



# Ohio Radon Fact Sheet

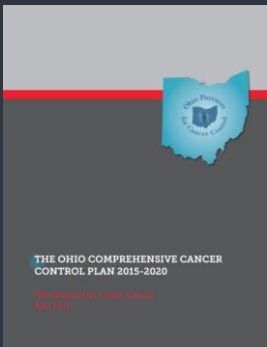
## OHIO RADON PROGRAM

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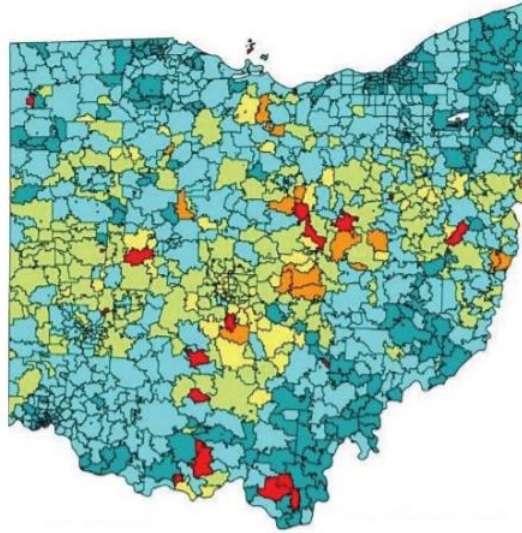
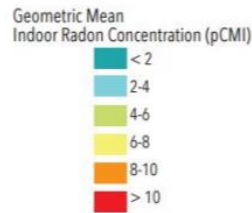
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Ohio Cancer Control and  
Research Plan

<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/-/media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/health/comprehensive-cancer/TheComprehensiveCancerControlPlan.pdf?la=en>



**The Ohio State Indoor Radon Program** is operated by the Ohio Department of Health. The primary responsibilities of the program are radon outreach and education, as well as radon licensing. The Ohio Indoor Radon program is federally funded by EPA State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) and operates in cooperation with EPA and a network of local health departments within the state. Ohio meets the SIRG matching funds requirements. The Ohio Department of Health educates residents and professionals about radon and its health effects using targeted marketing and outreach.

### Ohio Radon Awareness:

- Since 2001 Ohio has recorded over 400,000 radon test results. Approximately 1 in 3 Ohio homes has an elevated radon level.
- The majority of Ohio homeowners are not aware of their risk of having elevated levels of radon in their homes, nor the cancer risk associated with exposure to radon. The only way to know if there are elevated levels in a home is to test.
- Free radon test kits provided to home owners statewide. (Check the Ohio State Radon Website for more information.)
- The Ohio Radon Program ensure a professional presence at home shows and cancer events across the state

### Cancer Control Plan 2015 – 2020:

Primary Prevention – Objective #6 – By December 31, 2020, increase the number of radon mitigation systems installed in Ohio homes.

- Identify high risk areas in Ohio to focus outreach activities.
- Educate the public about radon, radon testing, radon mitigation and the risk of lung cancer.
- Encourage home buyers and sellers to hire Ohio licensed radon professionals for radon testing and mitigation.
- Educate realtors, building code officials, medical professionals, and housing and legislative authorities about radon, the risk of lung cancer and their role in reducing radon exposure.
- Support legislation for building codes that align with the Radon Control Methods section (Appendix F) of the International Building Code.
- Reduce out-of-pocket costs associated with radon testing and mitigation.

## Ohio Enacted Legislation

### **Ohio Revised Code § 3748.20**

Requires the Governor to establish a radon advisory council for the purpose of advising and consulting on radon regulations and programs.

### **Ohio Revised Code § 5302.30**

Requires sellers of residential real property containing up to four units to deliver a disclosure form to buyers disclosing material defects and the presence of hazardous materials or substances, including radon gas. Regulations adopted under the law (Ohio Admin. Code 1301:5-6-10) establish the form, requiring disclosure of the presence of radon, lead-based paint, asbestos, and urea-formaldehyde foam insulation. Form also requires disclosure of mold inspection or remediation of the property and contains a warning statement about mold to purchasers.

### **Ohio Revised Code §§ 3723.01--.18**

Prohibits persons from providing professional radon testing and mitigation services unless licensed by the state. Requires the state to administer a licensing program for radon testers, mitigators, and laboratories. Regulations adopted under the law (Ohio Admin. Code 3701-69 et seq.) set forth the licensing program. Law also requires the state to collect and disseminate information on radon, and authorizes the state to conduct inspections and administer training programs.