

# MKE Elevate Issue Brief:

## BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Built environment includes the following topics: Transportation, housing, lead pipes and paint, accessibility, and access to internet.

### The Built Environment impacts everyone's well-being

The Built Environment affects everyone who lives, works, and plays in the City of Milwaukee. It affects overall wellness, morbidity and mortality by facilitating access to health promoting resources and activities – health care, grocery stores, exercise opportunities, information, social connections, and more. Additionally, the home environment & buildings in which people spend time can be sources of exposure to stressors and environmental contaminants like lead, asbestos, indoor air pollution, and other toxins.

### Key data points:

**21% of households** in Milwaukee County experience at least 1 severe housing problem (overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities)

**133,858** houses in the city were built before the 1978 lead paint ban

**Milwaukee has a walkability score of 62.7**, compared to an average of 41.3 across all other City Health [Dashboard](#) cities.<sup>1</sup>

Milwaukee residents with an [internet subscription](#) increased to 81.4% over the past 5 years, but significant disparities remain, as that percentage is **as low as 60-70%** in certain zip codes (53205, 53206, 53204, and 53233 are among the lowest)<sup>2</sup>

### City of Milwaukee Childhood Lead Percent Poisoned





