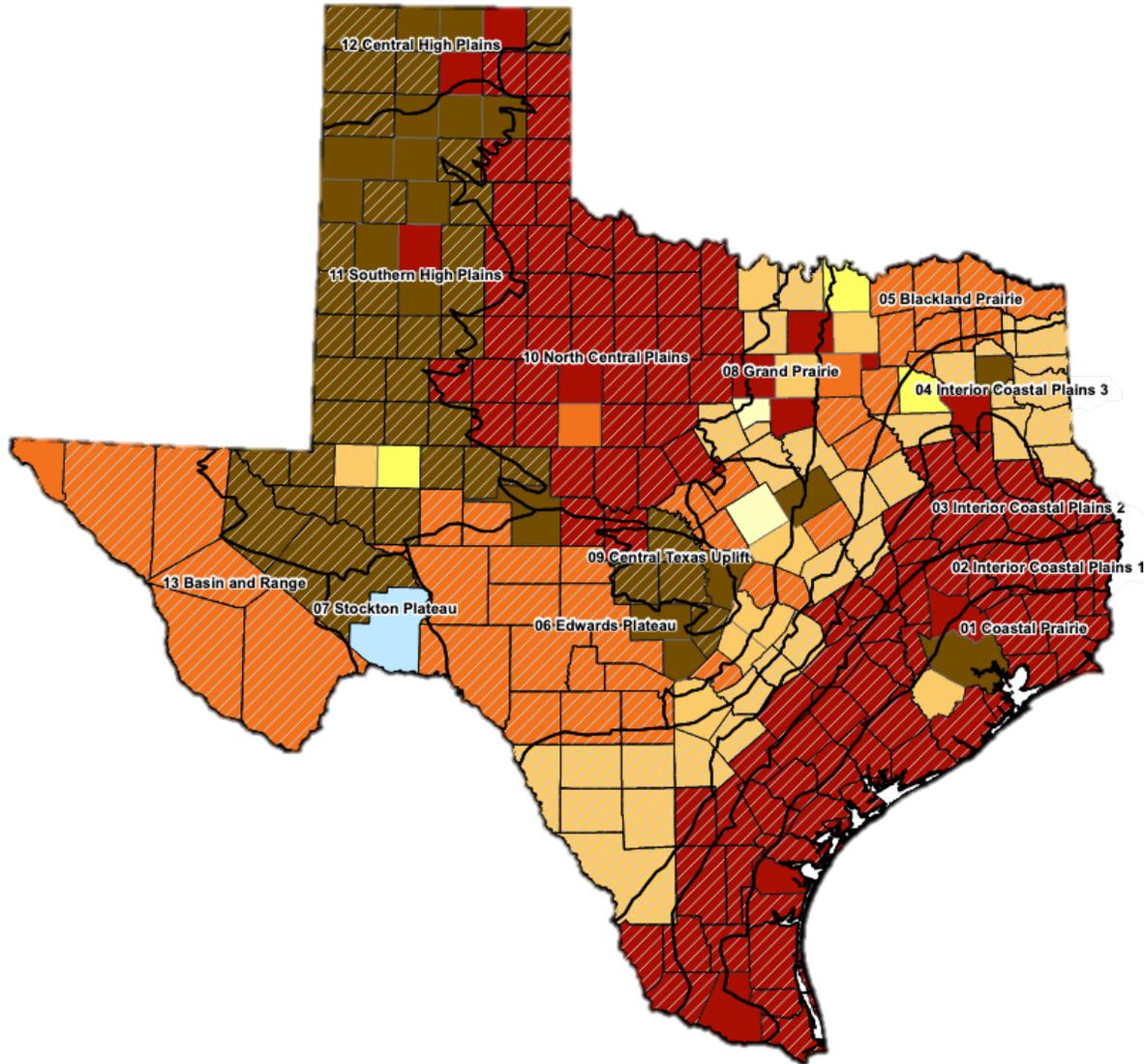


# Texas Radon Fact Sheet



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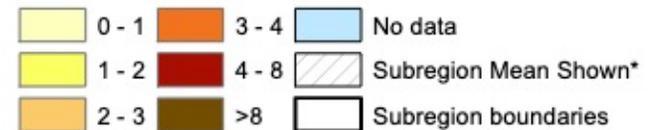
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## Mean Indoor Radon Concentration, pCi/L Basement, Single Family Residences, 2020 AEL Dataset



\*Shading (hatching) is used for counties where insufficient data were available to compute county statistics; color indicates the mean for the subregion in which the majority of radon tests were taken.

## Radon Facts

- In Texas, the average indoor radon levels are mostly within normal norms; however, when examined on a county-by-county basis, several areas of Texas are identified where local geology is suspected of contributing to the potential for elevated levels of indoor radon.
- The Panhandle area of Texas shows moderate to high average levels of radon from first floor level tests.

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## Texas Cancer Plan (2018)

Goal 4: Reduce the risk of cancers related to environmental carcinogens.

Objectives:

1. Increase the use of evidence-based policies, systems, and environmental changes that reduce exposure for workers and communities to known environmental carcinogens
2. Increase radon testing in homes and work with certified radon mitigators to fix homes with high levels of radon
3. Increase research related to environmental carcinogens

Strategic Actions

- Policy
  - Advocate for and dedicate consistent and reliable funding for evidence-based epidemiologic and environmental monitoring and research across the life course (in utero and childhood, workplace, and multi-generational exposures)
  - Advocate for system changes and training programs to prevent community and workplace exposure to carcinogens
- Communication/Education
  - Educate the public, health care providers, public health officials, schools, property owners and managers and policy makers about known and emerging environmental carcinogens including radon and other environmental substances linked to cancer
- Programs/Interventions
  - Support workplace and community-based initiatives that reduce environmental exposures to substances or chemicals linked to cancer
- Systems Improvement/Infrastructure
  - Implement evidence-based policies, programs, and system changes to increase transparency and information sharing among the public, researchers, regulatory agencies, and industry about environmental carcinogens
  - Support increased research and funding on environmental cancer risks

## Texas Pending/Enacted Legislation

**Texas Government Code § 2306.053:** Authorizes the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer federal housing, community affairs, or community development programs, including the low income housing tax credit program. Regulations adopted under the law (10 Tx. Admin. Code 305) require that environmental site assessments (ESAs) for affordable multifamily housing projects funded by the Department must be conducted and reported in conformity with ASTM standards and meet additional criteria specified in the regulations. Among other things, the ESA report must “assess the potential for the presence of radon on the property, and recommend specific testing if necessary.”

**Texas Property Code § 5.008:** Requires that certain sellers of single-unit residential property give buyers a written notice that discloses a variety of conditions, including their presence of radon, asbestos, urea-formaldehyde insulation, lead-based paint, or hazardous or toxic waste.