

Blood Lead Testing and Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLLs) in Texas Children, 1-2 years of age, by County, 2020

County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	183	13.56	16	8.74
ANDREWS	92	13.47	0	0.00
ANGELINA	743	31.58	10	1.35
ARANSAS	55	11.41	0	0.00
ARCHER	41	17.45	< 5	~
ARMSTRONG	< 5	~	0	0.00
ATASCOSA	556	40.52	5	0.90
AUSTIN	197	29.62	8	4.06
BAILEY	44	20.18	0	0.00
BANDERA	56	16.05	< 5	~
BASTROP	641	25.63	9	1.40
BAYLOR	34	43.04	0	0.00
BEE	209	33.49	< 5	~
BELL	3,660	30.60	36	0.98
BEXAR	13,164	24.06	181	1.37
BLANCO	36	20.69	< 5	~
BORDEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
BOSQUE	99	27.35	< 5	~
BOWIE	504	23.18	10	1.98
BRAZORIA	2,112	21.98	21	0.99
BRAZOS	1,441	26.40	15	1.04
BREWSTER	11	5.76	0	0.00
BRISCOE	< 5	~	0	0.00
BROOKS	95	43.78	0	0.00
BROWN	87	10.88	0	0.00
BURLESON	100	25.19	< 5	~
BURNET	302	29.09	< 5	~
CALDWELL	431	36.93	5	1.16
CALHOUN	169	33.14	< 5	~
CALLAHAN	86	30.94	< 5	~
CAMERON	4,801	37.69	55	1.15
CAMP	108	30.25	< 5	~
CARSON	17	17.35	< 5	~
CASS	218	35.56	< 5	~
CASTRO	56	25.81	< 5	~
CHAMBERS	296	21.45	< 5	~
CHEROKEE	543	39.72	14	2.58
CHILDRESS	21	19.44	0	0.00
CLAY	62	36.69	< 5	~
COCHRAN	18	26.09	< 5	~

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COKE	28	38.89	< 5	~
COLEMAN	39	23.78	< 5	~
COLLIN	2,604	10.39	37	1.42
COLLINGSWORTH	< 5	~	0	0.00
COLORADO	78	15.18	< 5	~
COMAL	706	19.36	7	0.99
COMANCHE	85	26.65	< 5	~
CONCHO	24	35.82	0	0.00
COOKE	77	7.10	< 5	~
CORYELL	495	21.62	7	1.41
COTTLE	11	39.29	< 5	~
CRANE	21	16.67	0	0.00
CROCKETT	35	51.47	0	0.00
CROSBY	33	27.27	< 5	~
CULBERSON	8	13.56	0	0.00
DALLAM	21	7.84	0	0.00
DALLAS	15,168	20.66	231	1.52
DAWSON	47	12.98	0	0.00
DEAF SMITH	83	12.65	0	0.00
DELTA	43	30.07	< 5	~
DENTON	2,570	11.98	23	0.89
DEWITT	100	21.79	6	6.00
DICKENS	7	28.00	< 5	~
DIMITT	171	78.08	< 5	~
DONLEY	13	20.31	0	0.00
DUVAL	151	51.89	< 5	~
EASTLAND	86	21.08	0	0.00
ECTOR	1,096	19.65	10	0.91
EDWARDS	12	36.36	< 5	~
EL PASO	6,297	25.37	51	0.81
ELLIS	1,058	20.35	21	1.98
ERATH	273	27.30	< 5	~
FALLS	175	46.54	5	2.86
FANNIN	170	23.68	< 5	~
FAYETTE	99	20.50	< 5	~
FISHER	19	26.39	< 5	~
FLOYD	38	26.39	< 5	~
FOARD	15	68.18	0	0.00
FORT BEND	4,427	22.48	30	0.68
FRANKLIN	86	34.13	< 5	~
FREESTONE	101	20.78	5	4.95
FRIO	228	50.44	< 5	~
GAINES	125	14.48	0	0.00
GALVESTON	2,004	24.59	40	2.00

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GARZA	18	22.50	0	0.00
GILLESPIE	108	20.93	7	6.48
GLASSCOCK	8	25.81	0	0.00
GOLIAD	26	17.81	0	0.00
GONZALES	121	23.45	5	4.13
GRAY	109	22.38	< 5	~
GRAYSON	1,002	29.47	23	2.30
GREGG	891	27.29	15	1.68
GRIMES	175	27.26	0	0.00
GUADALUPE	1,029	25.02	11	1.07
HALE	178	20.27	< 5	~
HALL	16	31.37	< 5	~
HAMILTON	41	23.56	< 5	~
HANSFORD	25	15.43	0	0.00
HARDEMAN	31	41.33	< 5	~
HARDIN	199	14.80	0	0.00
HARRIS	40,212	30.46	356	0.89
HARRISON	554	35.15	12	2.17
HARTLEY	12	8.63	0	0.00
HASKELL	31	36.05	< 5	~
HAYS	923	15.52	11	1.19
HEMPHILL	20	30.77	0	0.00
HENDERSON	385	20.91	6	1.56
HIDALGO	5,813	20.11	78	1.34
HILL	214	24.26	5	2.34
HOCKLEY	155	25.92	< 5	~
HOOD	311	25.77	< 5	~
HOPKINS	257	27.40	6	2.33
HOUSTON	86	19.95	< 5	~
HOWARD	37	4.47	< 5	~
HUDSPETH	30	44.78	< 5	~
HUNT	666	26.62	19	2.85
HUTCHINSON	98	19.25	5	5.10
IRION	9	28.13	0	0.00
JACK	17	10.76	< 5	~
JACKSON	82	18.85	< 5	~
JASPER	120	15.89	< 5	~
JEFF DAVIS	< 5	~	0	0.00
JEFFERSON	1,531	22.66	49	3.20
JIM HOGG	45	40.54	< 5	~
JIM WELLS	411	39.98	13	3.16
JOHNSON	513	10.84	6	1.17
JONES	102	30.45	< 5	~
KARNES	70	21.81	0	0.00

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KAUFMAN	857	19.58	7	0.82
KENDALL	62	7.68	< 5	~
KENEDY	0	0.00	0	0.00
KENT	< 5	~	0	0.00
KERR	272	24.79	13	4.78
KIMBLE	23	21.50	< 5	~
KING	0	0.00	0	0.00
KINNEY	16	23.53	0	0.00
KLEBERG	216	25.06	< 5	~
KNOX	29	32.22	< 5	~
LA SALLE	52	35.14	0	0.00
LAMAR	439	34.76	11	2.51
LAMB	69	19.49	< 5	~
LAMPASAS	64	14.04	0	0.00
LAVACA	76	15.61	< 5	~
LEE	53	12.21	< 5	~
LEON	89	24.93	< 5	~
LIBERTY	616	22.29	11	1.79
LIMESTONE	133	26.65	0	0.00
LIPSCOMB	6	9.38	0	0.00
LIVE OAK	89	33.21	< 5	~
LLANO	122	33.98	< 5	~
LOVING	< 5	~	0	0.00
LUBBOCK	1,242	15.45	16	1.29
LYNN	18	12.50	< 5	~
MADISON	122	38.13	< 5	~
MARION	59	35.54	< 5	~
MARTIN	28	18.30	0	0.00
MASON	17	26.15	< 5	~
MATAGORDA	277	26.61	< 5	~
MAVERICK	910	43.92	15	1.65
MCCULLOCH	44	26.67	< 5	~
MCLENNAN	2,254	32.21	60	2.66
MCMULLEN	6	37.50	0	0.00
MEDINA	255	21.45	< 5	~
MENARD	19	52.78	0	0.00
MIDLAND	1,318	23.73	9	0.68
MILAM	208	39.69	8	3.85
MILLS	12	15.38	0	0.00
MITCHELL	51	25.00	< 5	~
MONTAGUE	43	10.31	< 5	~
MONTGOMERY	2,844	17.79	30	1.05
MOORE	59	8.38	< 5	~
MORRIS	100	34.84	< 5	~

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MOTLEY	9	33.33	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	328	19.85	< 5	~
NAVARRO	360	24.76	< 5	~
NEWTON	46	21.30	0	0.00
NOLAN	98	25.93	6	6.12
NUECES	2,287	25.47	21	0.92
OCHILTREE	11	4.04	< 5	~
OLDHAM	7	35.00	0	0.00
ORANGE	360	17.47	< 5	~
PALO PINTO	56	7.78	< 5	~
PANOLA	90	17.79	< 5	~
PARKER	399	11.00	< 5	~
PARMER	27	9.22	0	0.00
PECOS	81	19.42	0	0.00
POLK	103	9.74	< 5	~
POTTER	1,045	33.25	25	2.39
PRESIDIO	6	2.99	0	0.00
RAINS	57	21.51	0	0.00
RANDALL	512	14.96	5	0.98
REAGAN	41	41.84	< 5	~
REAL	22	44.00	0	0.00
RED RIVER	90	37.34	0	0.00
REEVES	93	25.07	0	0.00
REFUGIO	33	24.26	0	0.00
ROBERTS	< 5	~	0	0.00
ROBERTSON	126	30.22	< 5	~
ROCKWALL	381	13.81	< 5	~
RUNNELS	86	32.58	6	6.98
RUSK	183	16.00	< 5	~
SABINE	38	18.81	< 5	~
SAN AUGUSTINE	53	32.12	0	0.00
SAN JACINTO	112	19.11	< 5	~
SAN PATRICIO	521	28.49	5	0.96
SAN SABA	11	8.40	0	0.00
SCHLEICHER	27	58.70	< 5	~
SCURRY	91	21.11	< 5	~
SHACKELFORD	24	35.82	0	0.00
SHELBY	120	18.02	< 5	~
SHERMAN	6	7.32	0	0.00
SMITH	1,241	20.66	33	2.66
SOMERVELL	50	27.78	< 5	~
STARR	685	28.55	8	1.17
STEPHENS	48	21.05	< 5	~
STERLING	14	40.00	< 5	~

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STONEWALL	7	29.17	0	0.00
SUTTON	18	21.43	0	0.00
SWISHER	44	28.03	< 5	~
TARRANT	9,946	18.12	83	0.83
TAYLOR	1,105	26.53	23	2.08
TERRELL	< 5	~	0	0.00
TERRY	47	13.02	< 5	~
THROCKMORTON	8	24.24	0	0.00
TITUS	403	44.29	13	3.23
TOM GREEN	1,028	33.24	8	0.78
TRAVIS	6,537	20.71	63	0.96
TRINITY	121	44.81	< 5	~
TYLER	101	27.52	< 5	~
UPSHUR	214	23.34	< 5	~
UPTON	24	30.38	0	0.00
UVALDE	252	34.81	< 5	~
VAL VERDE	294	19.44	< 5	~
VAN ZANDT	256	18.03	< 5	~
VICTORIA	536	22.00	8	1.49
WALKER	266	20.60	< 5	~
WALLER	310	21.03	< 5	~
WARD	55	14.51	0	0.00
WASHINGTON	232	31.22	7	3.02
WEBB	2,933	32.20	33	1.13
WHARTON	308	25.23	< 5	~
WHEELER	24	24.74	< 5	~
WICHITA	978	30.19	22	2.25
WILBARGER	104	31.42	< 5	~
WILLACY	116	23.92	< 5	~
WILLIAMSON	2,241	14.56	23	1.03
WILSON	243	21.58	< 5	~
WINKLER	41	17.08	0	0.00
WISE	106	6.29	< 5	~
WOOD	205	24.23	< 5	~
YOAKUM	32	11.59	0	0.00
YOUNG	76	18.63	< 5	~
ZAPATA	121	29.16	0	0.00
ZAVALA	0	0.00	0	0.00
UNKNOWN COUNTY	4,403	n/a	5	0.11
TEXAS TOTAL	183,799	23.73	2,287	1.24

Blood Lead Surveillance Branch

Data Considerations

1. Analysis is based on a current dataset (01/10/2024) and is considered provisional and subject to change.
2. Rates are per 100.
3. Rates that cannot be calculated are indicated with “~”.
4. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently defines a reference level of 5 µg/dL to identify individuals with elevated blood lead levels.
5. Each person is represented once at the date of the highest test for the given calendar year.
6. Each person’s residential geography is represented by the address at the time of the highest test per calendar year.
7. Because BLSB only actively gathers addresses for individuals with blood lead levels 5 µg/dL or greater, persons with blood lead levels less than 5 µg/dL may be under-represented geographically due to the lack of availability of address information.
8. Caution should be used when interpreting data with a small count (i.e., less than 20).
9. Cell sizes of 1-4 are expressed as "< 5" to protect the identity of individuals.
10. Population data (if applicable) is obtained from Texas Demographic Center, located at <https://demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPEPP/>

Identification of Persons/Entities with Blood Lead Data:

1. No person will attempt to use these data to identify any person or entity.
2. If the identity of a person or entity should be discovered inadvertently:
3. No use will be made of this knowledge
4. The Blood Lead Surveillance Branch will be notified immediately of the incident via phone at (800) 588 – 1248 or email at TexasBloodLead@dshs.texas.gov .
5. The information that would identify the individual or entity will be destroyed, as requested by the Blood Lead Surveillance Branch.
6. No one else will be informed of the discovery.