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County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	10	0.17	< 5	~
ANDREWS	< 5	~	0	0.00
ANGELINA	116	0.95	< 5	~
ARANSAS	< 5	~	0	0.00
ARCHER	0	0.00	0	0.00
ARMSTRONG	0	0.00	0	0.00
ATASCOSA	14	0.20	0	0.00
AUSTIN	10	0.25	0	0.00
BAILEY	< 5	~	0	0.00
BANDERA	< 5	~	0	0.00
BASTROP	54	0.46	0	0.00
BAYLOR	0	0.00	0	0.00
BEE	21	0.61	< 5	~
BELL	62	0.11	0	0.00
BEXAR	1,199	0.48	55	4.59
BLANCO	< 5	~	0	0.00
BORDEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
BOSQUE	12	0.60	< 5	~
BOWIE	11	0.10	< 5	~
BRAZORIA	99	0.19	< 5	~
BRAZOS	29	0.11	0	0.00
BREWSTER	< 5	~	0	0.00
BRISCOE	0	0.00	0	0.00
BROOKS	0	0.00	0	0.00
BROWN	6	0.13	0	0.00
BURLESON	5	0.23	0	0.00
BURNET	7	0.14	< 5	~
CALDWELL	21	0.39	< 5	~
CALHOUN	6	0.19	< 5	~
CALLAHAN	0	0.00	0	0.00
CAMERON	1,103	1.58	8	0.73
CAMP	< 5	~	0	0.00
CARSON	< 5	~	0	0.00
CASS	7	0.20	< 5	~
CASTRO	< 5	~	< 5	~
CHAMBERS	27	0.47	0	0.00
CHEROKEE	20	0.28	< 5	~
CHILDRESS	0	0.00	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	367	0.26	11	3.00
COLLINGSWORTH	< 5	~	0	0.00
COLORADO	< 5	~	0	0.00
COMAL	20	0.14	0	0.00
COMANCHE	7	0.41	0	0.00
CONCHO	0	0.00	0	0.00
COOKE	6	0.12	0	0.00
CORYELL	10	0.07	0	0.00
COTTLE	0	0.00	0	0.00
CRANE	0	0.00	0	0.00
CROCKETT	< 5	~	0	0.00
CROSBY	5	0.51	0	0.00
CULBERSON	0	0.00	0	0.00
DALLAM	< 5	~	0	0.00
DALLAS	1,900	0.56	95	5.00
DAWSON	< 5	~	0	0.00
DEAF SMITH	< 5	~	0	0.00
DELTA	0	0.00	0	0.00
DENTON	150	0.13	< 5	~
DEWITT	7	0.30	< 5	~
DICKENS	0	0.00	0	0.00
DIMMIT	< 5	~	0	0.00
DONLEY	< 5	~	< 5	~
DUVAL	< 5	~	0	0.00
EASTLAND	13	0.60	0	0.00
ECTOR	45	0.21	0	0.00
EDWARDS	< 5	~	0	0.00
EL PASO	419	0.35	8	1.91
ELLIS	46	0.19	< 5	~
ERATH	7	0.15	0	0.00
FALLS	10	0.50	0	0.00
FANNIN	20	0.50	0	0.00
FAYETTE	< 5	~	0	0.00
FISHER	0	0.00	0	0.00
FLOYD	< 5	~	0	0.00
FOARD	< 5	~	0	0.00
FORT BEND	311	0.27	9	2.89
FRANKLIN	< 5	~	0	0.00
FREESTONE	< 5	~	0	0.00
FRIO	6	0.28	0	0.00
GAINES	< 5	~	< 5	~
GALVESTON	136	0.35	< 5	~

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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	10	0.36	< 5	~
GRAY	< 5	~	0	0.00
GRAYSON	33	0.22	0	0.00
GREGG	30	0.18	0	0.00
GRIMES	5	0.16	< 5	~
GUADALUPE	99	0.45	0	0.00
HALE	10	0.19	0	0.00
HALL	< 5	~	0	0.00
HAMILTON	< 5	~	< 5	~
HANSFORD	< 5	~	0	0.00
HARDEMAN	< 5	~	0	0.00
HARDIN	11	0.15	0	0.00
HARRIS	4,901	0.82	76	1.55
HARRISON	10	0.11	0	0.00
HARTLEY	0	0.00	0	0.00
HASKELL	0	0.00	0	0.00
HAYS	66	0.26	< 5	~
HEMPHILL	0	0.00	0	0.00
HENDERSON	12	0.13	0	0.00
HIDALGO	728	0.52	5	0.69
HILL	16	0.36	< 5	~
HOCKLEY	6	0.19	0	0.00
HOOD	< 5	~	0	0.00
HOPKINS	8	0.17	0	0.00
HOUSTON	6	0.24	0	0.00
HOWARD	6	0.15	0	0.00
HUDSPETH	< 5	~	0	0.00
HUNT	9	0.08	< 5	~
HUTCHINSON	< 5	~	0	0.00
IRION	0	0.00	0	0.00
JACK	< 5	~	< 5	~
JACKSON	0	0.00	0	0.00
JASPER	17	0.37	0	0.00
JEFF DAVIS	< 5	~	0	0.00
JEFFERSON	167	0.53	< 5	~
JIM HOGG	6	0.78	0	0.00
JIM WELLS	11	0.18	0	0.00
JOHNSON	48	0.21	< 5	~
JONES	< 5	~	0	0.00
KARNES	< 5	~	0	0.00

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KAUFMAN	43	0.24	0	0.00
KENDALL	19	0.45	0	0.00
KENEDY	0	0.00	0	0.00
KENT	0	0.00	0	0.00
KERR	10	0.19	< 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	6	0.79	0	0.00
LAMAR	10	0.16	< 5	~
LAMB	< 5	~	0	0.00
LAMPASAS	< 5	~	0	0.00
LAVACA	< 5	~	0	0.00
LEE	< 5	~	0	0.00
LEON	8	0.41	0	0.00
LIBERTY	51	0.48	< 5	~
LIMESTONE	8	0.27	0	0.00
LIPSCOMB	0	0.00	0	0.00
LIVE OAK	< 5	~	0	0.00
LLANO	5	0.32	0	0.00
LOVING	0	0.00	0	0.00
LUBBOCK	48	0.13	< 5	~
LYNN	0	0.00	0	0.00
MADISON	6	0.40	0	0.00
MARION	< 5	~	0	0.00
MARTIN	< 5	~	0	0.00
MASON	0	0.00	0	0.00
MATAGORDA	72	1.52	6	8.33
MAVERICK	15	0.16	0	0.00
MCCULLOCH	16	1.62	< 5	~
MCLENNAN	149	0.49	< 5	~
MCMULLEN	0	0.00	0	0.00
MEDINA	8	0.13	0	0.00
MENARD	< 5	~	< 5	~
MIDLAND	37	0.18	0	0.00
MILAM	5	0.16	0	0.00
MILLS	< 5	~	0	0.00
MITCHELL	< 5	~	0	0.00
MONTAGUE	< 5	~	0	0.00
MONTGOMERY	180	0.23	< 5	~
MOORE	7	0.17	< 5	~
MORRIS	0	0.00	0	0.00

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MOTLEY	0	0.00	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	15	0.17	0	0.00
NAVARRO	20	0.29	< 5	~
NEWTON	6	0.41	0	0.00
NOLAN	< 5	~	0	0.00
NUECES	68	0.16	< 5	~
OCHILTREE	< 5	~	0	0.00
OLDHAM	0	0.00	0	0.00
ORANGE	99	0.90	< 5	~
PALO PINTO	6	0.17	0	0.00
PANOLA	46	1.50	< 5	~
PARKER	22	0.12	0	0.00
PARMER	< 5	~	0	0.00
PECOS	< 5	~	0	0.00
POLK	9	0.18	0	0.00
POTTER	58	0.32	< 5	~
PRESIDIO	< 5	~	0	0.00
RAINS	< 5	~	0	0.00
RANDALL	13	0.07	< 5	~
REAGAN	< 5	~	0	0.00
REAL	6	2.03	0	0.00
RED RIVER	< 5	~	< 5	~
REEVES	55	3.56	0	0.00
REFUGIO	< 5	~	0	0.00
ROBERTS	0	0.00	0	0.00
ROBERTSON	0	0.00	0	0.00
ROCKWALL	33	0.23	0	0.00
RUNNELS	0	0.00	0	0.00
RUSK	13	0.19	0	0.00
SABINE	< 5	~	0	0.00
SAN AUGUSTINE	0	0.00	0	0.00
SAN JACINTO	9	0.27	0	0.00
SAN PATRICIO	8	0.09	< 5	~
SAN SABA	< 5	~	0	0.00
SCHLEICHER	0	0.00	0	0.00
SCURRY	< 5	~	0	0.00
SHACKELFORD	< 5	~	0	0.00
SHELBY	22	0.62	0	0.00
SHERMAN	9	2.10	0	0.00
SMITH	113	0.39	5	4.42
SOMERVELL	< 5	~	0	0.00
STARR	82	0.90	< 5	~
STEPHENS	0	0.00	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	0	0.00	0	0.00
TARRANT	821	0.30	31	3.78
TAYLOR	47	0.28	11	23.40
TERRELL	0	0.00	0	0.00
TERRY	< 5	~	0	0.00
THROCKMORTON	< 5	~	0	0.00
TITUS	< 5	~	0	0.00
TOM GREEN	12	0.09	0	0.00
TRAVIS	401	0.28	18	4.49
TRINITY	10	0.69	0	0.00
TYLER	11	0.55	0	0.00
UPSHUR	5	0.10	0	0.00
UPTON	0	0.00	0	0.00
UVALDE	20	0.52	0	0.00
VAL VERDE	14	0.19	0	0.00
VAN ZANDT	12	0.19	< 5	~
VICTORIA	39	0.33	< 5	~
WALKER	13	0.21	0	0.00
WALLER	< 5	~	0	0.00
WARD	9	0.62	0	0.00
WASHINGTON	0	0.00	0	0.00
WEBB	1,431	3.11	12	0.84
WHARTON	7	0.13	0	0.00
WHEELER	< 5	~	0	0.00
WICHITA	24	0.15	< 5	~
WILBARGER	< 5	~	< 5	~
WILLACY	30	0.96	0	0.00
WILLIAMSON	149	0.19	< 5	~
WILSON	20	0.32	< 5	~
WINKLER	< 5	~	0	0.00
WISE	12	0.14	0	0.00
WOOD	12	0.27	< 5	~
YOAKUM	< 5	~	0	0.00
YOUNG	< 5	~	0	0.00
ZAPATA	13	0.48	0	0.00
ZAVALA	5	0.27	0	0.00
UNKNOWN COUNTY	3,099	n/a	21	0.68
<b>TEXAS TOTAL</b>	<b>20,338</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>2.23</b>

## Blood Lead Surveillance Branch

### Data Considerations:

1. Analysis based on data as of 11/25/2019 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.