

Wisconsin Radon Fact Sheet

WISCONSIN RADON PROGRAM

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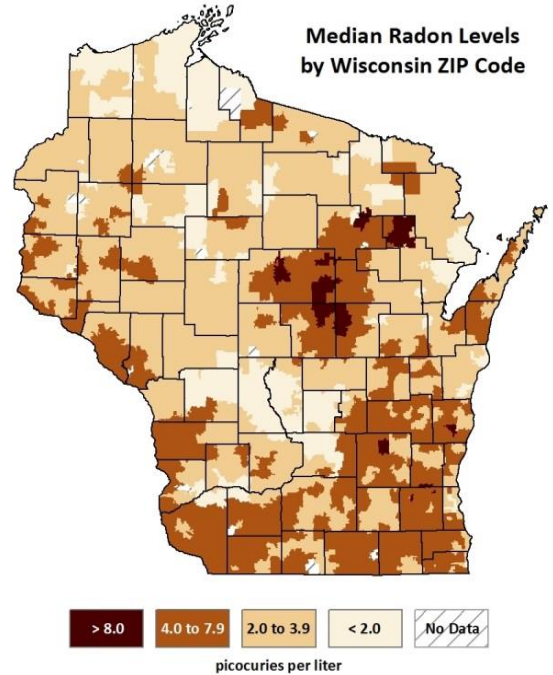
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Wisconsin Cancer Control and
Research Plan

https://wicancer.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/WICC_C_plan2015.pdf

The Wisconsin Radon Program is operated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is radioactive and can cause lung cancer. The Wisconsin Radon Program is funded by the EPA State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG). Wisconsin meets the SIRG 40% matching funds requirement. Wisconsin has a unique program model, which effectively distributes SIRG funding to all corners of the state through collaboration with local health departments. Radon Information Centers are located across the state, staffed with experts to help answer questions and sell low cost radon test kits to residents. SIRG funding is used to support local health departments with outreach and education efforts to various audiences including realtors, health professionals and residents. Through the use of SIRG funds, Wisconsin is able to provide residents with access to health professionals that have been trained to help them understand the health risks of radon when they find elevated levels in their homes. Small towns throughout the state may receive SIRG funds through minigrants and outreach campaigns held by local health department. Wisconsin supports private sector contractors by providing training which allows professionals to maintain certification to perform testing and mitigations for residents.



Wisconsin Radon Facts:

- Approximately 1 out of 10 homes in Wisconsin has elevated radon levels, above 4 pCi/L.
- Every region of Wisconsin has some homes with elevated radon levels.
- Each year over 5,000 homes in Wisconsin have radon mitigation systems installed.
- 17 local health departments throughout Wisconsin act as radon information centers where residents and professionals can get easy access to radon test kits, health information, and data (test results) for their area.

Cancer Control Plan 2015 – 2020:

Priority #6: Decrease Exposure to Radon

Strategies:

- Increase awareness of the connection between radon and cancer risk.
- Increase the testing and mitigation of homes and other buildings for radon.
- Increase the number of residential buildings built or remodeled using radon reducing methods.

Measures:

- Number of houses tested and reported annually.
- Number of home mitigations performed by certified contractors and reported annually.
- Percent of adults for which household air has been tested for radon gas.

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Wisconsin Enacted Legislation

Wisconsin Statutes § 254.34

Establishes the Department of Health Services as the state radiation control agency and requires the department to: develop and disseminate radon information; coordinate a radon measurement program; work with local health departments to perform radon measurement and mitigation in homes; develop training materials and conduct training in radon diagnosis and mitigation methods; and determine performance standards and funding allocations for regional radon centers.

Wisconsin Statutes §§ 709.001 et seq

Requires sellers of property containing up to four dwelling units to provide buyers with a residential real estate condition disclosure report, including the existence of potentially hazardous substances, including radon, lead-based paint, or asbestos.