

# LOUISIANA

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

	LA 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>NO</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 Louisiana, including:



In Louisiana, **30% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 28% of children live in poverty.



In 2016, **181 Louisiana children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **83 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more.**



In 2016, **over 10% of children tested for lead had levels above 5 µg/dL in five Louisiana parishes:** Claiborne, Winn, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Orleans.



**52% of Louisiana housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



Approximately **9% of adults** (2017) and **9% of children** (2015) **have current asthma** in Louisiana.



There were over **28,000 emergency department visits due to asthma** in Louisiana in 2014.



In 2017, **262 Louisianians over the age of 65 died** as a result of unintentional falls.



On average, **19 individuals die annually from carbon monoxide exposure in Louisiana** (2012-2016).