

# Do Cities Have Enough Housing Inspectors?

For many people, especially renters, personal health is tied with the health of their home. People living in substandard rental housing have a higher risk of developing chronic health conditions suffering a catastrophic injury at home compared to people with quality, affordable housing.

However, many cities struggle to identify unsafe housing conditions and hold landlords accountable for fixing them before they escalate into crisis. Given tighter budgets, growing populations, and aging housing stocks, that challenge could grow more pressing.

Six BUILD partnerships focus on housing issues. The information below provides a snapshot of the challenge their cities face in ensuring quality housing for their residents.

## CLEVELAND

84,000 Rental Properties

1 INSPECTOR FOR EVERY 7.4K PROPERTIES

## DES MOINES

34,284 Rental Properties

1 INSPECTOR FOR EVERY 2.1K PROPERTIES

## GREENSBORO

57,085 Rental Properties

1 INSPECTOR FOR EVERY 7.1K PROPERTIES

## PHILADELPHIA

270,000 Rental Properties

1 INSPECTOR FOR EVERY 4.5K PROPERTIES

## TRENTON

9,119 Rental Properties

1 INSPECTOR FOR EVERY 911 PROPERTIES

## WASHINGTON D.C.

187,000 Rental Properties

1 INSPECTOR FOR EVERY 12.5K PROPERTIES

The BUILD Health Challenge strengthens partnerships between community-based organizations, hospitals and health systems, local health departments, and others, to cultivate a shared commitment to moving resources, attention, and action upstream to drive sustainable improvements in community health. Since 2015, the BUILD Health Challenge has mobilized nearly 40 community-based partnerships to help address health problems using a bold, upstream approach.