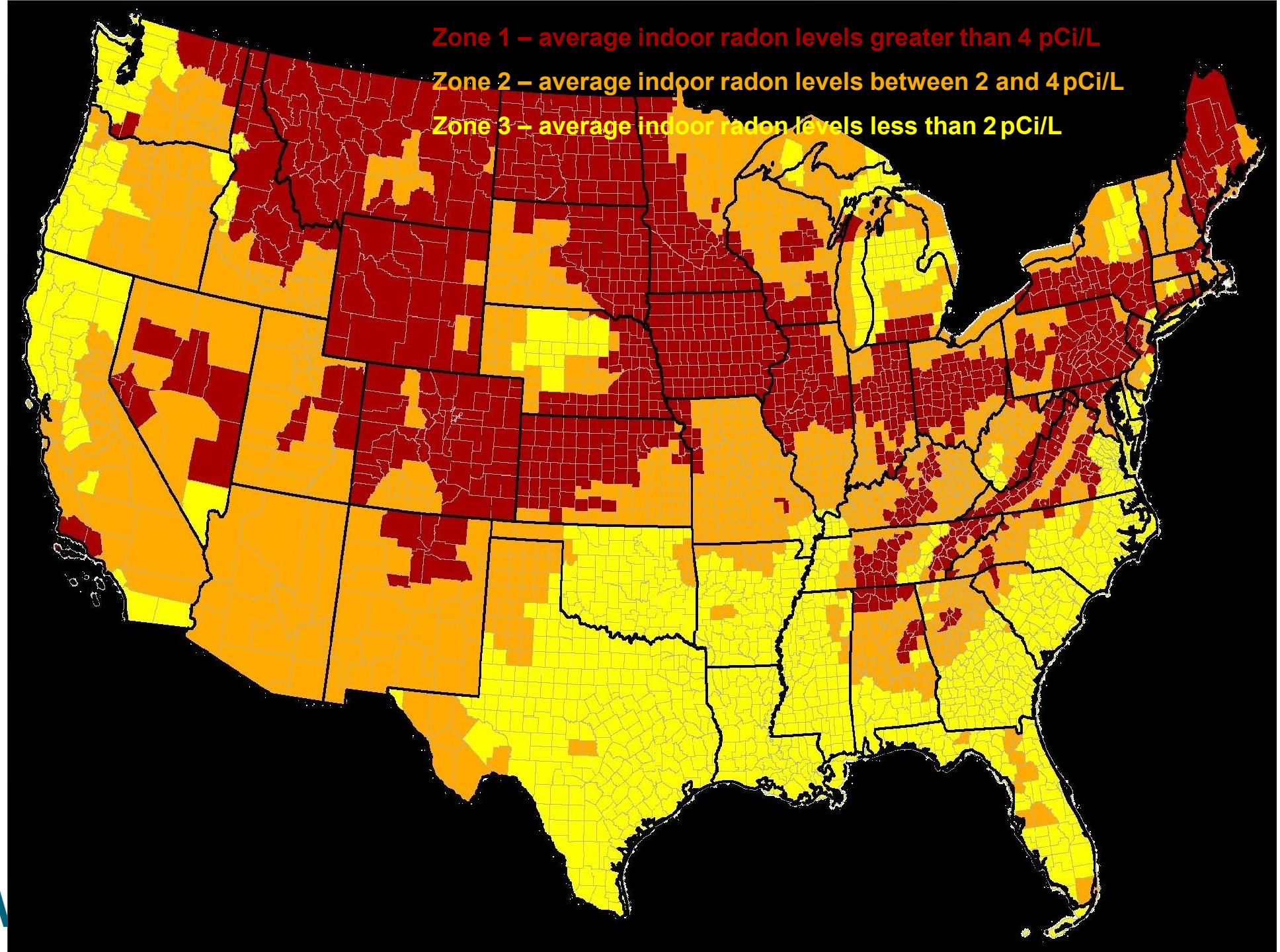
Iowa's Mitigation Funding

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Zone 1 – average indoor radon levels greater than 4 pCi/L
Zone 2 – average indoor radon levels between 2 and 4 pCi/L
Zone 3 – average indoor radon levels less than 2 pCi/L

Why Is Radon Important In Iowa?

- Iowa has the highest percentage of homes above the EPA action level of 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L).
- Iowa's indoor radon average is 8 pCi/L. National average is 1.3 pCi/L.
- As many as 5 in 7 homes in Iowa have radon levels above EPA action level.
- Radon is responsible for ~21,000 deaths each year in the United States which equates to approximately 400 deaths annually in Iowa.

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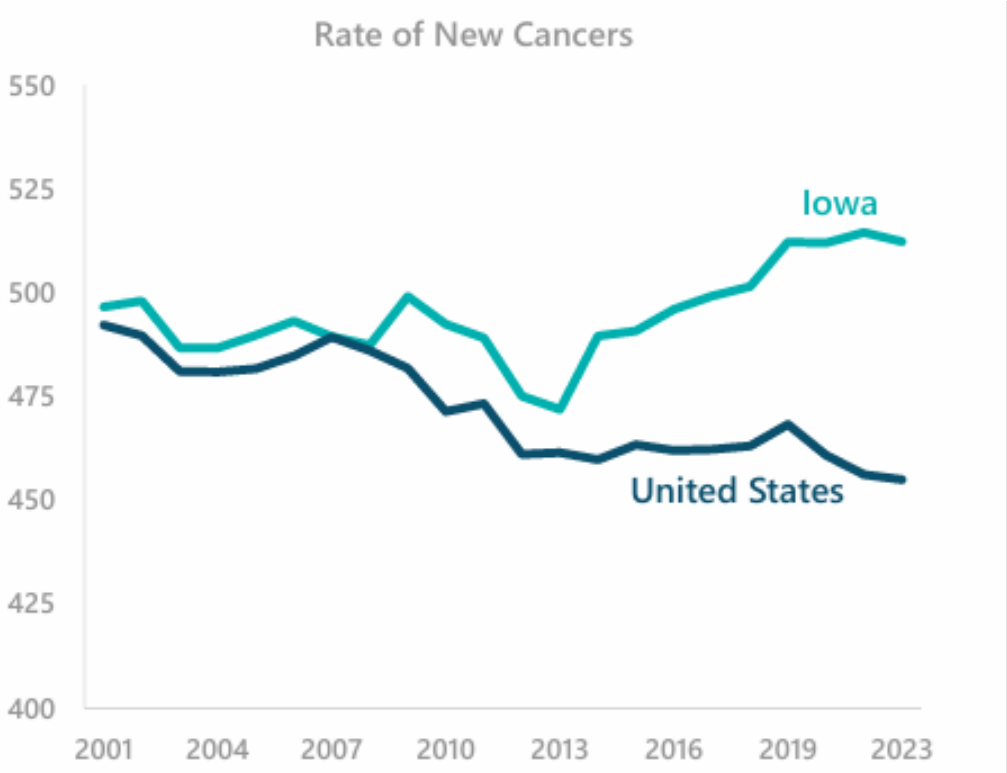
- Iowa is #2 in the nation for increases in cancer of all types
- #14 for rate of new lung cancers (2024)
- #18 for rate of lung cancer deaths. (2024)
- 2026 estimate of 1460 cancer deaths in Iowa, 22.8% of total.

Why Is Radon Important In Iowa?

- Iowa's cancer incidence rate started to diverge from the U.S. average in 2013

Iowa has the **#2** highest rate of **new cancers** in the U.S.

Iowa's rate is **13% higher** than the U.S. rate



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The Combat Cancer project is supported by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling $209,040,063.71 with 100 percent funded by CMS/HHS in year one of a projected 5-year grant. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, CMS/HHS, or the U.S Government.

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- 5-year grant through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program (https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/rural-health)
- In the first year, Iowa was awarded $209,040,063.71 for Five initiatives.
- Information on Iowa's program can be found here; https://hhs.iowa.gov/initiatives/healthy-hometowns-iowas-rural-health-transformation-plan

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Healthy Hometowns Five Key Initiatives

- Hometown Connections
- **Combat Cancer: Prevent and Treat**
- Communities of Care
- Health Information Exchange
- EMS Community Care Mobile

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Healthy Hometowns – Combat Cancer Program

- Iowa HHS has contracted with a local public health agency to provide the following services:
  - 30,000 free test kits
  - **Mitigation assistance to 500 qualifying homeowners, up to $2,000.**
  - Educational awards for training of measurement and mitigation specialist (28 of each). $750 for mitigation and $600 for measurement.

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Healthy Hometowns – Combat Cancer Program

- Perform outreach to homeowners including instructions on how to register with the Contractor as an approved homeowner. Ensure instructions include guidance about documentation needed for reimbursement.

- Perform outreach to certified mitigation specialists about the financial assistance for radon mitigation for homes in rural Iowa counties.

Healthy Hometowns – Combat Cancer Program

Qualifying for Mitigation Assistance

1. Must have used a test kit provided by the program.
    - Includes information on the opportunity to receive a one-time financial assistance reimbursement of up to $2,000 for mitigation service for homes with a positive test.
2. Must have an address classified as rural.
    - Verified through the **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** website.

Healthy Hometowns – Combat Cancer Program

To Date

- **They have provided 70 educational awards**

- Distributed 10,000 Radon to Local Public Health Agencies

- Applications are open for Mitigation Assistance

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2026 Iowa School poster contest winner
Ayaat Pelenguei, Prairie Ridge Middle School

Questions

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