

# UTAH

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

	UT received funding since 2017?
<b>CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</b>	<b>YES</b> (Salt Lake County only)
<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 Utah, including:



In Utah, **24% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 11% of children live in poverty.



In 2017, **125 Utah children tested with blood lead levels at or above 5 µg/dL**.



**42% of Utah housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint. In several central Utah counties, **more than 20% was built before 1950**.



**Over 20% of Utah households lack carbon monoxide detectors**. In 2018, there were **284 unintentional carbon monoxide exposures** reported to the Utah Poison Control Center.



Over **55,000 children** and **192,000 adults in Utah have current asthma**, about 6% and 9% of the population for each age group, respectively (2017).



There were **over 7,500 emergency department visits** and **1,500 hospitalizations due to asthma** in Utah in 2014, with **total costs of \$28 million and \$20.1 million**, respectively.



**7 counties** in eastern and central Utah have predicted average **indoor radon levels above the EPA action level**. Statewide, **37% of radon test results returned were above the action level** (2018).



Every week, unintentional falls among Utahns over the age of 65 result in **200 emergency department visits, 63 hospitalizations, and 3 deaths**.