

Blood lead level data on adults reported from 1994 through 2001 by the states in CDC, NIOSH's Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance (ABLES) Program

From 1994 - 2001 the ABLES states reported only summary data by blood lead level (BLL) cutpoints. These data consisted of the number of laboratory BLL tests, the number of adults (prevalence) and the number of new cases (incidence) which were reported by but not necessarily resident in each of the ABLES states.

ABLES Definitions:

1. Case definition for an adult with an "elevated blood lead level" = an adult (16 or older) with at least one BLL of 25 mcg/dL or greater. [This is consistent with Objective 20-7 in Healthy People 2010 for which ABLES reports are the national data source.] Besides the primary benchmark of 25 mcg/dL, ABLES also reports data on: (a) BLLs of 40 mcg/dL or greater [This corresponds to the level at which the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) allows workers to return to work after medical removal.] and (b) BLLs less than 25 mcg/dL. [This provides a measure of the total number of workers tested.]
2. New case = an adult with a BLL of 25 mcg/dL or greater in the state lead registry this calendar year who was not in the state lead registry with a BLL of 25 mcg/dL or greater in the immediately preceding calendar year. [This adult may have been in the state registry in earlier calendar years.]
3. Primary measure of adult lead exposure in the United States = the average state prevalence rate (unweighted) of adults with BLLs of 25 mcg/dL or greater. [The reporting of adults with BLLs of 25 mcg/dL or greater is thought to be more reliable than the reporting of adults with BLLs less than 25 mcg/dL and the reporting of all cases is thought to be more reliable than the reporting of new cases.]

Provided below are the numerators, denominators and rates for:

1. all cases (prevalence)
2. new cases (incidence)
3. old cases (prevalence - incidence)
4. laboratory BLL tests (several laboratory BLL tests might have been done on the same case)

The first set of four tables is for adults with BLLs of 25 mcg/dL or greater.

The second set of four tables is for adults with BLLs of 40 mcg/dL or greater which is a subset of the first set.

The third set of two tables (adults and laboratory BLL tests) is for adults with BLLs less than 25 mcg/dL. Since these adults do not meet the criteria to be ABLES cases, new and old cases are not reported. It is very important when attempting to compare BLLs less than 25 mcg/dL by state that you communicate with the data resource person for the states. Some ABLES states report all BLLs and some only report BLLs of 10 or 15 mcg/dL or greater and these lower limits of reporting might have changed over the years. Only 19 of the ABLES states provided these data.

Note: For specific explanations and possible updates on data for any individual state, you are strongly advised to contact the data resource person for that state, all of whom are listed on this homepage.

Prevalence rate data for adults with BLLs of 25 mcg/dL or greater

Worksheet									Bureau of Labor Statistics-employed, 16 and older									6/29/2005									Rate of all adults with BLLs >= 25 mcg/dL per 100,000 employed 16 and older								
Numerator									Denominator									Rate																	
All adults with BLLs >=25 mcg/dL (prevalence)									All pops from http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/servlet/SurveyOutputServlet , 4/7/2005																										
State	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01											
#	17	18	20	24	24	25	25	23																											
AL	502		511	567	549	490	634	578	1909881		1992652	2035156	2059310	2070210	2072853	2033230	26.3		25.6	27.9	26.7	23.7	30.6	28.4											
AZ	40	148	56	79	91	48	58	35	1976722	2095749	2145573	2196901	2278864	2355357	2405821	2453066	2.0	7.1	2.6	3.6	4.0	2.0	2.4	1.4											
CA	1347	997	1010	1044	900	911	1001	872	13953855	14062361	14303507	14780791	15203693	15566900	16034095	16217495	9.7	7.1	7.1	7.1	5.9	5.9	6.2	5.4											
CT	354	262	229	207	118	124	99	77	1670083	1657732	1659643	1674937	1684831	1695174	1697662	1698274	21.2	15.8	13.8	12.4	7.0	7.3	5.8	4.5											
IA		533	522	421	309	401	268	432		1527972	1551200	1555837	1556479	1560848	1561129	1569541		34.9	33.7	27.1	19.9	25.7	17.2	27.5											
MD	196	178	153	189	162	292	229	205	2545413	2572708	2615584	2646200	2661192	2687843	2702823	2719498	7.7	6.9	5.8	7.1	6.1	10.9	8.5	7.5											
MA	755	641	582	507	470	429	368	297	2989123	3029360	3083332	3158851	3208988	3245761	3276737	3274561	25.3	21.2	18.9	16.1	14.6	13.2	11.2	9.1											
MI				136	303	273	235	208				4748691	4809503	4897144	4967218	4864600				2.9	6.3	5.6	4.7	4.3											
MN		467	255	258	264	272	190	244		2529464	2565808	2605673	2656674	2686942	2733110	2764353		18.5	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.1	7.0	8.8											
NE						143	94							916270	925898								15.6	10.2											
NH				187	213	174	212	142				635469	651292	666066	677071	680587				29.4	32.7	26.1	31.3	20.9											
NJ	744	611	592	567	511	534	572	543	3789960	3846322	3925794	4031022	4047062	4092714	4129103	4111546	19.6	15.9	15.1	14.1	12.6	13.0	13.9	13.2											
NY	955	850	1115	1045	903	948	955	834	8080243	8125798	8228913	8416544	8546550	8657431	8763571	8729849	11.8	10.5	13.5	12.4	10.6	11.0	10.9	9.6											
NC	224	342	269	362	379	426	280	345	3511339	3582647	3704108	3809601	3844792	3921244	3959389	3948692	6.4	9.5	7.3	9.5	9.9	10.9	7.1	8.7											
OH			1367	1440	1146	1090	1039	1572			5378491	5448161	5488877	5534376	5570928	5570389			25.4	26.4	20.9	19.7	18.7	28.2											
OK	52	76	94	88	67	46	66	49	1469487	1490602	1514880	1543105	1569498	1590838	1607541	1615033	3.5	5.1	6.2	5.7	4.3	2.9	4.1	3.0											
OR	269	199	204	187	129	170	180	89	1546552	1583153	1618571	1652997	1678407	1697288	1721365	1708957	17.4	12.6	12.6	11.3	7.7	10.0	10.5	5.2											
PA	2005	2897	2862	3348	2394	2031	2826	2113	5529551	5554303	5662126	5775178	5787593	5809824	5831634	5870495	36.3	52.2	50.5	58.0	41.4	35.0	48.5	36.0											
RI				104	78	67	178	95				504147	509551	518848	520922	520008				20.6	15.3	12.9	34.2	18.3											
SC	367	595	188	189	195	32	60		1729363	1754633	1785646	1819508	1849075	1876895	1895902		21.2	33.9	10.5	10.4	10.5	1.7	3.2												
TX	387	189	738	687	556	510	554	307	8778660	8985635	9175983	9395279	9600982	9766299	9913119	10003723	4.4	2.1	8.0	7.3	5.8	5.2	5.6	3.1											
UT	83	102	57	98	75	41	34	45	945389	979367	1004347	1034429	1061282	1080441	1095657	1103028	8.8	10.4	5.7	9.5	7.1	3.8	3.1	4.1											
WA	232	241	203	277	152	148	160	120	2566663	2636011	2711963	2822223	2886871	2917577	2899189	2861417	9.0	9.1	7.5	9.8	5.3	5.1	5.5	4.2											
WI	713	932	600	528	428	671	738	507	2713392	2773640	2815599	2855830	2869982	2879024	2891238	2898949	26.3	33.6	21.3	18.5	14.9	23.3	25.5	17.5											
WY				99	67	39	47	21				243944	247748	251828	256616	259750				40.6	27.0	15.5	18.3	8.1											
Total:	9225	10260	11607	12614	10459	10310	11077	9730	65705676	68787457	77443720	85390474	86759096	88943142	90110591	87477041																			
																	Average state rate (unweighted average)									15.1	17.0	15.1	16.6	13.6	12.6	13.8	12.0		
																	Combined numerators and denominators (weighted average)									14.0	14.9	15.0	14.8	12.1	11.6	12.3	11.1		

Incidence rate data for adults with BLLs of 40 mcg/dL or greater

Worksheet		Numerator								Denominator								Rate								
		New cases of adults with BLLs >=40 mcg/dL (incidence)								Bureau of Labor Statistics-employed, 16 and older All pops from http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/servlet/SurveyOutputServlet , 4/7/2005								6/29/2005 Rate of new cases with BLLs >=40 mcg/dL per 100,000 employed 16 and older								
State	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01		
#	15	15	19	24	24	25	24	20																		
AL	5		56	32	42	29	56	36	1909881		1992652	2035156	2059310	2070210	2072853	2033230	0.3		2.8	1.6	2.0	1.4	2.7	1.8		
AZ	9	16	15	12	13	1	4	4	1976722	2095749	2145573	2196901	2278864	2355357	2405821	2453066	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2		
CA	77	83	67	68	71	72	78	56	13953855	14062361	14303507	14780791	15203693	15566900	16034095	16217495	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3		
CT	87		19	18	13	0	16	13	1670083	1657732	1659643	1674937	1684831	1695174	1697662	1698274	5.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.8		
IA		13	22	4	1	13	4	26		1527972	1551200	1555837	1556479	1560848	1561129	1569541		0.9	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.3	1.7		
MD	37	28	21	34	23	55	28	18	2545413	2572708	2615584	2646200	2661192	2687843	2702823	2719498	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.9	2.0	1.0	0.7		
MA	118	100	67	77	63	58	53	38	2989123	3029360	3083332	3158851	3208988	3245761	3276737	3274561	3.9	3.3	2.2	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.2		
MI				24	59	30	40					4748691	4809503	4897144	4967218					0.5	1.2	0.6	0.8			
MN			36	18	12	8	10	20			2565808	2605673	2656674	2686942	2733110	2764353			1.4	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7		
NE						11	3					916270	925898									1.2	0.3			
NH				41	21	13	17	15				635469	651292	666066	677071	680587					3.2	2.0	2.5	2.2		
NJ	91	51	69	58	55	51	65	65	3789960	3846322	3925794	4031022	4047062	4092714	4129103	4111546	2.4	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.6		
NY	61	67	60	57	53	52	44	28	8080243	8125798	8228913	8416544	8546550	8657431	8763571	8729849	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3		
NC	137	109	63	128	97	50	96	122	3511339	3582647	3704108	3809601	3844792	3921244	3959389	3948692	3.9	3.0	1.7	3.4	2.5	1.3	2.4	3.1		
OH			275	162	90	107	146	130			5378491	5448161	5488877	5534376	5570928	5570389				5.1	3.0	1.6	1.9	2.6	2.3	
OK	15	17	31	20	12	11	11	11	1469487	1490602	1514880	1543105	1569498	1590838	1607541	1615033	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7		
OR	24	16	27	11	10	22	20	7	1546552	1583153	1618571	1652997	1678407	1697288	1721365	1708957	1.6	1.0	1.7	0.7	0.6	1.3	1.2	0.4		
PA			280	166	93	94	117				5662126	5775178	5787593	5809824	5831634				4.9	2.9	1.6	1.6	2.0			
RI				22	2	7	29	17				504147	509551	518848	520922	520008				4.4	0.4	1.3	5.6	3.3		
SC				74	69	0	3					1819508	1849075	1876895	1895902					4.1	3.7	0.0	0.2			
TX	56	62	80	74	55	42	53	30	8778660	8985635	9175983	9395279	9600982	9766299	9913119	10003723	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3		
UT	7	7	8	11	14	4	3	10	945389	979367	1004347	1034429	1061282	1080441	1095657	1103028	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.9		
WA	45	28	30	21	6	10	16	6	2566663	2636011	2711963	2822223	2886871	2917577	2899189	2861417	1.8	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2		
WI	30	40	9	57	29	44	18	22	2713392	2773640	2815599	2855830	2869982	2879024	2891238	2898949	1.1	1.4	0.3	2.0	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.8		
WY				23	4	7						243944	247748	251828						9.4	1.6	2.8				
Total:	799	657	1235	1212	907	791	930	674	58446762	58949057	75658074	85390474	86759096	88943142	89853975	76482196										
									Average state rate (unweighted average)								1.7	1.3	1.7	1.9	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2		
									Combined numerators and denominators (weighted average)								1.4	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9		

Laboratory BLL test rate data for adults at BLLs <25 mcg/dL

Worksheet		Numerator								Denominator								Rate									
		laboratory tests on adults at BLLs <25 mcg/dL								Bureau of Labor Statistics-employed, 16 and older All pops from http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/servlet/SurveyOutputServlet , 4/7/2005								6/29/2005 Rate of laboratory tests at BLLs <25 mcg/dL per 100,000 employed 16 and older									
State	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01			
#	12	13	15	18	18	19	19	17																			
AL	488		423	540	810	509	1405	1230	1909881		1992652	2035156	2059310	2070210	2072853	2033230	25.6		21.2	26.5	39.3	24.6	67.8	60.5			
AZ	186	131	93	1723	1856	2504	2736	808	1976722	2095749	2145573	2196901	2278864	2355357	2405821	2453066	9.4	6.3	4.3	78.4	81.4	106.3	113.7	32.9			
CA	2811	4760	7461	6364	6780	6804	9137	12447	13953855	14062361	14303507	14780791	15203693	15566900	16034095	16217495	20.1	33.8	52.2	43.1	44.6	43.7	57.0	76.8			
CT	2211	2494	1947	1385	800	910	767	593	1670083	1657732	1659643	1674937	1684831	1695174	1697662	1698274	132.4	150.4	117.3	82.7	47.5	53.7	45.2	34.9			
IA		2464	2123	2407	1289	2840	2888	3498		1527972	1551200	1555837	1556479	1560848	1561129	1569541	161.3	136.9	154.7	82.8	182.0	185.0	222.9				
MI				3881	6482	10042	11409	10860				4748691	4809503	4897144	4967218	4864600				81.7	134.8	205.1	229.7	223.2			
MN		3859	3236	4736	4490	4572	3830	4336		2529464	2565808	2605673	2656674	2686942	2733110	2764353	152.6	126.1	181.8	169.0	170.2	140.1	156.9				
NE						1582	2146							916270	925898							172.7	231.8				
NH				1869	1960	2315	2501	2200				635469	651292	666066	677071	680587				294.1	300.9	347.6	369.4	323.3			
NY	3892	5577	6672	6209	5662	5487	6868	6601	8080243	8125798	8228913	8416544	8546550	8657431	8763571	8729849	48.2	68.6	81.1	73.8	66.2	63.4	78.4	75.6			
OH			12992	12986	15778	15768	12618	14818			5378491	5448161	5488877	5534376	5570928	5570389			241.6	238.4	287.5	284.9	226.5	266.0			
OK	149	133	279	342	299	235	263	220	1469487	1490602	1514880	1543105	1569498	1590838	1607541	1615033	10.1	8.9	18.4	22.2	19.1	14.8	16.4	13.6			
PA	2811	4760	113	656	3088	4667	1891	1009	5529551	5554303	5662126	5775178	5787593	5809824	5831634	5870495			2.0	11.4	53.4	80.3	32.4	17.2			
RI				716	719	660	1220	2031				504147	509551	518848	520922	520008				142.0	141.1	127.2	234.2	390.6			
SC	2055	3356	2824	2743	2599	1162	1336		1729363	1754633	1785646	1819508	1849075	1876895	1895902		118.8	191.3	158.2	150.8	140.6	61.9	70.5				
TX	477	872	8638	11949	11312	12775	10696	9202	8778660	8985635	9175983	9395279	9600982	9766299	9913119	10003723	5.4	9.7	94.1	127.2	117.8	130.8	107.9	92.0			
UT	186	131	93	1723	1856	2504	2736	2491	945389	979367	1004347	1034429	1061282	1080441	1095657	1103028	19.7	13.4	9.3	166.6	174.9	231.8	249.7	225.8			
WA	3315	4433	5918	6595	4955	6105	5941	8547	2566663	2636011	2711963	2822223	2886871	2917577	2899189	2861417	129.2	168.2	218.2	233.7	171.6	209.2	204.9				
WI	174	3486	5252	3687	3622	7331	6426	6485	2713392	2773640	2815599	2855830	2869982	2879024	2891238	2898949	6.4	125.7	186.5	129.1	126.2	254.6	222.3	223.7			
Total:	18755	36456	58064	70511	74357	88772	86814	87376	51323289	54173267	62496331	69847859	71070907	73046464	74064558	71454037											
																	Average state rate (unweighted average)										
																	47.8	90.8	97.8	124.3	122.2	145.5	151.7	152.2			
																	Combined numerators and denominators (weighted average)										
																	36.5	67.3	92.9	100.9	104.6	121.5	117.2	122.3			