



**Blood Lead Testing and Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLLs) in Texas Children, Under 6 years of age, by County, 2022**

County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	258	7.08	27	10.47
ANDREWS	84	4.53	< 5	~
ANGELINA	1,161	16.44	9	0.78
ARANSAS	92	6.39	0	0.00
ARCHER	57	9.71	< 5	~
ARMSTRONG	7	5.98	< 5	~
ATASCOSA	653	16.04	10	1.53
AUSTIN	322	15.80	10	3.11
BAILEY	101	14.90	0	0.00
BANDERA	99	9.38	< 5	~
BASTROP	825	10.76	13	1.58
BAYLOR	35	14.58	< 5	~
BEE	309	15.65	< 5	~
BELL	6,227	17.63	43	0.69
BEXAR	18,387	10.92	336	1.83
BLANCO	50	8.49	0	0.00
BORDEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
BOSQUE	109	9.55	< 5	~
BOWIE	690	10.51	15	2.17
BRAZORIA	3,382	11.62	28	0.83
BRAZOS	2,547	14.20	21	0.82
BREWSTER	9	1.52	0	0.00
BRISCOE	< 5	~	0	0.00
BROOKS	71	11.34	< 5	~
BROWN	97	3.82	< 5	~
BURLESON	268	20.86	< 5	~
BURNET	507	15.33	13	2.56
CALDWELL	657	19.18	6	0.91
CALHOUN	232	15.47	< 5	~
CALLAHAN	100	11.19	6	6.00
CAMERON	9,100	23.79	99	1.09
CAMP	40	3.88	< 5	~
CARSON	19	5.94	0	0.00
CASS	340	17.88	7	2.06
CASTRO	115	17.29	< 5	~
CHAMBERS	478	11.71	5	1.05
CHEROKEE	823	20.40	18	2.19
CHILDRESS	82	22.10	< 5	~
CLAY	63	11.52	< 5	~
COCHRAN	51	22.97	< 5	~

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COKE	35	15.56	0	0.00
COLEMAN	46	9.33	0	0.00
COLLIN	4,763	6.02	58	1.22
COLLINGSWORTH	35	17.95	0	0.00
COLORADO	111	7.23	< 5	~
COMAL	947	8.31	8	0.84
COMANCHE	146	14.57	8	5.48
CONCHO	33	16.84	< 5	~
COOKE	174	5.28	9	5.17
CORYELL	822	12.15	< 5	~
COTTLE	5	6.41	0	0.00
CRANE	24	5.97	0	0.00
CROCKETT	56	26.05	0	0.00
CROSBY	50	13.89	< 5	~
CULBERSON	8	4.42	0	0.00
DALLAM	118	15.23	0	0.00
DALLAS	26,671	11.90	383	1.44
DAWSON	129	12.65	0	0.00
DEAF SMITH	372	19.69	< 5	~
DELTA	64	15.38	0	0.00
DENTON	3,728	5.45	43	1.15
DEWITT	113	8.15	< 5	~
DICKENS	8	9.30	0	0.00
DIMITT	231	32.86	< 5	~
DONLEY	33	16.84	0	0.00
DUVAL	177	19.93	< 5	~
EASTLAND	151	12.26	9	5.96
ECTOR	1,145	6.87	5	0.44
EDWARDS	22	22.45	0	0.00
EL PASO	7,024	9.27	75	1.07
ELLIS	1,176	7.43	8	0.68
ERATH	324	10.24	< 5	~
FALLS	225	20.11	7	3.11
FANNIN	333	15.01	11	3.30
FAYETTE	91	6.05	< 5	~
FISHER	15	6.73	0	0.00
FLOYD	42	9.88	< 5	~
FOARD	20	30.30	0	0.00
FORT BEND	7,416	12.13	42	0.57
FRANKLIN	49	6.31	0	0.00
FREESTONE	113	8.03	< 5	~
FRIO	216	16.29	< 5	~
GAINES	242	9.67	< 5	~
GALVESTON	3,698	14.85	77	2.08

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GARZA	49	17.25	< 5	~
GILLESPIE	181	11.08	6	3.31
GLASSCOCK	< 5	~	0	0.00
GOLIAD	32	7.36	< 5	~
GONZALES	142	8.84	< 5	~
GRAY	264	17.62	< 5	~
GRAYSON	1,588	15.48	21	1.32
GREGG	1,244	12.51	32	2.57
GRIMES	351	17.70	< 5	~
GUADALUPE	1,370	10.69	18	1.31
HALE	260	10.01	5	1.92
HALL	30	18.99	< 5	~
HAMILTON	45	8.40	0	0.00
HANSFORD	26	5.43	0	0.00
HARDEMAN	39	16.67	0	0.00
HARDIN	430	10.79	6	1.40
HARRIS	67,159	16.60	790	1.18
HARRISON	928	18.77	31	3.34
HARTLEY	34	8.74	0	0.00
HASKELL	40	14.34	< 5	~
HAYS	1,665	8.52	17	1.02
HEMPHILL	16	6.56	0	0.00
HENDERSON	599	10.97	5	0.83
HIDALGO	9,042	10.47	108	1.19
HILL	179	6.73	< 5	~
HOCKLEY	290	16.02	5	1.72
HOOD	386	10.23	< 5	~
HOPKINS	349	12.35	15	4.30
HOUSTON	119	8.74	< 5	~
HOWARD	59	2.41	< 5	~
HUDSPETH	39	19.40	< 5	~
HUNT	1,336	17.49	24	1.80
HUTCHINSON	135	8.89	< 5	~
IRION	15	16.13	0	0.00
JACK	32	6.17	< 5	~
JACKSON	130	10.37	0	0.00
JASPER	193	8.36	< 5	~
JEFF DAVIS	< 5	~	0	0.00
JEFFERSON	2,914	14.61	51	1.75
JIM HOGG	45	12.26	0	0.00
JIM WELLS	701	21.55	8	1.14
JOHNSON	711	4.97	10	1.41
JONES	133	13.08	< 5	~
KARNES	121	11.99	< 5	~

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KAUFMAN	1,700	12.43	20	1.18
KENDALL	149	5.88	< 5	~
KENEDY	< 5	~	0	0.00
KENT	6	12.50	< 5	~
KERR	585	17.09	13	2.22
KIMBLE	31	9.78	0	0.00
KING	0	0.00	0	0.00
KINNEY	15	7.69	0	0.00
KLEBERG	243	8.91	7	2.88
KNOX	42	16.15	< 5	~
LA SALLE	55	12.47	< 5	~
LAMAR	723	18.57	32	4.43
LAMB	133	12.51	< 5	~
LAMPASAS	146	10.50	< 5	~
LAVACA	130	8.92	5	3.85
LEE	108	8.33	0	0.00
LEON	113	9.99	0	0.00
LIBERTY	1,224	15.26	17	1.39
LIMESTONE	211	13.53	< 5	~
LIPSCOMB	8	3.86	< 5	~
LIVE OAK	105	13.39	< 5	~
LLANO	181	15.92	6	3.31
LOVING	< 5	~	0	0.00
LUBBOCK	2,451	9.63	26	1.06
LYNN	23	5.24	< 5	~
MADISON	197	20.65	< 5	~
MARION	98	19.44	< 5	~
MARTIN	58	13.18	< 5	~
MASON	34	15.11	< 5	~
MATAGORDA	568	18.70	9	1.58
MAVERICK	984	16.07	6	0.61
MCCULLOCH	53	10.17	< 5	~
MCLENNAN	3,527	16.68	96	2.72
MCMULLEN	5	12.20	0	0.00
MEDINA	365	10.28	5	1.37
MENARD	24	22.02	0	0.00
MIDLAND	2,087	12.64	18	0.86
MILAM	369	21.77	17	4.61
MILLS	< 5	~	0	0.00
MITCHELL	49	8.09	< 5	~
MONTAGUE	67	4.92	< 5	~
MONTGOMERY	5,192	10.56	33	0.64
MOORE	126	6.01	< 5	~
MORRIS	47	5.41	8	17.02

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MOTLEY	< 5	~	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	404	7.74	8	1.98
NAVARRO	671	15.25	15	2.24
NEWTON	55	8.69	0	0.00
NOLAN	135	12.12	6	4.44
NUECES	3,413	12.41	34	1.00
OCHILTREE	82	9.40	< 5	~
OLDHAM	7	8.54	0	0.00
ORANGE	873	13.98	12	1.37
PALO PINTO	98	4.51	< 5	~
PANOLA	167	10.60	< 5	~
PARKER	854	7.60	6	0.70
PARMER	94	10.88	< 5	~
PECOS	190	16.02	< 5	~
POLK	228	7.26	< 5	~
POTTER	1,813	19.08	35	1.93
PRESIDIO	8	1.37	0	0.00
RAINS	66	8.66	< 5	~
RANDALL	810	7.61	9	1.11
REAGAN	52	18.12	0	0.00
REAL	38	22.35	< 5	~
RED RIVER	126	17.52	< 5	~
REEVES	183	17.75	5	2.73
REFUGIO	52	11.09	< 5	~
ROBERTS	< 5	~	0	0.00
ROBERTSON	200	16.26	< 5	~
ROCKWALL	614	7.45	< 5	~
RUNNELS	121	15.98	11	9.09
RUSK	355	10.35	11	3.10
SABINE	44	7.45	< 5	~
SAN AUGUSTINE	49	9.65	0	0.00
SAN JACINTO	220	12.01	7	3.18
SAN PATRICIO	720	12.94	11	1.53
SAN SABA	42	11.11	< 5	~
SCHLEICHER	30	20.41	< 5	~
SCURRY	132	9.89	< 5	~
SHACKELFORD	31	15.27	< 5	~
SHELBY	121	5.95	< 5	~
SHERMAN	22	9.21	< 5	~
SMITH	1,112	5.94	24	2.16
SOMERVELL	32	5.52	0	0.00
STARR	1,157	16.56	18	1.56
STEPHENS	87	13.04	< 5	~
STERLING	24	21.05	0	0.00

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STONEWALL	6	7.69	0	0.00
SUTTON	38	14.79	< 5	~
SWISHER	52	10.61	< 5	~
TARRANT	14,536	8.63	198	1.36
TAYLOR	1,476	11.79	30	2.03
TERRELL	7	16.28	0	0.00
TERRY	179	17.41	< 5	~
THROCKMORTON	10	9.62	< 5	~
TITUS	109	3.82	5	4.59
TOM GREEN	1,428	15.27	9	0.63
TRAVIS	8,770	8.73	87	0.99
TRINITY	145	17.22	< 5	~
TYLER	72	6.29	< 5	~
UPSHUR	288	9.88	5	1.74
UPTON	23	8.71	0	0.00
UVALDE	370	16.89	5	1.35
VAL VERDE	536	11.69	13	2.43
VAN ZANDT	497	11.63	6	1.21
VICTORIA	757	10.34	14	1.85
WALKER	494	10.95	10	2.02
WALLER	510	11.45	< 5	~
WARD	62	5.61	< 5	~
WASHINGTON	590	25.90	11	1.86
WEBB	5,072	18.66	63	1.24
WHARTON	509	14.45	< 5	~
WHEELER	22	6.47	0	0.00
WICHITA	1,370	14.41	42	3.07
WILBARGER	140	14.88	9	6.43
WILLACY	429	28.64	15	3.50
WILLIAMSON	3,137	6.51	38	1.21
WILSON	319	9.34	6	1.88
WINKLER	46	6.71	< 5	~
WISE	145	2.86	< 5	~
WOOD	169	6.17	9	5.33
YOAKUM	79	9.84	< 5	~
YOUNG	125	9.62	< 5	~
ZAPATA	210	16.17	< 5	~
ZAVALA	0	0.00	0	0.00
UNKNOWN COUNTY	15,288	n/a	37	0.24
<b>TEXAS TOTAL</b>	<b>298,868</b>	<b>12.58</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>1.31</b>



## 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. In October of 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended lowering the blood lead reference level (BLRV) from 5 µg/dL to 3.5 µg/dL to identify individuals with elevated blood lead levels (EBLL). Texas DSHS continued to define an EBLL as 5 µg/dL through 2021 and 2022 and the data tables for 2022 utilize a BLRV of 5 µg/dL to identify individuals with an EBLL. Texas DSHS implemented the lower BLRV in 2023.
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](mailto: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.