Ohio Indoor Radon Program

Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection



USEPA State Indoor Radon Grant

- Objectives
 - Increase radon testing and mitigation in homes.
 - Increase radon testing and mitigation in schools.
 - Quality radon testing and mitigation by radon professionals.
- Strategies (6)



Ohio Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2021-2030

Exposure to Environmental Carcinogens

OBJECTIVE 2: By 2030, increase the number of new radon mitigation systems installed in Ohio homes from 67,668 to 167,668 (baseline: ODH RADMAT, Licensed Radon Contractors quarterly reports).

Strategies

- · Increase public awareness of the connection between radon and cancer risk.
- Encourage home buyers and sellers to hire Ohio licensed radon professionals.
- Educate realtors, building code officials, medical professionals and housing authorities about radon, the risk of lung cancer, and their role in reducing lung cancer.
- Support legislation for building codes that include Appendix F of the International Building Code.
- · Reduce out-of-pocket costs associated with radon testing and mitigation.





Free Test Kits

www.ohio.radon.com

Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer for non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers.

You can reduce radon levels, but the only way to know if your home has high radon levels is to test.

Free radon test kits are available for Ohio homeowners.

Order your FREE test kit now.

Radon can be reduced with a mitigation system. Use this link to find a **radon mitigation contractor** licensed in Ohio: <u>Find a Licensed Radon Contractor</u>.



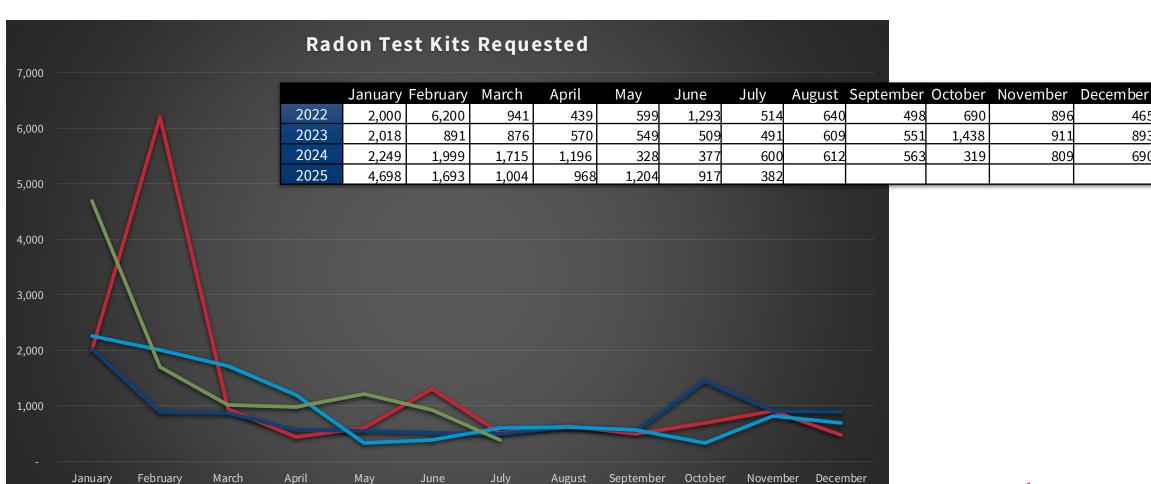




Data at a Glance – Test Kits

2023

2024





15,175

10,306

11,457

10,866

National Radon Action Month 2025

Goals and Strategies

- Educate Ohio adults on the importance of radon testing in their living space.
- Social media was determined to be the quickest and most effective method to get this message out.
- This campaign was vital to communicate the radon risk to all of Ohio's counties.



Why it Worked

- 87% of Ohio adults are homeowners.
- Ohio adults spend an average of 9 hours a week online, with nearly 7 of those hours being on social media.
- 70% use Facebook and 20% use Instagram.
- 89% of Ohio adults own a computer.
- 86% of Ohio adults have a smartphone.



Facebook







- Dates: January 2 January 31, 2025.
- Delivered 11,070,774 total impressions, overdelivering by 6,330,774 impressions.
- In total, 673 Reactions, 181 Post Shares, and 44 Comments were made.
- Most interactions came from the Northeast region.
- 33,333 clicks sent to www.ohio.radon.com.





Instagram



Ohio Department of Health

sure. Order a free radon test kit

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in a home

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radon level

SMOKING RAISES YOUR RISK OF LUNG CANCER EVEN





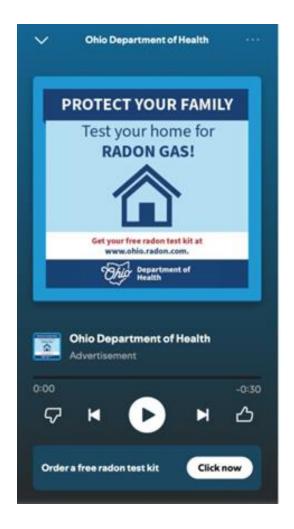
- Dates: January 2 January 31, 2025.
- Delivered 7,397,664 total impressions, overdelivering by 1,657,664 impressions.
- In total, 747 Reactions, 200 Post Shares, and 26 Comments were made.
- Most interactions came from the Northeast region.
- 9,929 clicks sent to www.ohio.radon.com.





Spotify – Digital Radio

- 2,949,168 delivered impressions.
- 9,289 clicks to the www.ohio.radon.com webpage.
- Top genres: Pop, Hip-Hop, Rock
- Ads ran through February.









Real Estate CE Offerings

- Completed 7 CE trainings in 2025.
- 1-Hour Approved CE.
- No cost.



Outreach Events and Presentations



March 21-23, 2025



Appalachian Regional Safety
Council Meeting



Community Library Talks



Two-part CME Presentation



Childcare Training

- Early Childhood Health Program
- Indoor Air Quality Training
- Ohio-Approved CE Credit
- Since 2021: 5,700+
- Currently updating materials.



Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association









Other Outreach

- Community Health Worker Conference
- School Nurses Conference Asthma School Health Conference
- Ohio Association of Radon Professionals



Radon Business Cards



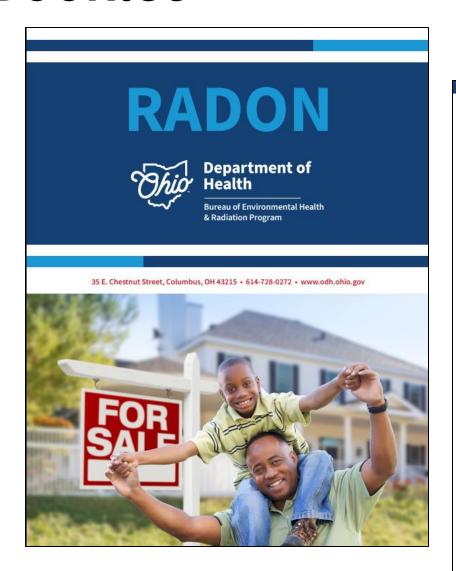
- Radon is an odorless, colorless, tasteless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is present in homes in all 88 counties of Ohio.
- Radon gas is produced during the decay of natural uranium present in rocks and soil.
- Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive. If your test results are elevated, your home can be easily fixed.
- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers.

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Booklet



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 Available for PDF download.

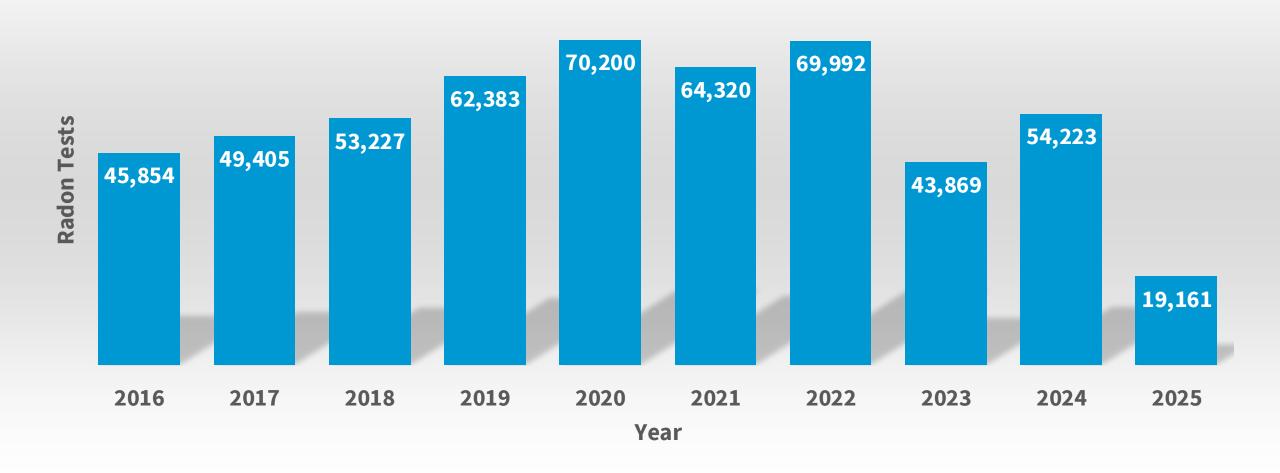


Current Radon Licensees

Radon Testers	472
Radon Mitigation Specialists	207
Radon Contractors	137

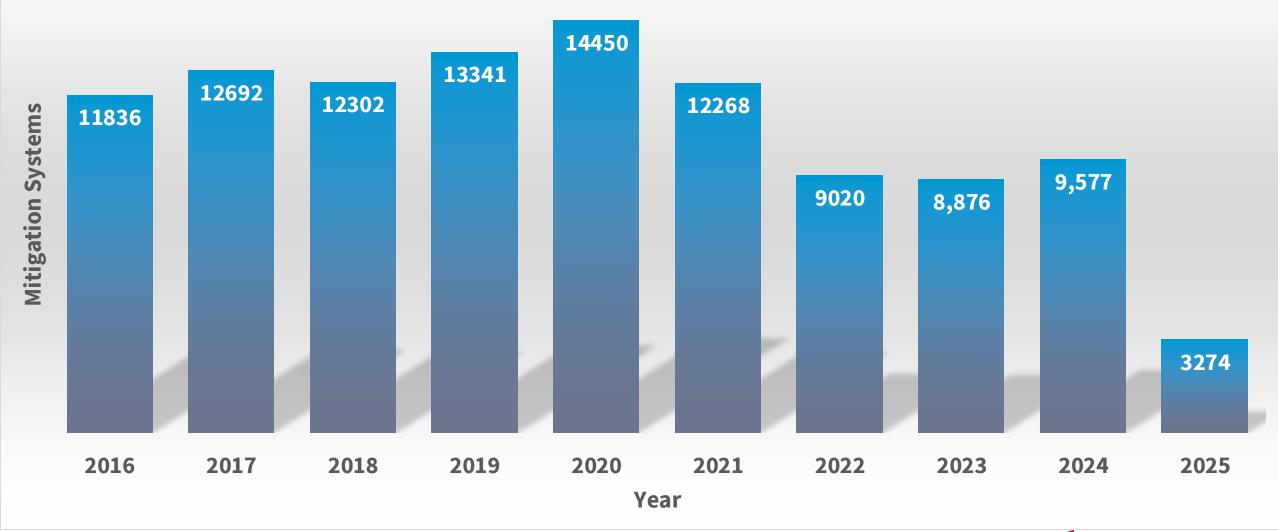


Radon Tests Performed by Licensees





Number of Radon Mitigation Systems





Compliance and Enforcement

FY2022: (10/1/21 - 9/30/22)

106 Enforcement Actions

30 Audits

24 Inspections

FY2024: (10/1/23 - 9/30/24)

122 Enforcement Actions

60 Audits

65 Inspections

FY2023: (10/1/22 - 9/30/23)

133 Enforcement Actions

59 Audits

80 Inspections





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