

# MINNESOTA

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

	MN 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 families and residents of Minnesota, including:



In Minnesota, **22% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 12% of children live in poverty.



In 2017, **765 Minnesota children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **202 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more.**



**56% of Minnesota housing was built prior to 1978** (16% before 1940) and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



On average, **28 Minnesotans die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2012-2016).



Approximately **7% of adults and 7% of children** in Minnesota (2016) **have current asthma.**



In 2014, **asthma cost Minnesotans an estimated \$669.3 million** including direct medical expenses and lost work days. In 2017, there were **55 deaths due to asthma** in Minnesota.



Unintentional falls were responsible for **1,080 deaths of Minnesotans over the age of 65** in 2017.



**Two in five homes tested in Minnesota have elevated levels of radon** in their indoor air.