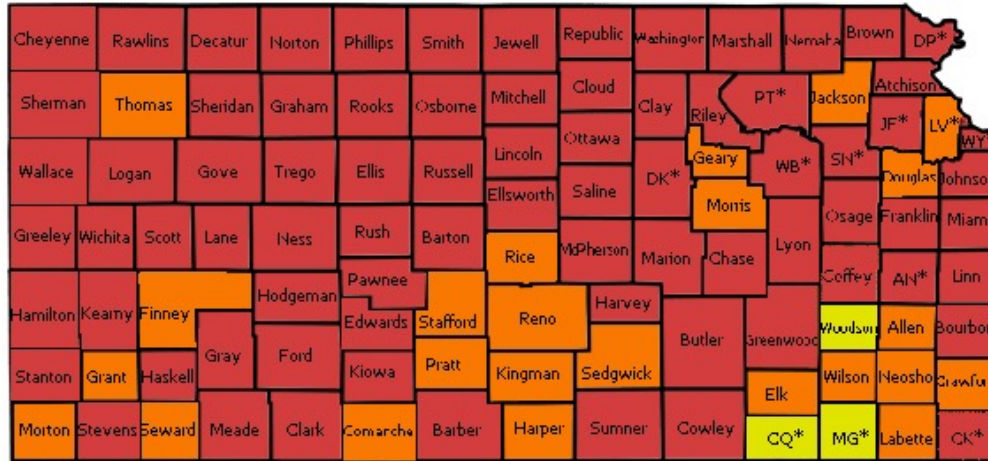


Kansas Radon Fact Sheet



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Legend

- Zone 1 Highest Potential (greater than 4 pCi/L)
- Zone 2 Moderate Potential (from 2 to 4 pCi/L)
- Zone 3 Low Potential (less than 2 pCi/L)

Radon Facts

- 1 in 4 homes have elevated radon levels.
- The average observed residential radon test in Kansas is currently 5.4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) whereas the average indoor radon level in the United States is 1.3 pCi/L.
 - The average outdoor radon level is approximately 0.4 pCi/L.
 - The EPA's recommended action level is 4.0 pCi/L.
- The maximum reported radon level in Kansas to date is 1,121.6 pCi/L.

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Kansas Cancer Plan (2017 – 2021)

Performance Measures

Homes tested for radon during purchase

Baseline

30%

5 Year Target

40%

Kansas cities that have adopted building codes requiring radon-resistant building techniques

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Strategies

1. Provide radon technical information to building code jurisdictions that are considering adopting radon resistant new construction.
2. Increase the number of real estate professionals trained in radon issues.
3. Coordinate consistent messaging with radon stakeholders about radon in homes, schools and childcare centers.

Kansas Enacted Legislation

Local Building Codes: In Kansas, the cities of Topeka, Manhattan, Lawrence, Salina, and Junction City have building codes which require new homes to be built using radon-resistant techniques. The recommended building code for adoption by local governments in Kansas is Appendix F “Radon Control Methods” to the International Residential Code.

Disclosure and Certification: K.S.A. 58-3078a: As of July 1, 2009, all residential and real property contracts in the state of Kansas will require the insertion of a statement notifying the buyer of the potential for and the hazards of elevated radon levels, and a recommendation to have a radon test performed prior to purchase or occupancy.

K.S.A. 2010 Supp 48-16a01 through 48-16a12: As of July 1, 2011, all professional radon contractors and laboratories operating in Kansas must obtain certification through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). For more information on standards and a list of certified measurement and mitigation technicians, please visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/radiation/radon.htm>.