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County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	206	17.40	22	10.68
ANDREWS	94	18.18	< 5	~
ANGELINA	857	33.65	20	2.33
ARANSAS	82	16.08	0	0.00
ARCHER	50	30.12	< 5	~
ARMSTRONG	6	18.18	0	0.00
ATASCOSA	452	33.48	19	4.20
AUSTIN	149	18.98	< 5	~
BAILEY	59	24.48	< 5	~
BANDERA	69	19.38	< 5	~
BASTROP	644	32.76	7	1.09
BAYLOR	42	56.76	< 5	~
BEE	228	32.11	< 5	~
BELL	3,497	27.78	57	1.63
BEXAR	17,392	30.71	350	2.01
BLANCO	40	18.96	< 5	~
BORDEN	< 5	~	0	0.00
BOSQUE	78	18.93	5	6.41
BOWIE	874	37.87	41	4.69
BRAZORIA	1,773	18.06	18	1.02
BRAZOS	2,005	26.97	31	1.55
BREWSTER	24	8.73	0	0.00
BRISCOE	9	22.50	0	0.00
BROOKS	119	50.21	7	5.88
BROWN	349	38.44	22	6.30
BURLESON	145	37.76	< 5	~
BURNET	307	29.07	6	1.95
CALDWELL	358	34.69	7	1.96
CALHOUN	193	31.64	< 5	~
CALLAHAN	73	24.09	< 5	~
CAMERON	7,143	42.34	115	1.61
CAMP	180	51.28	< 5	~
CARSON	25	19.08	< 5	~
CASS	306	43.84	10	3.27
CASTRO	80	32.26	< 5	~
CHAMBERS	271	29.27	< 5	~
CHEROKEE	686	46.38	28	4.08
CHILDRESS	< 5	~	0	0.00
CLAY	56	24.24	< 5	~
COCHRAN	43	41.35	0	0.00

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COKE	23	41.07	< 5	~
COLEMAN	59	28.37	5	8.47
COLLIN	3,416	15.27	40	1.17
COLLINGSWORTH	< 5	~	0	0.00
COLORADO	62	11.85	< 5	~
COMAL	568	20.91	11	1.94
COMANCHE	138	38.66	7	5.07
CONCHO	14	21.54	0	0.00
COOKE	203	19.84	19	9.36
CORYELL	506	23.62	20	3.95
COTTLE	< 5	~	0	0.00
CRANE	32	22.54	0	0.00
CROCKETT	38	33.33	< 5	~
CROSBY	58	33.33	< 5	~
CULBERSON	22	25.58	0	0.00
DALLAM	7	2.76	0	0.00
DALLAS	23,786	28.98	457	1.92
DAWSON	17	4.64	0	0.00
DEAF SMITH	75	9.93	0	0.00
DELTA	40	33.90	< 5	~
DENTON	3,236	16.17	48	1.48
DEWITT	175	36.31	11	6.29
DICKENS	7	16.67	0	0.00
DIMMIT	325	98.19	6	1.85
DONLEY	8	9.52	< 5	~
DUVAL	177	50.28	< 5	~
EASTLAND	146	29.92	16	10.96
ECTOR	1,151	22.17	11	0.96
EDWARDS	21	37.50	0	0.00
EL PASO	9,372	32.32	194	2.07
ELLIS	1,201	27.43	23	1.92
ERATH	313	26.96	8	2.56
FALLS	210	49.65	14	6.67
FANNIN	221	29.12	11	4.98
FAYETTE	137	26.65	< 5	~
FISHER	10	11.49	< 5	~
FLOYD	41	22.28	< 5	~
FOARD	< 5	~	0	0.00
FORT BEND	3,557	22.10	21	0.59
FRANKLIN	91	37.45	< 5	~
FREESTONE	88	18.14	5	5.68
FRIO	232	46.59	7	3.02
GAINES	195	28.43	6	3.08
GALVESTON	2,439	29.37	82	3.36

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GARZA	33	20.89	0	0.00
GILLESPIE	161	29.27	< 5	~
GLASSCOCK	< 5	~	0	0.00
GOLIAD	55	38.19	5	9.09
GONZALES	197	31.07	10	5.08
GRAY	154	22.00	6	3.90
GRAYSON	1,082	35.65	51	4.71
GREGG	1,154	30.50	40	3.47
GRIMES	260	39.45	12	4.62
GUADALUPE	903	25.87	6	0.66
HALE	193	15.15	6	3.11
HALL	7	9.33	0	0.00
HAMILTON	35	18.72	< 5	~
HANSFORD	34	19.65	< 5	~
HARDEMAN	10	10.00	0	0.00
HARDIN	270	19.85	5	1.85
HARRIS	49,999	35.80	599	1.20
HARRISON	647	36.51	31	4.79
HARTLEY	< 5	~	0	0.00
HASKELL	33	27.05	0	0.00
HAYS	1,018	17.18	11	1.08
HEMPHILL	27	25.00	0	0.00
HENDERSON	526	26.03	9	1.71
HIDALGO	12,133	37.58	203	1.67
HILL	166	17.77	< 5	~
HOCKLEY	211	28.55	< 5	~
HOOD	93	8.14	< 5	~
HOPKINS	335	33.77	17	5.07
HOUSTON	133	25.63	8	6.02
HOWARD	22	2.62	0	0.00
HUDSPETH	32	31.37	< 5	~
HUNT	633	27.93	27	4.27
HUTCHINSON	137	23.06	< 5	~
IRION	8	18.18	< 5	~
JACK	33	16.42	< 5	~
JACKSON	137	34.25	< 5	~
JASPER	138	15.13	< 5	~
JEFF DAVIS	~	~	~	~
JEFFERSON	2,112	29.80	56	2.65
JIM HOGG	60	34.09	0	0.00
JIM WELLS	681	43.27	10	1.47
JOHNSON	590	13.61	11	1.86
JONES	126	33.25	6	4.76
KARNES	74	24.58	< 5	~

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KAUFMAN	902	28.95	18	2.00
KENDALL	88	12.19	< 5	~
KENEDY	< 5	~	0	0.00
KENT	< 5	~	0	0.00
KERR	400	34.39	6	1.50
KIMBLE	31	32.98	< 5	~
KING	~	~	~	~
KINNEY	16	18.39	< 5	~
KLEBERG	139	12.93	0	0.00
KNOX	33	32.35	< 5	~
LA SALLE	74	36.27	< 5	~
LAMAR	585	44.52	35	5.98
LAMB	112	25.23	< 5	~
LAMPASAS	72	13.69	< 5	~
LAVACA	114	28.57	9	7.89
LEE	111	27.54	< 5	~
LEON	87	20.42	< 5	~
LIBERTY	580	26.40	11	1.90
LIMESTONE	155	24.11	10	6.45
LIPSCOMB	< 5	~	< 5	~
LIVE OAK	75	30.74	0	0.00
LLANO	102	30.72	< 5	~
LOVING	~	~	~	~
LUBBOCK	1,980	21.88	26	1.31
LYNN	35	20.11	< 5	~
MADISON	148	44.71	< 5	~
MARION	72	33.64	< 5	~
MARTIN	14	8.54	< 5	~
MASON	22	30.14	0	0.00
MATAGORDA	415	38.21	9	2.17
MAVERICK	1,170	52.23	15	1.28
MCCULLOCH	39	19.90	< 5	~
MCLENNAN	3,380	47.35	142	4.20
MCMULLEN	< 5	~	0	0.00
MEDINA	217	18.47	< 5	~
MENARD	14	32.56	< 5	~
MIDLAND	579	12.59	18	3.11
MILAM	304	43.87	14	4.61
MILLS	28	26.17	< 5	~
MITCHELL	35	18.23	< 5	~
MONTAGUE	44	9.09	< 5	~
MONTGOMERY	3,368	25.01	43	1.28
MOORE	155	18.65	7	4.52
MORRIS	127	36.71	< 5	~

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MOTLEY	< 5	~	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	551	24.22	7	1.27
NAVARRO	494	34.74	18	3.64
NEWTON	54	16.46	< 5	~
NOLAN	116	28.22	< 5	~
NUECES	2,725	27.01	54	1.98
OCHILTREE	20	5.35	< 5	~
OLDHAM	6	12.77	0	0.00
ORANGE	547	26.21	21	3.84
PALO PINTO	65	8.61	< 5	~
PANOLA	81	14.14	< 5	~
PARKER	449	16.13	6	1.34
PARMER	21	6.33	0	0.00
PECOS	113	23.30	< 5	~
POLK	542	51.57	16	2.95
POTTER	1,537	37.54	57	3.71
PRESIDIO	9	3.47	0	0.00
RAINS	57	23.95	< 5	~
RANDALL	665	21.03	9	1.35
REAGAN	36	33.96	< 5	~
REAL	34	47.22	< 5	~
RED RIVER	138	44.23	11	7.97
REEVES	135	39.36	< 5	~
REFUGIO	52	26.40	< 5	~
ROBERTS	~	~	~	~
ROBERTSON	168	38.80	7	4.17
ROCKWALL	258	13.62	< 5	~
RUNNELS	70	26.72	5	7.14
RUSK	227	16.63	7	3.08
SABINE	29	13.18	0	0.00
SAN AUGUSTINE	37	17.96	0	0.00
SAN JACINTO	225	37.82	< 5	~
SAN PATRICIO	763	35.29	< 5	~
SAN SABA	30	23.26	< 5	~
SCHLEICHER	25	26.60	0	0.00
SCURRY	87	17.76	< 5	~
SHACKELFORD	26	31.71	< 5	~
SHELBY	135	18.05	< 5	~
SHERMAN	7	8.75	0	0.00
SMITH	2,400	38.13	87	3.63
SOMERVELL	13	6.13	0	0.00
STARR	1,571	56.11	38	2.42
STEPHENS	63	27.04	< 5	~
STERLING	18	62.07	0	0.00

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STONEWALL	6	23.08	0	0.00
SUTTON	41	34.17	< 5	~
SWISHER	49	24.02	< 5	~
TARRANT	11,238	20.11	190	1.69
TAYLOR	1,183	28.86	47	3.97
TERRELL	< 5	~	0	0.00
TERRY	86	22.05	5	5.81
THROCKMORTON	7	22.58	< 5	~
TITUS	616	55.95	11	1.79
TOM GREEN	1,084	33.37	20	1.85
TRAVIS	9,189	25.56	136	1.48
TRINITY	133	43.46	5	3.76
TYLER	124	29.11	< 5	~
UPSHUR	258	27.86	< 5	~
UPTON	13	13.54	0	0.00
UVALDE	376	44.92	9	2.39
VAL VERDE	604	32.70	9	1.49
VAN ZANDT	396	33.11	14	3.54
VICTORIA	793	30.26	25	3.15
WALKER	339	22.41	< 5	~
WALLER	248	18.66	< 5	~
WARD	77	22.78	0	0.00
WASHINGTON	234	26.53	8	3.42
WEBB	4,515	41.08	85	1.88
WHARTON	496	41.93	14	2.82
WHEELER	29	20.42	< 5	~
WICHITA	1,162	32.20	46	3.96
WILBARGER	69	16.55	< 5	~
WILLACY	405	49.21	5	1.23
WILLIAMSON	3,375	25.81	42	1.24
WILSON	266	28.00	8	3.01
WINKLER	68	29.57	< 5	~
WISE	184	11.49	< 5	~
WOOD	225	25.66	5	2.22
YOAKUM	60	22.06	< 5	~
YOUNG	101	20.78	< 5	~
ZAPATA	191	27.64	< 5	~
ZAVALA	315	66.74	15	4.76
UNKNOWN COUNTY	17,429	n/a	193	1.11
<b>TEXAS TOTAL</b>	<b>252,465</b>	<b>31.28</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>1.87</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.