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County	Number of Children Tested	Rate of Testing	Number of Children with EBLLs	Rate of Elevation
ANDERSON	265	7.21	15	5.66
ANDREWS	154	10.23	7	4.55
ANGELINA	793	10.35	18	2.27
ARANSAS	113	7.59	< 5	~
ARCHER	43	8.35	< 5	~
ARMSTRONG	7	6.14	< 5	~
ATASCOSA	484	12.18	10	2.07
AUSTIN	251	11.03	5	1.99
BAILEY	149	18.77	9	6.04
BANDERA	103	9.47	7	6.80
BASTROP	751	12.69	27	3.60
BAYLOR	40	17.62	< 5	~
BEE	329	15.32	7	2.13
BELL	2,894	7.96	45	1.55
BEXAR	20,319	12.62	649	3.19
BLANCO	51	8.16	< 5	~
BORDEN	< 5	~	0	0.00
BOSQUE	131	10.86	7	5.34
BOWIE	912	13.13	38	4.17
BRAZORIA	2,280	7.60	34	1.49
BRAZOS	1,887	10.12	36	1.91
BREWSTER	27	3.73	< 5	~
BRISCOE	6	5.08	0	0.00
BROOKS	145	20.48	< 5	~
BROWN	390	14.05	36	9.23
BURLESON	154	12.45	< 5	~
BURNET	290	9.65	< 5	~
CALDWELL	533	17.26	19	3.56
CALHOUN	183	10.01	< 5	~
CALLAHAN	95	10.54	< 5	~
CAMERON	10,606	23.01	216	2.04
CAMP	186	17.87	< 5	~
CARSON	18	4.57	0	0.00
CASS	385	18.07	19	4.94
CASTRO	116	15.01	< 5	~
CHAMBERS	319	11.13	8	2.51
CHEROKEE	940	21.58	43	4.57
CHILDRESS	19	3.82	< 5	~
CLAY	44	6.08	< 5	~
COCHRAN	67	22.95	< 5	~

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COKE	20	10.99	< 5	~
COLEMAN	84	13.98	8	9.52
COLLIN	4,393	6.41	89	2.03
COLLINGSWORTH	15	5.42	< 5	~
COLORADO	121	7.65	< 5	~
COMAL	706	9.25	11	1.56
COMANCHE	158	14.35	9	5.70
CONCHO	21	11.05	< 5	~
COOKE	277	8.78	25	9.03
CORYELL	442	5.91	11	2.49
COTTLE	13	12.87	0	0.00
CRANE	45	10.69	< 5	~
CROCKETT	36	10.43	0	0.00
CROSBY	81	14.86	5	6.17
CULBERSON	30	12.45	0	0.00
DALLAM	7	0.93	0	0.00
DALLAS	30,237	12.84	745	2.46
DAWSON	44	3.79	< 5	~
DEAF SMITH	119	5.35	5	4.20
DELTA	70	20.11	9	12.86
DENTON	4,030	6.76	103	2.56
DEWITT	197	13.55	21	10.66
DICKENS	9	6.25	0	0.00
DIMMIT	295	31.69	< 5	~
DONLEY	8	3.24	0	0.00
DUVAL	163	15.67	5	3.07
EASTLAND	85	6.23	7	8.24
ECTOR	1,370	9.09	35	2.55
EDWARDS	21	14.19	0	0.00
EL PASO	10,706	13.31	325	3.04
ELLIS	1,214	9.48	29	2.39
ERATH	283	8.91	5	1.77
FALLS	185	14.69	17	9.19
FANNIN	320	13.89	17	5.31
FAYETTE	170	10.68	8	4.71
FISHER	28	11.24	< 5	~
FLOYD	98	17.56	< 5	~
FOARD	16	19.28	< 5	~
FORT BEND	3,794	7.46	45	1.19
FRANKLIN	106	13.47	< 5	~
FREESTONE	109	7.39	7	6.42
FRIO	250	17.52	7	2.80
GAINES	129	5.96	7	5.43
GALVESTON	2,390	9.77	78	3.26

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GARZA	38	7.90	< 5	~
GILLESPIE	210	13.67	9	4.29
GLASSCOCK	9	9.78	0	0.00
GOLIAD	57	12.53	< 5	~
GONZALES	208	11.32	10	4.81
GRAY	53	2.58	9	16.98
GRAYSON	1,497	16.19	96	6.41
GREGG	1,274	11.51	42	3.30
GRIMES	249	13.25	8	3.21
GUADALUPE	1,265	11.63	23	1.82
HALE	308	8.31	14	4.55
HALL	13	5.42	0	0.00
HAMILTON	25	4.46	< 5	~
HANSFORD	31	5.78	< 5	~
HARDEMAN	40	12.46	< 5	~
HARDIN	569	13.12	14	2.46
HARRIS	59,837	14.72	994	1.66
HARRISON	910	16.72	46	5.05
HARTLEY	8	2.25	0	0.00
HASKELL	29	7.82	< 5	~
HAYS	1,541	10.33	32	2.08
HEMPHILL	10	2.82	0	0.00
HENDERSON	678	11.67	15	2.21
HIDALGO	13,496	14.82	353	2.62
HILL	215	7.77	15	6.98
HOCKLEY	326	15.36	7	2.15
HOOD	134	3.90	< 5	~
HOPKINS	503	17.20	19	3.78
HOUSTON	174	10.92	10	5.75
HOWARD	78	3.02	< 5	~
HUDSPETH	35	11.86	0	0.00
HUNT	730	10.82	36	4.93
HUTCHINSON	138	7.26	9	6.52
IRION	16	14.81	0	0.00
JACK	72	12.57	8	11.11
JACKSON	133	10.95	< 5	~
JASPER	192	6.73	5	2.60
JEFF DAVIS	< 5	~	0	0.00
JEFFERSON	3,669	17.52	142	3.87
JIM HOGG	95	17.99	< 5	~
JIM WELLS	639	14.80	19	2.97
JOHNSON	1,072	8.30	17	1.59
JONES	120	10.61	5	4.17
KARNES	86	9.50	< 5	~

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KAUFMAN	921	10.14	22	2.39
KENDALL	119	5.67	< 5	~
KENEDY	< 5	~	0	0.00
KENT	0	0.00	0	0.00
KERR	473	14.42	30	6.34
KIMBLE	35	13.21	< 5	~
KING	0	0.00	0	0.00
KINNEY	28	12.12	< 5	~
KLEBERG	410	13.11	< 5	~
KNOX	53	16.41	< 5	~
LA SALLE	70	12.80	< 5	~
LAMAR	691	17.56	48	6.95
LAMB	211	15.96	5	2.37
LAMPASAS	107	7.06	< 5	~
LAVACA	113	8.67	18	15.93
LEE	149	12.10	< 5	~
LEON	106	8.62	< 5	~
LIBERTY	632	9.77	16	2.53
LIMESTONE	170	9.06	5	2.94
LIPSCOMB	0	0.00	0	0.00
LIVE OAK	96	13.81	< 5	~
LLANO	95	9.57	< 5	~
LOVING	< 5	~	0	0.00
LUBBOCK	3,164	12.26	87	2.75
LYNN	52	10.24	< 5	~
MADISON	151	15.53	6	3.97
MARION	127	19.18	< 5	~
MARTIN	26	5.37	0	0.00
MASON	33	14.60	< 5	~
MATAGORDA	572	18.11	22	3.85
MAVERICK	1,188	19.64	34	2.86
MCCULLOCH	67	11.22	< 5	~
MCLENNAN	3,015	14.65	163	5.41
MCMULLEN	< 5	~	0	0.00
MEDINA	354	10.24	5	1.41
MENARD	11	7.43	0	0.00
MIDLAND	1,362	10.11	74	5.43
MILAM	394	19.32	22	5.58
MILLS	11	3.36	0	0.00
MITCHELL	70	11.78	< 5	~
MONTAGUE	83	5.51	6	7.23
MONTGOMERY	3,324	8.37	56	1.68
MOORE	234	9.49	17	7.26
MORRIS	161	16.10	5	3.11

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MOTLEY	5	7.69	0	0.00
NACOGDOCHES	674	10.94	23	3.41
NAVARRO	711	16.90	40	5.63
NEWTON	77	7.79	< 5	~
NOLAN	145	11.44	6	4.14
NUECES	3,168	10.88	104	3.28
OCHILTREE	19	1.69	< 5	~
OLDHAM	9	7.03	< 5	~
ORANGE	965	14.91	20	2.07
PALO PINTO	258	11.46	17	6.59
PANOLA	134	7.51	< 5	~
PARKER	671	7.85	13	1.94
PARMER	31	2.88	< 5	~
PECOS	210	14.73	9	4.29
POLK	501	16.02	18	3.59
POTTER	1,669	13.60	80	4.79
PRESIDIO	20	2.81	< 5	~
RAINS	105	15.51	< 5	~
RANDALL	613	6.22	14	2.28
REAGAN	42	13.00	< 5	~
REAL	42	21.54	< 5	~
RED RIVER	155	17.30	15	9.68
REEVES	243	23.08	< 5	~
REFUGIO	86	15.99	< 5	~
ROBERTS	0	0.00	0	0.00
ROBERTSON	185	13.91	5	2.70
ROCKWALL	345	5.44	< 5	~
RUNNELS	96	11.88	10	10.42
RUSK	352	8.55	21	5.97
SABINE	22	3.53	0	0.00
SAN AUGUSTINE	51	8.79	< 5	~
SAN JACINTO	188	10.18	5	2.66
SAN PATRICIO	801	13.15	15	1.87
SAN SABA	33	8.13	< 5	~
SCHLEICHER	22	6.40	0	0.00
SCURRY	140	9.30	5	3.57
SHACKELFORD	22	9.69	0	0.00
SHELBY	135	5.97	< 5	~
SHERMAN	13	5.26	< 5	~
SMITH	2,713	15.02	82	3.02
SOMERVELL	40	6.80	0	0.00
STARR	1,633	22.69	37	2.27
STEPHENS	79	11.25	< 5	~
STERLING	8	8.16	< 5	~

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STONEWALL	< 5	~	0	0.00
SUTTON	27	7.05	0	0.00
SWISHER	61	9.15	0	0.00
TARRANT	16,500	9.85	462	2.80
TAYLOR	1,301	10.85	36	2.77
TERRELL	5	7.04	0	0.00
TERRY	219	18.43	7	3.20
THROCKMORTON	< 5	~	< 5	~
TITUS	636	18.82	26	4.09
TOM GREEN	1,191	12.49	25	2.10
TRAVIS	9,959	10.14	192	1.93
TRINITY	166	17.75	6	3.61
TYLER	148	11.46	6	4.05
UPSHUR	259	8.98	5	1.93
UPTON	27	8.79	0	0.00
UVALDE	405	16.60	10	2.47
VAL VERDE	476	9.18	19	3.99
VAN ZANDT	540	14.68	19	3.52
VICTORIA	707	9.04	24	3.39
WALKER	430	10.21	8	1.86
WALLER	280	7.22	5	1.79
WARD	102	10.50	5	4.90
WASHINGTON	224	8.91	18	8.04
WEBB	4,897	16.05	150	3.06
WHARTON	506	14.27	13	2.57
WHEELER	31	6.90	5	16.13
WICHITA	1,047	9.68	58	5.54
WILBARGER	59	4.92	< 5	~
WILLACY	553	26.06	21	3.80
WILLIAMSON	3,681	9.31	70	1.90
WILSON	312	10.56	12	3.85
WINKLER	69	9.57	0	0.00
WISE	252	5.29	7	2.78
WOOD	400	15.37	22	5.50
YOAKUM	30	3.54	< 5	~
YOUNG	142	9.73	15	10.56
ZAPATA	168	8.70	0	0.00
ZAVALA	290	22.41	5	1.72
UNKNOWN COUNTY	29,720	n/a	352	1.18
<b>TEXAS TOTAL</b>	<b>312,304</b>	<b>13.32</b>	<b>7,799</b>	<b>2.50</b>

## Blood Lead Surveillance Branch

### Data Considerations:

1. Analysis based on data as of 05/02/2019 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.