asthma** resulted in **total billed charges over \$192 million** in Kentucky in 2014.



In 2017, **unintentional falls were responsible for 294 deaths among Kentuckians over the age of 65**.



**30 counties** in Kentucky have predicted average **indoor radon levels above the EPA action level**.