

# WEST VIRGINIA

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

	WV 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>NO</b>
<b>CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes</b>	<b>NO</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 of West Virginia, including:



In West Virginia, **22% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 26% of children live in poverty.



In 2017, **201 West Virginia children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more). Only **15% of children 72 months or younger were tested**.



**60% of West Virginia housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



**308 West Virginians above the age of 65 died** from unintentional falls in 2017.



Approximately **13% of adults** (2017) and **9% of children** (2015) **have current asthma** in West Virginia.



Almost **14% of adults in West Virginia have COPD**, the highest rate in the nation.



**20 counties** in north and east West Virginia **have predicted average indoor screening levels above the EPA action level for radon**.



On average, **7 West Virginians die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2012-2016).