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County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	12	0.20	< 5	~
ANDREWS	8	0.35	0	0.00
ANGELINA	88	0.73	< 5	~
ARANSAS	< 5	~	0	0.00
ARCHER	< 5	~	0	0.00
ARMSTRONG	0	0.00	0	0.00
ATASCOSA	50	0.73	< 5	~
AUSTIN	9	0.23	< 5	~
BAILEY	< 5	~	0	0.00
BANDERA	5	0.25	0	0.00
BASTROP	30	0.26	< 5	~
BAYLOR	< 5	~	0	0.00
BEE	69	1.94	0	0.00
BELL	97	0.20	< 5	~
BEXAR	1,958	0.79	33	1.69
BLANCO	< 5	~	0	0.00
BORDEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
BOSQUE	10	0.47	0	0.00
BOWIE	23	0.21	0	0.00
BRAZORIA	121	0.24	< 5	~
BRAZOS	41	0.19	6	14.63
BREWSTER	< 5	~	0	0.00
BRISCOE	< 5	~	0	0.00
BROOKS	< 5	~	0	0.00
BROWN	14	0.29	< 5	~
BURLESON	< 5	~	0	0.00
BURNET	10	0.19	0	0.00
CALDWELL	16	0.30	< 5	~
CALHOUN	10	0.33	0	0.00
CALLAHAN	< 5	~	0	0.00
CAMERON	1,377	1.97	21	1.53
CAMP	< 5	~	0	0.00
CARSON	< 5	~	0	0.00
CASS	5	0.14	0	0.00
CASTRO	10	0.77	0	0.00
CHAMBERS	40	0.69	0	0.00
CHEROKEE	17	0.24	< 5	~
CHILDRESS	0	0.00	0	0.00
CLAY	< 5	~	0	0.00
COCHRAN	< 5	~	0	0.00

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COKE	< 5	~	0	0.00
COLEMAN	0	0.00	0	0.00
COLLIN	334	0.24	6	1.80
COLLINGSWORTH	0	0.00	0	0.00
COLORADO	< 5	~	0	0.00
COMAL	27	0.19	0	0.00
COMANCHE	10	0.61	0	0.00
CONCHO	0	0.00	0	0.00
COOKE	< 5	~	0	0.00
CORYELL	15	0.11	< 5	~
COTTLE	0	0.00	0	0.00
CRANE	< 5	~	0	0.00
CROCKETT	< 5	~	0	0.00
CROSBY	11	1.16	< 5	~
CULBERSON	< 5	~	0	0.00
DALLAM	< 5	~	0	0.00
DALLAS	5,504	1.65	73	1.33
DAWSON	0	0.00	0	0.00
DEAF SMITH	0	0.00	0	0.00
DELTA	< 5	~	0	0.00
DENTON	536	0.49	10	1.87
DEWITT	20	0.87	< 5	~
DICKENS	0	0.00	0	0.00
DIMMIT	< 5	~	0	0.00
DONLEY	< 5	~	0	0.00
DUVAL	9	0.61	0	0.00
EASTLAND	10	0.47	0	0.00
ECTOR	83	0.39	< 5	~
EDWARDS	0	0.00	0	0.00
EL PASO	860	0.71	7	0.81
ELLIS	21	0.09	< 5	~
ERATH	24	0.55	0	0.00
FALLS	9	0.46	0	0.00
FANNIN	14	0.35	0	0.00
FAYETTE	8	0.29	0	0.00
FISHER	0	0.00	0	0.00
FLOYD	5	0.57	0	0.00
FOARD	< 5	~	< 5	~
FORT BEND	329	0.30	6	1.82
FRANKLIN	7	0.48	0	0.00
FREESTONE	6	0.24	< 5	~
FRIO	14	0.65	0	0.00
GAINES	0	0.00	0	0.00
GALVESTON	82	0.21	< 5	~

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GARZA	< 5	~	0	0.00
GILLESPIE	5	0.19	< 5	~
GLASSCOCK	0	0.00	0	0.00
GOLIAD	< 5	~	0	0.00
GONZALES	12	0.42	0	0.00
GRAY	5	0.16	0	0.00
GRAYSON	60	0.40	< 5	~
GREGG	85	0.53	< 5	~
GRIMES	11	0.35	0	0.00
GUADALUPE	130	0.60	0	0.00
HALE	9	0.17	0	0.00
HALL	< 5	~	0	0.00
HAMILTON	< 5	~	< 5	~
HANSFORD	< 5	~	0	0.00
HARDEMAN	0	0.00	0	0.00
HARDIN	16	0.21	0	0.00
HARRIS	7,699	1.30	106	1.38
HARRISON	22	0.24	0	0.00
HARTLEY	< 5	~	0	0.00
HASKELL	0	0.00	0	0.00
HAYS	70	0.30	< 5	~
HEMPHILL	0	0.00	0	0.00
HENDERSON	14	0.15	0	0.00
HIDALGO	1,931	1.36	23	1.19
HILL	12	0.27	0	0.00
HOCKLEY	5	0.16	0	0.00
HOOD	< 5	~	0	0.00
HOPKINS	30	0.64	0	0.00
HOUSTON	6	0.25	0	0.00
HOWARD	< 5	~	0	0.00
HUDSPETH	< 5	~	0	0.00
HUNT	47	0.40	< 5	~
HUTCHINSON	< 5	~	0	0.00
IRION	0	0.00	0	0.00
JACK	< 5	~	0	0.00
JACKSON	6	0.34	0	0.00
JASPER	7	0.15	< 5	~
JEFF DAVIS	< 5	~	0	0.00
JEFFERSON	237	0.78	10	4.22
JIM HOGG	8	1.04	0	0.00
JIM WELLS	55	0.97	< 5	~
JOHNSON	67	0.30	0	0.00
JONES	< 5	~	0	0.00
KARNES	7	0.47	0	0.00

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KAUFMAN	53	0.30	0	0.00
KENDALL	12	0.27	< 5	~
KENEDY	0	0.00	0	0.00
KENT	0	0.00	0	0.00
KERR	16	0.31	< 5	~
KIMBLE	< 5	~	0	0.00
KING	0	0.00	0	0.00
KINNEY	< 5	~	0	0.00
KLEBERG	< 5	~	0	0.00
KNOX	< 5	~	0	0.00
LA SALLE	8	1.12	0	0.00
LAMAR	26	0.42	< 5	~
LAMB	< 5	~	0	0.00
LAMPASAS	< 5	~	0	0.00
LAVACA	11	0.49	0	0.00
LEE	6	0.29	0	0.00
LEON	< 5	~	0	0.00
LIBERTY	75	0.74	< 5	~
LIMESTONE	5	0.18	0	0.00
LIPSCOMB	0	0.00	0	0.00
LIVE OAK	6	0.53	< 5	~
LLANO	< 5	~	0	0.00
LOVING	0	0.00	0	0.00
LUBBOCK	178	0.49	< 5	~
LYNN	< 5	~	0	0.00
MADISON	5	0.33	0	0.00
MARION	< 5	~	0	0.00
MARTIN	< 5	~	0	0.00
MASON	< 5	~	0	0.00
MATAGORDA	89	1.88	0	0.00
MAVERICK	19	0.21	0	0.00
MCCULLOCH	14	1.38	0	0.00
MCLENNAN	256	0.85	11	4.30
MCMULLEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
MEDINA	19	0.30	0	0.00
MENARD	0	0.00	0	0.00
MIDLAND	138	0.70	7	5.07
MILAM	18	0.56	< 5	~
MILLS	< 5	~	0	0.00
MITCHELL	< 5	~	0	0.00
MONTAGUE	< 5	~	0	0.00
MONTGOMERY	176	0.23	< 5	~
MOORE	72	1.88	< 5	~
MORRIS	10	0.67	0	0.00

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MOTLEY	0	0.00	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	52	0.65	0	0.00
NAVARRO	24	0.35	0	0.00
NEWTON	< 5	~	0	0.00
NOLAN	< 5	~	0	0.00
NUECES	140	0.32	0	0.00
OCHILTREE	0	0.00	0	0.00
OLDHAM	0	0.00	0	0.00
ORANGE	63	0.59	0	0.00
PALO PINTO	< 5	~	0	0.00
PANOLA	5	0.16	< 5	~
PARKER	30	0.17	0	0.00
PARMER	0	0.00	0	0.00
PECOS	< 5	~	0	0.00
POLK	17	0.35	0	0.00
POTTER	248	1.40	24	9.68
PRESIDIO	< 5	~	0	0.00
RAINS	5	0.44	0	0.00
RANDALL	29	0.17	< 5	~
REAGAN	< 5	~	0	0.00
REAL	< 5	~	0	0.00
RED RIVER	< 5	~	0	0.00
REEVES	220	13.85	0	0.00
REFUGIO	< 5	~	0	0.00
ROBERTS	0	0.00	0	0.00
ROBERTSON	6	0.27	0	0.00
ROCKWALL	17	0.12	< 5	~
RUNNELS	5	0.37	0	0.00
RUSK	10	0.15	0	0.00
SABINE	< 5	~	0	0.00
SAN AUGUSTINE	< 5	~	0	0.00
SAN JACINTO	18	0.53	0	0.00
SAN PATRICIO	28	0.32	< 5	~
SAN SABA	< 5	~	< 5	~
SCHLEICHER	< 5	~	0	0.00
SCURRY	8	0.35	0	0.00
SHACKELFORD	< 5	~	0	0.00
SHELBY	< 5	~	0	0.00
SHERMAN	9	1.90	0	0.00
SMITH	272	0.96	< 5	~
SOMERVELL	0	0.00	0	0.00
STARR	245	2.62	< 5	~
STEPHENS	< 5	~	0	0.00
STERLING	0	0.00	0	0.00

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STONEWALL	0	0.00	0	0.00
SUTTON	< 5	~	0	0.00
SWISHER	< 5	~	0	0.00
TARRANT	1,047	0.39	28	2.67
TAYLOR	50	0.31	9	18.00
TERRELL	0	0.00	0	0.00
TERRY	< 5	~	0	0.00
THROCKMORTON	0	0.00	0	0.00
TITUS	17	0.33	0	0.00
TOM GREEN	16	0.12	< 5	~
TRAVIS	478	0.36	19	3.97
TRINITY	< 5	~	0	0.00
TYLER	7	0.34	0	0.00
UPSHUR	27	0.51	0	0.00
UPTON	0	0.00	0	0.00
UVALDE	18	0.46	0	0.00
VAL VERDE	10	0.14	0	0.00
VAN ZANDT	26	0.40	0	0.00
VICTORIA	52	0.44	< 5	~
WALKER	15	0.26	0	0.00
WALLER	9	0.15	< 5	~
WARD	16	1.10	0	0.00
WASHINGTON	< 5	~	0	0.00
WEBB	1,348	2.93	18	1.34
WHARTON	16	0.29	0	0.00
WHEELER	7	0.95	0	0.00
WICHITA	21	0.14	< 5	~
WILBARGER	< 5	~	< 5	~
WILLACY	103	3.44	0	0.00
WILLIAMSON	131	0.17	< 5	~
WILSON	17	0.26	0	0.00
WINKLER	< 5	~	0	0.00
WISE	18	0.21	0	0.00
WOOD	54	1.20	< 5	~
YOAKUM	< 5	~	0	0.00
YOUNG	7	0.30	0	0.00
ZAPATA	18	0.72	0	0.00
ZAVALA	14	0.77	0	0.00
UNKNOWN COUNTY	4,371	n/a	89	2.04
<b>TEXAS TOTAL</b>	<b>33,256</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>1.74</b>

## Blood Lead Surveillance Branch

### Data Considerations:

1. Analysis based on data as of 01/10/2019 and is considered provisional and subject to change.
2. Rate per 100.
3. Rates that cannot be calculated are indicated with " ~ ".
4. For analytical purposes in the Blood Lead Surveillance Branch (BLSB), a child is considered to be under 15 years of age based on the date of the blood draw for a lead test. An adult is considered to be 15 years or older based on the date of the blood draw for a lead test.
5. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently defines a reference level of 5 µg/dL to identify individuals with elevated blood lead levels.
6. Each person is represented once at the date of the highest test for the given calendar year.
7. Each person's residential geography is represented by the address at the time of the highest test per calendar year.
8. 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.
9. Caution should be used when interpreting data with a small count (i.e., less than 20).
10. Cell sizes of 1-4 are expressed as "< 5" to protect the identity of individuals.
11. Population data were obtained from the DSHS Center for Health Statistics Population Data for Texas.

### Identification of Persons/Entities with Blood Lead Data:

No person will attempt to use these data to identify any person or entity.

If the identity of a person or entity should be discovered inadvertently:

1. No use will be made of this knowledge
2. 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) .
3. The information that would identify the individual or entity will be destroyed, as requested by the Blood Lead Surveillance Branch.
4. No one else will be informed of the discovery.