

MASSACHUSETTS

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

	MA received funding since 2017?
CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	YES
CDC's National Asthma Control Program	YES
CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network	YES
HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes	YES
HUD's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	YES
HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program	YES
EPA's Lead Categorical Grants	YES
EPA's State Indoor Radon Grants	YES
EPA's Drinking Water Revolving Fund	YES
HHS' Maternal and Child Health Block Grants	YES
HHS' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	YES
DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program	YES

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



In Massachusetts, **32% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 14% of children live in poverty.



In 2017, **2,758 Massachusettsan children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **556 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more**.



72% of Massachusetts housing was built prior to 1978 and is likely to contain lead-based paint; approximately one third was built in 1939 or earlier.



On average, **5 Bay Staters die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2012-2016).



Over **11% of adults** and **almost 16% of children have current asthma** in Massachusetts (2017).



An estimated **650,000 Massachusetts homes have radon levels above the EPA action level** of 4 pCi/L; about 34,000 of these have levels above 20 pCi/L.



On average, an **older Bay Stater** is treated in a **hospital emergency department every 13 minutes and hospitalized every 25 minutes** for a fall-related injury.



Approximately **628 cases of radon-related lung cancer occur annually** in Massachusetts.