

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 account-able 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