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County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	141	13.02	16	11.35
ANDREWS	106	19.96	<5	~
ANGELINA	1,058	44.14	16	1.51
ARANSAS	81	18.41	<5	~
ARCHER	35	19.44	<5	~
ARMSTRONG	<5	~	0	0.00
ATASCOSA	514	42.37	18	3.50
AUSTIN	357	56.76	10	2.80
BAILEY	70	33.33	0	0.00
BANDERA	101	31.76	13	12.87
BASTROP	1,292	57.22	87	6.73
BAYLOR	25	32.47	0	0.00
BEE	194	28.70	<5	~
BELL	6,255	59.82	56	0.90
BEXAR	16,320	28.66	404	2.48
BLANCO	52	23.53	<5	~
BORDEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
BOSQUE	121	32.01	<5	~
BOWIE	656	33.33	41	6.25
BRAZORIA	3,983	44.26	163	4.09
BRAZOS	2,387	33.28	22	0.92
BREWSTER	24	10.53	<5	~
BRISCOE	9	29.03	0	0.00
BROOKS	69	38.76	8	11.59
BROWN	77	7.85	7	9.09
BURLESON	205	49.52	13	6.34
BURNET	440	39.57	9	2.05
CALDWELL	506	45.14	27	5.34
CALHOUN	262	54.70	<5	~
CALLAHAN	108	40.15	<5	~
CAMERON	6,808	57.84	181	2.66
CAMP	44	12.90	6	13.64
CARSON	13	11.02	<5	~
CASS	249	39.21	21	8.43
CASTRO	63	28.77	<5	~
CHAMBERS	543	45.71	<5	~
CHEROKEE	698	58.61	27	3.87
CHILDRESS	29	20.86	<5	~
CLAY	57	30.00	<5	~
COCHRAN	38	50.67	<5	~

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COKE	27	36.00	0	0.00
COLEMAN	42	26.42	<5	~
COLLIN	4,017	15.86	144	3.58
COLLINGSWORTH	8	12.12	<5	~
COLORADO	115	24.73	<5	~
COMAL	879	24.57	17	1.93
COMANCHE	125	36.13	13	10.40
CONCHO	20	31.25	<5	~
COOKE	157	15.27	<5	~
CORYELL	839	39.97	11	1.31
COTTLE	<5	~	0	0.00
CRANE	36	26.09	0	0.00
CROCKETT	34	41.46	<5	~
CROSBY	47	41.96	0	0.00
CULBERSON	13	20.63	0	0.00
DALLAM	27	13.24	<5	~
DALLAS	22,554	31.03	540	2.39
DAWSON	70	23.89	<5	~
DEAF SMITH	120	22.02	<5	~
DELTA	55	48.25	<5	~
DENTON	3,247	13.96	94	2.89
DEWITT	102	23.45	6	5.88
DICKENS	10	40.00	0	0.00
DIMMIT	227	90.80	<5	~
DONLEY	5	7.69	0	0.00
DUVAL	132	45.36	<5	~
EASTLAND	118	30.10	9	7.63
ECTOR	1,249	26.16	13	1.04
EDWARDS	35	129.63	8	22.86
EL PASO	1,346	27.66	32	2.38
ELLIS	5,086	20.15	146	2.87
ERATH	313	25.95	12	3.83
FALLS	276	87.07	8	2.90
FANNIN	234	31.84	7	2.99
FAYETTE	130	24.90	<5	~
FISHER	14	18.18	0	0.00
FLOYD	29	20.28	<5	~
FOARD	<5	~	0	0.00
FORT BEND	6,974	37.10	94	1.35
FRANKLIN	33	12.36	<5	~
FREESTONE	113	24.78	<5	~
FRIO	163	38.72	<5	~
GAINES	219	30.93	<5	~
GALVESTON	3,082	38.79	66	2.14

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GARZA	42	44.21	0	0.00
GILLESPIE	159	28.60	9	5.66
GLASSCOCK	7	29.17	0	0.00
GOLIAD	42	30.66	<5	~
GONZALES	143	29.12	5	3.50
GRAY	79	16.70	5	6.33
GRAYSON	993	31.13	31	3.12
GREGG	988	31.83	39	3.95
GRIMES	332	51.71	8	2.41
GUADALUPE	1,219	28.29	28	2.30
HALE	305	35.63	7	2.30
HALL	13	18.84	<5	~
HAMILTON	49	26.06	<5	~
HANSFORD	11	7.19	0	0.00
HARDEMAN	32	34.04	<5	~
HARDIN	357	31.10	<5	~
HARRIS	59,665	46.34	911	1.53
HARRISON	770	47.47	40	5.19
HARTLEY	6	5.04	0	0.00
HASKELL	46	39.32	5	10.87
HAYS	2,393	33.77	46	1.92
HEMPHILL	14	15.56	0	0.00
HENDERSON	558	30.63	14	2.51
HIDALGO	8,248	31.41	248	3.01
HILL	334	39.34	13	3.89
HOCKLEY	238	39.60	<5	~
HOOD	345	30.10	6	1.74
HOPKINS	383	43.08	20	5.22
HOUSTON	112	23.68	7	6.25
HOWARD	46	5.79	<5	~
HUDSPETH	38	49.35	<5	~
HUNT	1,176	50.62	41	3.49
HUTCHINSON	86	18.07	<5	~
IRION	13	43.33	<5	~
JACK	24	14.29	<5	~
JACKSON	133	34.37	<5	~
JASPER	183	24.11	7	3.83
JEFF DAVIS	7	21.88	0	0.00
JEFFERSON	2,387	39.80	59	2.47
JIM HOGG	57	46.34	6	10.53
JIM WELLS	564	52.22	26	4.61
JOHNSON	650	14.51	11	1.69
JONES	141	45.63	10	7.09
KARNES	93	27.19	<5	~

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KAUFMAN	1,670	41.44	52	3.11
KENDALL	117	13.37	5	4.27
KENEDY	<5	~	0	0.00
KENT	9	64.29	0	0.00
KERR	664	56.37	92	13.86
KIMBLE	35	33.98	<5	~
KING	0	0.00	0	0.00
KINNEY	25	37.88	<5	~
KLEBERG	139	12.57	<5	~
KNOX	23	28.40	<5	~
LA SALLE	579	44.27	23	3.97
LAMAR	127	37.69	<5	~
LAMB	112	25.40	<5	~
LAMPASAS	38	24.68	<5	~
LAVACA	119	25.98	<5	~
LEE	177	43.38	5	2.82
LEON	112	32.00	5	4.46
LIBERTY	1,368	63.04	23	1.68
LIMESTONE	256	49.71	5	1.95
LIPSCOMB	5	6.94	0	0.00
LIVE OAK	51	20.32	<5	~
LLANO	165	39.95	5	3.03
LOVING	<5	~	0	0.00
LUBBOCK	2,174	23.22	27	1.24
LYNN	47	38.84	<5	~
MADISON	54	27.98	<5	~
MARION	4,277	61.87	114	2.67
MARTIN	<5	~	0	0.00
MASON	210	69.77	10	4.76
MATAGORDA	64	34.78	<5	~
MAVERICK	23	18.40	<5	~
MCCULLOCH	35	42.68	<5	~
MCLENNAN	414	45.64	21	5.07
MCMULLEN	965	52.19	34	3.52
MEDINA	369	32.45	16	4.34
MENARD	20	51.28	0	0.00
MIDLAND	2,265	45.56	100	4.42
MILAM	343	60.60	15	4.37
MILLS	<5	~	0	0.00
MITCHELL	50	26.18	<5	~
MONTAGUE	77	16.89	<5	~
MONTGOMERY	5,455	36.17	64	1.17
MOORE	52	8.61	0	0.00
MORRIS	31	11.15	7	22.58

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MOTLEY	5	25.00	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	325	15.99	7	2.15
NAVARRO	485	36.17	8	1.65
NEWTON	57	27.14	<5	~
NOLAN	117	35.67	<5	~
NUECES	3,514	37.06	66	1.88
OCHILTREE	25	8.17	<5	~
OLDHAM	7	20.59	0	0.00
ORANGE	577	30.40	8	1.39
PALO PINTO	144	20.57	10	6.94
PANOLA	116	21.48	6	5.17
PARKER	594	17.99	8	1.35
PARMER	29	10.70	0	0.00
PECOS	87	21.70	0	0.00
POLK	206	21.62	7	3.40
POTTER	1,161	39.58	46	3.96
PRESIDIO	35	20.71	0	0.00
RAINS	78	32.64	<5	~
RANDALL	655	17.96	12	1.83
REAGAN	34	37.78	<5	~
REAL	44	75.86	5	11.36
RED RIVER	83	34.58	7	8.43
REEVES	125	36.55	<5	~
REFUGIO	47	28.48	0	0.00
ROBERTS	<5	~	0	0.00
ROBERTSON	189	51.50	6	3.17
ROCKWALL	603	23.90	<5	~
RUNNELS	107	44.21	10	9.35
RUSK	236	22.85	19	8.05
SABINE	48	25.40	0	0.00
SAN AUGUSTINE	43	25.15	<5	~
SAN JACINTO	198	32.04	8	4.04
SAN PATRICIO	602	35.23	7	1.16
SAN SABA	29	24.79	<5	~
SCHLEICHER	23	31.94	<5	~
SCURRY	115	27.25	<5	~
SHACKELFORD	17	23.94	<5	~
SHELBY	126	19.60	<5	~
SHERMAN	5	7.04	0	0.00
SMITH	1,757	29.33	77	4.38
SOMERVELL	38	19.69	0	0.00
STARR	928	45.07	30	3.23
STEPHENS	56	25.00	5	8.93
STERLING	15	48.39	0	0.00

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STONEWALL	6	22.22	0	0.00
SUTTON	26	29.55	<5	~
SWISHER	49	28.65	<5	~
TARRANT	13,063	23.94	286	2.19
TAYLOR	1,351	33.78	35	2.59
TERRELL	<5	~	0	0.00
TERRY	104	35.62	<5	~
THROCKMORTON	10	33.33	0	0.00
TITUS	67	7.27	17	25.37
TOM GREEN	1,230	38.47	12	0.98
TRAVIS	10,063	26.04	560	5.56
TRINITY	79	26.96	5	6.33
TYLER	104	26.80	<5	~
UPSHUR	231	25.58	<5	~
UPTON	14	16.28	0	0.00
UVALDE	399	57.58	13	3.26
VAL VERDE	402	27.72	15	3.73
VAN ZANDT	625	47.49	12	1.92
VICTORIA	1,065	45.05	30	2.82
WALKER	396	19.13	5	1.26
WALLER	498	37.50	<5	~
WARD	71	21.91	<5	~
WASHINGTON	548	74.66	8	1.46
WEBB	4,401	54.97	99	2.25
WHARTON	503	47.05	5	0.99
WHEELER	17	13.60	0	0.00
WICHITA	1,179	39.66	67	5.68
WILBARGER	122	37.77	12	9.84
WILLACY	274	55.58	27	9.85
WILLIAMSON	4,991	31.18	127	2.54
WILSON	264	24.77	7	2.65
WINKLER	56	26.42	0	0.00
WISE	128	8.31	<5	~
WOOD	242	25.42	17	7.02
YOAKUM	58	25.44	<5	~
YOUNG	81	17.12	<5	~
ZAPATA	91	22.86	<5	~
ZAVALA	0	0.00	0	0.00
UNKNOWN COUNTY	13,856	n/a	12	0.09
TEXAS TOTAL	272,884	35.41	6,512	2.39



Blood Lead Surveillance Branch

Data Considerations

1. Analysis is based on a current dataset (07/14/2025) and is considered provisional and subject to change.
2. Rates per 100.
3. Rates that cannot be calculated are indicated with "~".
4. In October of 2021, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended lowering the blood lead reference levels (EBLL). Texas DSHS implemented the lower BLRV in 2023. Data tables for 2023 utilize a BLRV of 3.5 µg/dL to identify individuals with an EBLL.
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 3.5 µg/ dL or greater, persons with blood lead levels less than 3.5 µg/dL may be underrepresented 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 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.