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County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	10	0.19	<5	~
ANDREWS	6	0.20	0	0.00
ANGELINA	92	0.84	<5	~
ARANSAS	<5	~	0	0.00
ARCHER	0	0.00	0	0.00
ARMSTRONG	0	0.00	0	0.00
ATASCOSA	16	0.23	<5	~
AUSTIN	5	0.13	0	0.00
BAILEY	<5	~	0	0.00
BANDERA	<5	~	0	0.00
BASTROP	55	0.39	5	9.09
BAYLOR	0	0.00	0	0.00
BEE	<5	~	0	0.00
BELL	54	0.10	0	0.00
BEXAR	1,439	0.54	115	7.99
BLANCO	0	0.00	0	0.00
BORDEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
BOSQUE	<5	~	0	0.00
BOWIE	6	0.05	0	0.00
BRAZORIA	118	0.23	<5	~
BRAZOS	24	0.10	<5	~
BREWSTER	6	0.73	0	0.00
BRISCOE	0	0.00	0	0.00
BROOKS	<5	~	0	0.00
BROWN	15	0.39	0	0.00
BURLESON	<5	~	0	0.00
BURNET	5	0.09	0	0.00
CALDWELL	23	0.43	<5	~
CALHOUN	<5	~	0	0.00
CALLAHAN	0	0.00	0	0.00
CAMERON	1,260	1.95	19	1.51
CAMP	0	0.00	0	0.00
CARSON	<5	~	0	0.00
CASS	<5	~	0	0.00
CASTRO	<5	~	0	0.00
CHAMBERS	22	0.29	0	0.00
CHEROKEE	5	0.08	<5	~
CHILDRESS	<5	~	0	0.00
CLAY	<5	~	0	0.00
COCHRAN	0	0.00	0	0.00

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COKE	0	0.00	0	0.00
COLEMAN	0	0.00	0	0.00
COLLIN	476	0.32	28	5.88
COLLINGSWORTH	0	0.00	0	0.00
COLORADO	5	0.19	0	0.00
COMAL	22	0.10	<5	~
COMANCHE	5	0.32	<5	~
CONCHO	0	0.00	0	0.00
COOKE	6	0.12	<5	~
CORYELL	10	0.10	<5	~
COTTLE	0	0.00	0	0.00
CRANE	0	0.00	0	0.00
CROCKETT	0	0.00	0	0.00
CROSBY	<5	~	0	0.00
CULBERSON	<5	~	0	0.00
DALLAM	<5	~	0	0.00
DALLAS	1,157	0.35	124	10.72
DAWSON	0	0.00	0	0.00
DEAF SMITH	<5	~	0	0.00
DELTA	<5	~	0	0.00
DENTON	168	0.15	12	7.14
DEWITT	<5	~	0	0.00
DICKENS	0	0.00	0	0.00
DIMMIT	<5	~	0	0.00
DONLEY	0	0.00	0	0.00
DUVAL	<5	~	0	0.00
EASTLAND	<5	~	0	0.00
ECTOR	41	0.15	<5	~
EDWARDS	0	0.00	0	0.00
EL PASO	28	0.10	0	0.00
ELLIS	483	0.41	19	3.93
ERATH	8	0.18	<5	~
FALLS	6	0.31	0	0.00
FANNIN	6	0.15	0	0.00
FAYETTE	<5	~	0	0.00
FISHER	0	0.00	0	0.00
FLOYD	0	0.00	0	0.00
FOARD	0	0.00	0	0.00
FORT BEND	348	0.28	10	2.87
FRANKLIN	<5	~	0	0.00
FREESTONE	<5	~	0	0.00
FRIO	<5	~	0	0.00
GAINES	7	0.17	0	0.00
GALVESTON	92	0.21	0	0.00

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GARZA	<5	~	0	0.00
GILLESPIE	<5	~	0	0.00
GLASSCOCK	0	0.00	0	0.00
GOLIAD	<5	~	0	0.00
GONZALES	8	0.30	<5	~
GRAY	<5	~	<5	~
GRAYSON	33	0.19	<5	~
GREGG	14	0.09	<5	~
GRIMES	7	0.19	0	0.00
GUADALUPE	107	0.46	<5	~
HALE	9	0.21	0	0.00
HALL	0	0.00	0	0.00
HAMILTON	<5	~	0	0.00
HANSFORD	0	0.00	0	0.00
HARDEMAN	0	0.00	0	0.00
HARDIN	40	0.55	0	0.00
HARRIS	4,203	0.66	245	5.83
HARRISON	5	0.06	<5	~
HARTLEY	0	0.00	0	0.00
HASKELL	<5	~	0	0.00
HAYS	44	0.14	<5	~
HEMPHILL	0	0.00	0	0.00
HENDERSON	<5	~	<5	~
HIDALGO	1,184	0.79	22	1.86
HILL	8	0.18	0	0.00
HOCKLEY	<5	~	0	0.00
HOOD	<5	~	0	0.00
HOPKINS	7	0.15	<5	~
HOUSTON	6	0.27	0	0.00
HOWARD	6	0.16	0	0.00
HUDSPETH	0	0.00	0	0.00
HUNT	65	0.48	<5	~
HUTCHINSON	0	0.00	0	0.00
IRION	0	0.00	0	0.00
JACK	<5	~	0	0.00
JACKSON	0	0.00	0	0.00
JASPER	11	0.28	0	0.00
JEFF DAVIS	<5	~	0	0.00
JEFFERSON	117	0.37	<5	~
JIM HOGG	<5	~	0	0.00
JIM WELLS	9	0.16	0	0.00
JOHNSON	24	0.09	<5	~
JONES	<5	~	0	0.00
KARNES	8	0.48	0	0.00

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KAUFMAN	40	0.16	0	0.00
KENDALL	<5	~	0	0.00
KENEDY	0	0.00	0	0.00
KENT	0	0.00	0	0.00
KERR	5	0.10	0	0.00
KIMBLE	0	0.00	0	0.00
KING	0	0.00	0	0.00
KINNEY	<5	~	0	0.00
KLEBERG	0	0.00	0	0.00
KNOX	<5	~	0	0.00
LA SALLE	5	0.08	0	0.00
LAMAR	0	0.00	0	0.00
LAMB	5	0.20	<5	~
LAMPASAS	7	1.13	0	0.00
LAVACA	<5	~	<5	~
LEE	<5	~	0	0.00
LEON	<5	~	0	0.00
LIBERTY	40	0.27	<5	~
LIMESTONE	<5	~	0	0.00
LIPSCOMB	0	0.00	0	0.00
LIVE OAK	<5	~	0	0.00
LLANO	<5	~	0	0.00
LOVING	0	0.00	0	0.00
LUBBOCK	42	0.11	<5	~
LYNN	0	0.00	0	0.00
MADISON	0	0.00	0	0.00
MARION	113	0.35	<5	~
MARTIN	<5	~	0	0.00
MASON	<5	~	0	0.00
MATAGORDA	<5	~	0	0.00
MAVERICK	<5	~	0	0.00
MCCULLOCH	0	0.00	0	0.00
MCLENNAN	17	0.35	<5	~
MCMULLEN	9	0.10	0	0.00
MEDINA	11	0.18	0	0.00
MENARD	<5	~	0	0.00
MIDLAND	58	0.22	5	8.62
MILAM	<5	~	0	0.00
MILLS	0	0.00	0	0.00
MITCHELL	0	0.00	0	0.00
MONTAGUE	6	0.24	0	0.00
MONTGOMERY	127	0.14	<5	~
MOORE	<5	~	0	0.00
MORRIS	<5	~	0	0.00

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MOTLEY	0	0.00	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	14	0.18	<5	~
NAVARRO	9	0.12	<5	~
NEWTON	6	0.53	0	0.00
NOLAN	5	0.27	<5	~
NUECES	86	0.20	<5	~
OCHILTREE	<5	~	0	0.00
OLDHAM	0	0.00	0	0.00
ORANGE	104	0.96	0	0.00
PALO PINTO	<5	~	<5	~
PANOLA	<5	~	0	0.00
PARKER	17	0.08	0	0.00
PARMER	0	0.00	0	0.00
PECOS	<5	~	0	0.00
POLK	6	0.11	<5	~
POTTER	80	0.50	<5	~
PRESIDIO	<5	~	0	0.00
RAINS	<5	~	0	0.00
RANDALL	28	0.15	0	0.00
REAGAN	<5	~	0	0.00
REAL	0	0.00	0	0.00
RED RIVER	<5	~	0	0.00
REEVES	<5	~	0	0.00
REFUGIO	0	0.00	0	0.00
ROBERTS	0	0.00	0	0.00
ROBERTSON	0	0.00	0	0.00
ROCKWALL	42	0.25	<5	~
RUNNELS	<5	~	<5	~
RUSK	<5	~	0	0.00
SABINE	<5	~	0	0.00
SAN AUGUSTINE	5	0.63	0	0.00
SAN JACINTO	<5	~	0	0.00
SAN PATRICIO	12	0.13	<5	~
SAN SABA	<5	~	0	0.00
SCHLEICHER	0	0.00	0	0.00
SCURRY	<5	~	0	0.00
SHACKELFORD	0	0.00	0	0.00
SHELBY	<5	~	0	0.00
SHERMAN	0	0.00	0	0.00
SMITH	31	0.10	<5	~
SOMERVELL	0	0.00	0	0.00
STARR	121	1.08	<5	~
STEPHENS	<5	~	0	0.00
STERLING	0	0.00	0	0.00

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STONEWALL	<5	~	0	0.00
SUTTON	0	0.00	0	0.00
SWISHER	0	0.00	0	0.00
TARRANT	728	0.26	60	8.24
TAYLOR	40	0.22	12	30.00
TERRELL	0	0.00	0	0.00
TERRY	<5	~	0	0.00
THROCKMORTON	0	0.00	0	0.00
TITUS	<5	~	0	0.00
TOM GREEN	10	0.07	0	0.00
TRAVIS	1,140	0.84	67	5.88
TRINITY	<5	~	0	0.00
TYLER	10	0.52	0	0.00
UPSHUR	<5	~	0	0.00
UPTON	<5	~	0	0.00
UVALDE	<5	~	0	0.00
VAL VERDE	7	0.10	0	0.00
VAN ZANDT	<5	~	0	0.00
VICTORIA	50	0.43	<5	~
WALKER	10	0.17	0	0.00
WALLER	15	0.20	0	0.00
WARD	0	0.00	0	0.00
WASHINGTON	5	0.12	0	0.00
WEBB	1,466	3.24	34	2.32
WHARTON	5	0.09	0	0.00
WHEELER	0	0.00	0	0.00
WICHITA	12	0.08	<5	~
WILBARGER	<5	~	0	0.00
WILLACY	181	7.61	14	7.73
WILLIAMSON	233	0.27	24	10.30
WILSON	10	0.16	<5	~
WINKLER	0	0.00	0	0.00
WISE	7	0.07	0	0.00
WOOD	<5	~	0	0.00
YOAKUM	0	0.00	0	0.00
YOUNG	6	0.28	0	0.00
ZAPATA	13	0.55	0	0.00
ZAVALA	0	0.00	0	0.00
UNKNOWN COUNTY	1,410	n/a	14	0.99
TEXAS TOTAL	18,532	0.48	902	4.87



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.