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County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	300	8.31	41	13.67
ANDREWS	170	9.58	<5	~
ANGELINA	1,250	17.54	25	2.00
ARANSAS	111	7.84	<5	~
ARCHER	39	6.15	<5	~
ARMSTRONG	6	5.45	0	0.00
ATASCOSA	602	15.13	21	3.49
AUSTIN	391	19.11	10	2.56
BAILEY	80	12.14	<5	~
BANDERA	128	12.36	16	12.50
BASTROP	1,502	19.60	91	6.06
BAYLOR	33	13.64	<5	~
BEE	246	12.47	6	2.44
BELL	6,824	19.92	69	1.01
BEXAR	20,133	11.92	591	2.94
BLANCO	60	9.57	<5	~
BORDEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
BOSQUE	135	11.81	<5	~
BOWIE	765	12.07	53	6.93
BRAZORIA	4,367	15.25	179	4.10
BRAZOS	2,552	13.53	23	0.90
BREWSTER	26	4.08	<5	~
BRISCOE	9	8.82	0	0.00
BROOKS	108	18.24	14	12.96
BROWN	89	3.34	8	8.99
BURLESON	231	17.82	14	6.06
BURNET	485	14.36	9	1.86
CALDWELL	568	16.03	31	5.46
CALHOUN	280	18.97	<5	~
CALLAHAN	119	14.27	5	4.20
CAMERON	10,454	27.93	288	2.75
CAMP	51	4.67	6	11.76
CARSON	15	4.50	<5	~
CASS	342	18.04	26	7.60
CASTRO	75	11.35	<5	~
CHAMBERS	632	15.60	5	0.79
CHEROKEE	826	20.81	35	4.24
CHILDRESS	37	9.81	<5	~
CLAY	65	11.42	<5	~
COCHRAN	52	23.42	<5	~

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COKE	27	11.95	0	0.00
COLEMAN	49	9.82	5	10.20
COLLIN	5,078	6.39	182	3.58
COLLINGSWORTH	9	4.52	<5	~
COLORADO	131	8.56	<5	~
COMAL	932	8.32	19	2.04
COMANCHE	154	15.46	14	9.09
CONCHO	28	14.81	<5	~
COOKE	222	6.78	5	2.25
CORYELL	921	13.99	12	1.30
COTTLE	<5	~	0	0.00
CRANE	43	10.80	0	0.00
CROCKETT	37	17.05	<5	~
CROSBY	59	17.15	0	0.00
CULBERSON	15	7.98	0	0.00
DALLAM	31	4.13	<5	~
DALLAS	26,684	12.07	713	2.67
DAWSON	90	9.13	<5	~
DEAF SMITH	139	7.52	<5	~
DELTA	67	16.46	<5	~
DENTON	4,214	6.12	124	2.94
DEWITT	117	8.62	10	8.55
DICKENS	11	13.58	0	0.00
DIMMIT	237	34.05	<5	~
DONLEY	8	4.08	0	0.00
DUVAL	194	22.12	12	6.19
EASTLAND	160	13.09	10	6.25
ECTOR	1,637	10.23	19	1.16
EDWARDS	35	36.84	8	22.86
EL PASO	6,707	8.88	188	2.80
ELLIS	1,476	9.75	36	2.44
ERATH	345	10.45	14	4.06
FALLS	300	27.52	9	3.00
FANNIN	308	13.94	10	3.25
FAYETTE	147	9.39	5	3.40
FISHER	14	6.31	0	0.00
FLOYD	53	12.38	<5	~
FOARD	6	8.82	0	0.00
FORT BEND	8,020	13.44	116	1.45
FRANKLIN	59	7.54	6	10.17
FREESTONE	145	10.04	<5	~
FRIO	193	14.67	5	2.59
GAINES	275	11.09	<5	~
GALVESTON	3,542	14.47	89	2.51

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GARZA	50	19.08	0	0.00
GILLESPIE	217	13.75	13	5.99
GLASSCOCK	8	9.76	0	0.00
GOLIAD	44	10.43	<5	~
GONZALES	182	11.83	7	3.85
GRAY	89	6.14	5	5.62
GRAYSON	1,291	12.48	35	2.71
GREGG	1,172	12.09	48	4.10
GRIMES	383	18.92	8	2.09
GUADALUPE	1,367	10.46	28	2.05
HALE	363	13.98	8	2.20
HALL	14	7.87	<5	~
HAMILTON	64	11.19	<5	~
HANSFORD	11	2.33	0	0.00
HARDEMAN	44	18.18	5	11.36
HARDIN	506	13.10	<5	~
HARRIS	71,470	18.05	1,224	1.71
HARRISON	946	19.54	56	5.92
HARTLEY	8	2.06	0	0.00
HASKELL	50	16.95	6	12.00
HAYS	2,680	13.27	52	1.94
HEMPHILL	16	6.58	0	0.00
HENDERSON	711	12.81	29	4.08
HIDALGO	10,140	11.96	298	2.94
HILL	408	15.22	17	4.17
HOCKLEY	335	18.43	<5	~
HOOD	364	9.76	6	1.65
HOPKINS	430	15.34	25	5.81
HOUSTON	125	9.12	7	5.60
HOWARD	59	2.43	<5	~
HUDSPETH	52	24.41	<5	~
HUNT	1,372	17.36	53	3.86
HUTCHINSON	91	6.38	<5	~
IRION	13	13.98	<5	~
JACK	30	5.93	<5	~
JACKSON	146	11.61	<5	~
JASPER	230	9.89	8	3.48
JEFF DAVIS	7	10.94	0	0.00
JEFFERSON	3,269	16.90	75	2.29
JIM HOGG	78	22.10	9	11.54
JIM WELLS	746	23.17	41	5.50
JOHNSON	798	5.38	15	1.88
JONES	168	16.60	11	6.55
KARNES	112	11.06	<5	~

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KAUFMAN	2,038	14.75	62	3.04
KENDALL	135	5.04	5	3.70
KENEDY	<5	~	0	0.00
KENT	9	19.57	0	0.00
KERR	755	21.99	107	14.17
KIMBLE	36	11.11	<5	~
KING	0	0.00	0	0.00
KINNEY	28	14.00	<5	~
KLEBERG	216	7.48	5	2.31
KNOX	30	11.03	<5	~
LA SALLE	692	17.63	30	4.34
LAMAR	174	16.60	<5	~
LAMB	155	11.12	<5	~
LAMPASAS	42	9.86	<5	~
LAVACA	134	9.48	6	4.48
LEE	204	15.72	6	2.94
LEON	121	10.86	6	4.96
LIBERTY	1,586	19.71	29	1.83
LIMESTONE	284	18.35	5	1.76
LIPSCOMB	6	2.93	0	0.00
LIVE OAK	66	8.29	<5	~
LLANO	182	16.02	5	2.75
LOVING	<5	~	0	0.00
LUBBOCK	3,072	11.78	40	1.30
LYNN	57	11.95	<5	~
MADISON	68	13.39	<5	~
MARION	4,667	23.18	133	2.85
MARTIN	<5	~	0	0.00
MASON	225	25.22	10	4.44
MATAGORDA	112	22.18	11	9.82
MAVERICK	28	6.68	<5	~
MCCULLOCH	37	16.23	<5	~
MCLENNAN	587	19.91	22	3.75
MCMULLEN	1,074	15.99	35	3.26
MEDINA	467	12.81	18	3.85
MENARD	21	18.92	0	0.00
MIDLAND	2,647	16.31	125	4.72
MILAM	382	22.51	18	4.71
MILLS	<5	~	0	0.00
MITCHELL	59	9.74	<5	~
MONTAGUE	88	6.40	5	5.68
MONTGOMERY	6,114	12.39	78	1.28
MOORE	67	3.36	<5	~
MORRIS	54	6.26	12	22.22

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MOTLEY	5	6.94	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	368	6.68	9	2.45
NAVARRO	726	16.62	10	1.38
NEWTON	69	10.78	<5	~
NOLAN	140	13.13	<5	~
NUECES	3,860	13.96	85	2.20
OCHILTREE	29	3.33	<5	~
OLDHAM	7	8.43	0	0.00
ORANGE	904	14.89	10	1.11
PALO PINTO	163	7.42	11	6.75
PANOLA	180	11.31	11	6.11
PARKER	986	8.81	15	1.52
PARMER	39	4.61	<5	~
PECOS	169	14.20	<5	~
POLK	217	7.10	7	3.23
POTTER	1,329	14.43	57	4.29
PRESIDIO	37	6.56	0	0.00
RAINS	103	13.22	<5	~
RANDALL	738	6.84	16	2.17
REAGAN	35	12.77	<5	~
REAL	50	30.12	6	12.00
RED RIVER	121	16.62	11	9.09
REEVES	183	17.30	6	3.28
REFUGIO	60	12.99	0	0.00
ROBERTS	<5	~	0	0.00
ROBERTSON	197	16.46	6	3.05
ROCKWALL	706	8.29	<5	~
RUNNELS	119	15.85	13	10.92
RUSK	388	11.62	30	7.73
SABINE	50	8.39	0	0.00
SAN AUGUSTINE	49	9.59	<5	~
SAN JACINTO	219	11.51	9	4.11
SAN PATRICIO	706	13.05	24	3.40
SAN SABA	42	11.26	<5	~
SCHLEICHER	33	19.30	<5	~
SCURRY	125	9.80	<5	~
SHACKELFORD	22	10.23	<5	~
SHELBY	142	7.06	<5	~
SHERMAN	6	2.61	0	0.00
SMITH	2,140	11.57	94	4.39
SOMERVELL	40	6.79	0	0.00
STARR	1,115	16.51	33	2.96
STEPHENS	81	12.13	7	8.64
STERLING	15	14.02	0	0.00

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STONEWALL	6	7.32	0	0.00
SUTTON	28	10.73	<5	~
SWISHER	52	10.61	<5	~
TARRANT	14,937	8.91	341	2.28
TAYLOR	1,508	12.11	45	2.98
TERRELL	<5	~	0	0.00
TERRY	117	11.84	<5	~
THROCKMORTON	12	12.24	0	0.00
TITUS	117	4.16	17	14.53
TOM GREEN	1,339	14.25	16	1.19
TRAVIS	12,714	12.17	651	5.12
TRINITY	90	10.36	5	5.56
TYLER	116	10.03	<5	~
UPSHUR	316	11.03	5	1.58
UPTON	22	8.76	0	0.00
UVALDE	439	20.24	15	3.42
VAL VERDE	613	13.60	18	2.94
VAN ZANDT	739	17.50	15	2.03
VICTORIA	1,193	16.44	34	2.85
WALKER	430	8.55	7	1.63
WALLER	581	12.98	<5	~
WARD	93	8.68	<5	~
WASHINGTON	594	25.95	8	1.35
WEBB	5,510	20.99	128	2.32
WHARTON	545	15.76	5	0.92
WHEELER	19	5.60	0	0.00
WICHITA	1,255	13.38	74	5.90
WILBARGER	131	13.63	13	9.92
WILLACY	534	35.94	39	7.30
WILLIAMSON	5,906	12.01	178	3.01
WILSON	308	9.20	8	2.60
WINKLER	66	9.84	0	0.00
WISE	160	3.11	<5	~
WOOD	285	10.23	17	5.96
YOAKUM	79	10.22	<5	~
YOUNG	131	9.80	5	3.82
ZAPATA	105	8.54	<5	~
ZAVALA	0	0.00	0	0.00
UNKNOWN COUNTY	16,776	n/a	25	0.15
TEXAS TOTAL	329,056	13.93	8,352	2.54



Blood Lead Surveillance Branch

Data Considerations

1. Analysis is based on a current dataset (02/18/2026) 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.