



HOME AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

DATA:

You need to work 98 hours per week to afford the average rent in Cleveland at Ohio's minimum wage, \$10.10/hour.¹



Poor housing quality and inadequate conditions — such as the presence of lead, mold, or asbestos, poor air quality, and overcrowding — can contribute to negative health outcomes, including chronic disease and injury.²

Walkability³ *Cleveland's overall score: 60*

Most walkable neighborhoods	Least walkable
• Downtown Cleveland: 90	• Euclid-Green: 33
• Ohio City: 81	• Riverside: 36
• University Circle: 74	• Union-Miles Park: 37

According to Ohio vital statistics data, there was a stable homicide by firearm rate of roughly 35.4 homicides per 100,000 residents from 2017-2019. In 2020, this **increased by 42%** to 52.8 homicides per 100,000 residents and remained high in 2021. Homicides by firearm make up 86% of the homicides in Cleveland.⁴



Life Expectancy

Life expectancy is 15.4 years longer in Shaker Heights than it is in the Buckeye neighborhood of Cleveland.⁵

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS:

Employer Practices

- Integrate internal support structure for barriers people are experiencing outside of work, e.g. Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and/or Employer Resource Network (ERN).
- Provide neighborhood housing incentives – live where you work (E.g. Greater Circle Living).

Policies

- Right To Counsel expansion
- Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis
- Source of Income Protection for Renters



LOCAL SPOTLIGHT:

The Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition was founded in 2019 to fight against childhood lead exposure, a public health crisis with a housing solution. The Coalition is comprised of over 300 organizations and is a public, private, philanthropic partnership with the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning.

In July 2019, the City of Cleveland passed an Ordinance requiring rental property owners to obtain a lead safe certificate from the City of Cleveland Department of Building and Housing. The Coalition provides education and financial assistance to rental

property owners to help make their properties lead safe and trains lead safe workers to inspect properties for lead hazards, perform the interim control work necessary to remediate any lead hazards identified, and perform a lead clearance on properties once any necessary remediation is completed.

In 2022, The Cleveland Clinic pledged a milestone contribution of \$52 million to the Lead Safe Home Fund, to make more homes lead safe and eliminate childhood lead poisoning.



Learn more about Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition



¹Center for Community Solutions 2021
²Healthy People 2030, health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/quality-housing
³patch.com/ohio/cleveland/most-walkable-u-s-cities-2020-how-cleveland-ranks
⁴clevelandhealth.org/assets/documents/health/health_statistics/Violence_Injury_Issue_Brief_2017-2021.pdf
⁵communitysolutions.com/research/life-expectancy-race-ohio/