

NORTH CAROLINA

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

	NC received funding since 2017?
CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	YES
CDC's National Asthma Control Program	NO
CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network	NO
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 North Carolina, including:



In North Carolina, **27% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 21% of children live in poverty.



In 2017, **751 North Carolina children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **209 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more.**



38% of North Carolina housing was built before 1978 and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



On average, **46 North Carolinians die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2012-2016).



Approximately **9% of adults** (2017) and **12% of children** (2014) **have current asthma** in North Carolina.



In 2014, **asthma was responsible for over 58,000 emergency department visits** in North Carolina. Asthma **hospitalization charges totaled over \$139 million.**



In 2017, **unintentional falls were responsible for 1,124 deaths among North Carolinians over the age of 65.**



8 counties in western North Carolina have predicted average **indoor radon levels above the EPA action level.**