

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 workdays for parents. The requirement for safe and healthy housing has become even more urgent as people spend more time than ever in residential environments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To protect the health of Tennessee families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services.

TN received funding since 2018?

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 those listed above will help to address many of the risks and burdens facing the residents and families of Tennessee. For example:



In Tennessee, **29% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 22% of children live in poverty.



In 2017, **349 Tennessee children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **99 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more**. Average blood lead testing activity **fell by 35% in the spring of 2020** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



44% of Tennessee housing was built before 1978 and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



On average, **27 Tennesseans die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2014-2018).



Unintentional falls were responsible for **661 deaths among Tennesseans above the age of 65** in 2018.



Approximately **10% of adults** (2018) and **10% of children** (2014) **have current asthma** in Tennessee.



33 counties in eastern and central Tennessee **have average indoor air screening levels above the EPA action level for radon**.



There were **49.3 emergency department visits due to asthma for every 10,000 people** in Tennessee in 2016; Hardeman and Shelby counties had rates over 80.