

Lead Abatement Funding in Ohio

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Lead Poisoning Prevention in Ohio

ODH Lead Program

- Surveillance
- Investigations and Case Management
- Licensure and Accreditation

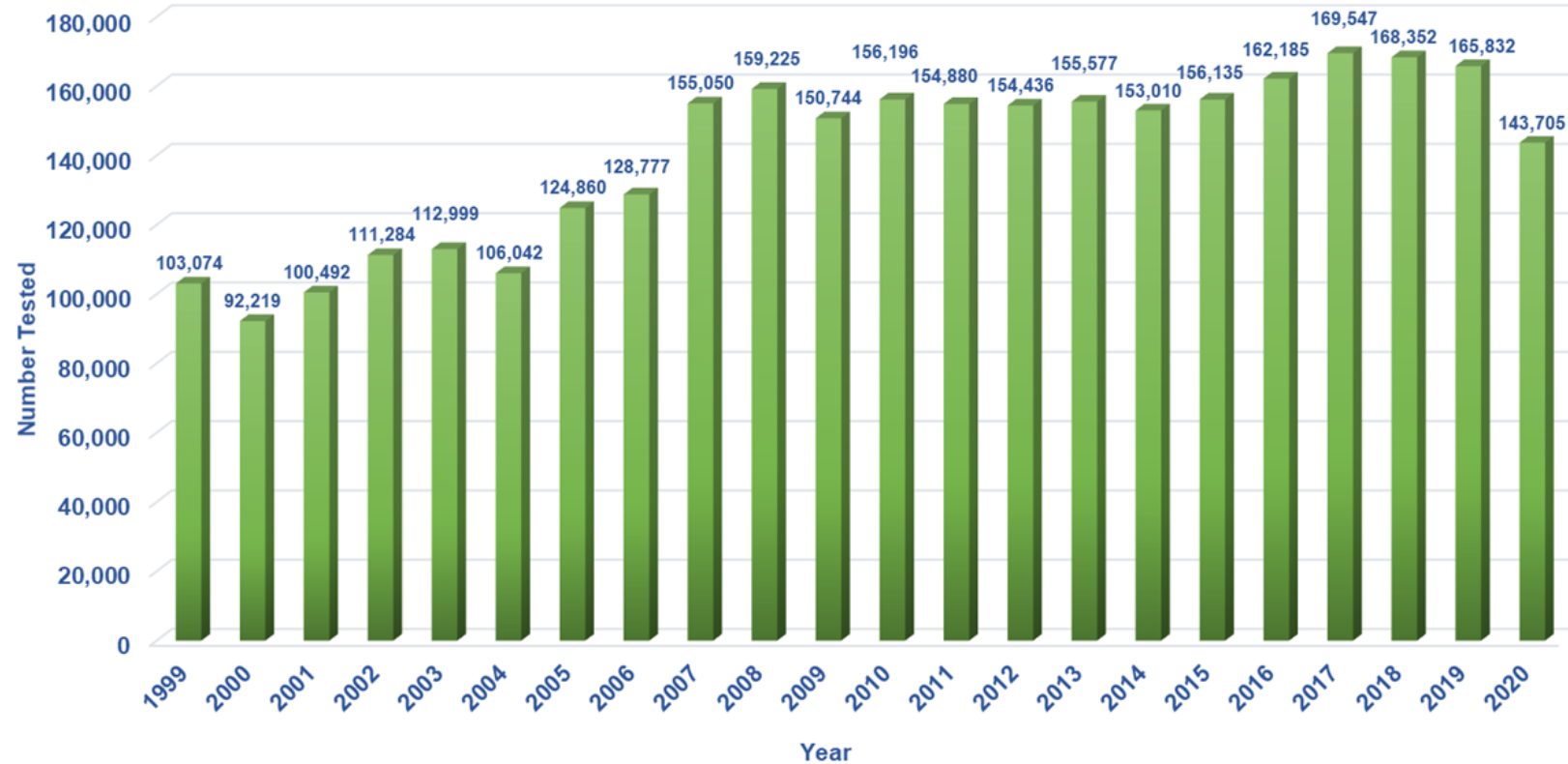
Blood Lead Surveillance

- Mandatory laboratory reporting from approved clinical lead labs
- Healthy Housing and Lead Poisoning Surveillance System (HHLPSS)
 - Online case management and surveillance system
 - Automatically creates and assigns referrals to ODH and delegated authorities
- Establishes and provides Targeted Testing and Medical Management Guidelines to medical Providers

Lead Testing

- **There is no safe level of lead in the blood.**
- For most children with elevated blood lead levels, there are no immediate side effects.
 - The only way to know if a child is lead poisoned is to have him/her tested.
- Ohio does not require universal testing.
- Ohio instead uses a targeted testing plan to focus on at-risk children.

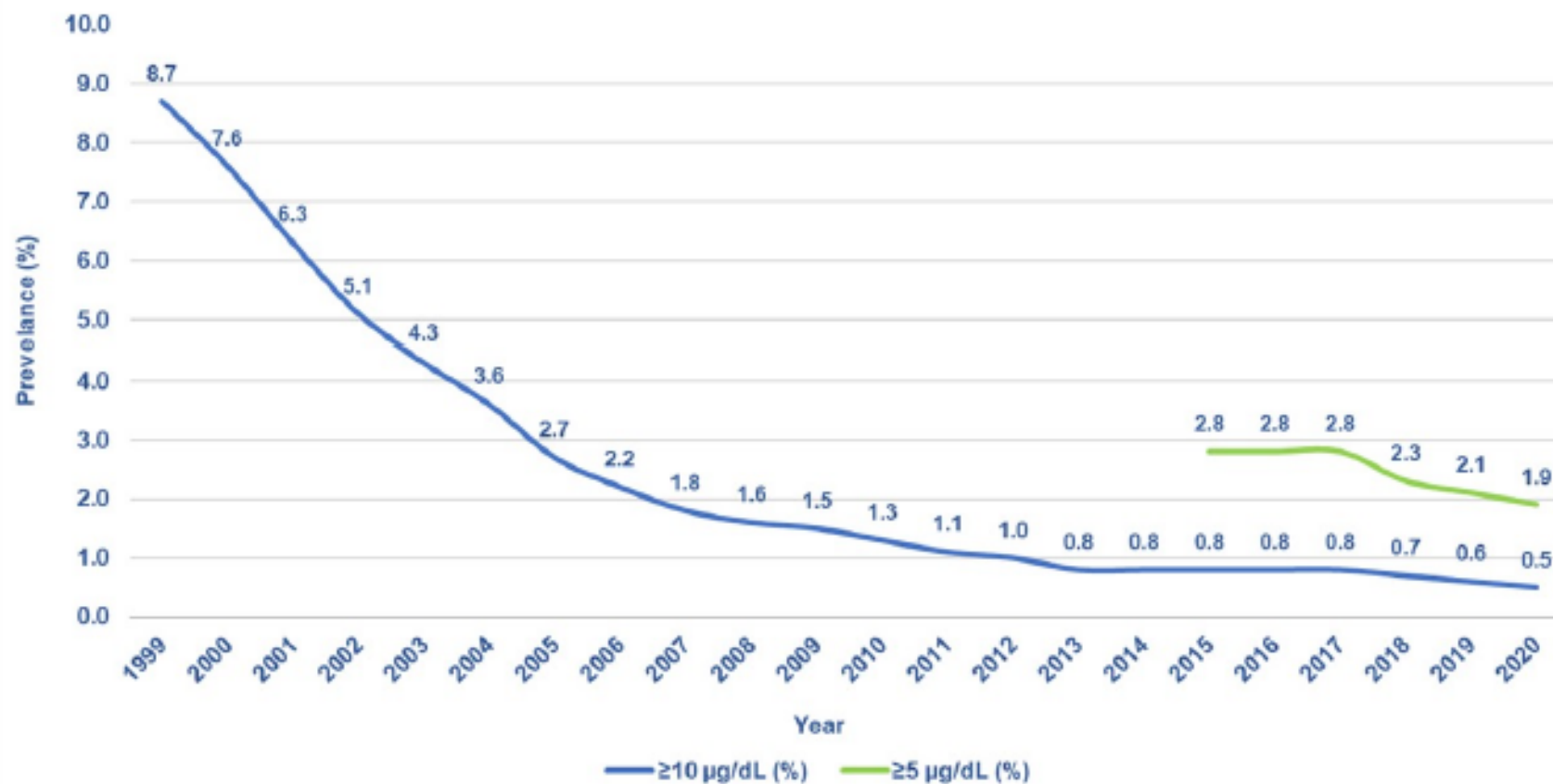
Number of Ohio Children, Less than Six Years of Age, Tested for Lead (1999-2020)



Notes:

Children tested for lead more than once in a calendar year are counted only once. Estimates are made using data from the Healthy Housing and Lead Poisoning Surveillance System at the Ohio Department of Health.

Prevalence of Confirmed Elevated Blood Lead Levels (≥ 10 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ and ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$) Among Tested Ohio Children, Less than Six Years of Age (1999-2020)



Public Health Lead Investigations

- ODH covers 83 of 88 counties in part or whole
- 11 delegated boards of health
- Total of 40 investigators statewide
- When the ODH Director of Health becomes aware that a child under 6 has a BLL of 10 micrograms/dL or higher, a lead investigation is performed
- If lead hazards are found during the investigation, a lead hazard control order will be issued requiring the owner to hire a licensed lead abatement contractor to make the repairs within 90 days
- The owner may be granted extensions
- An order to vacate will be issued if the owner fails to comply

SCHIP Project 1 – Phase 1

- Target properties with lead orders as a result of a lead poisoned child
- A statewide project – all 88 counties included
- Conduct lead abatement when feasible versus interim controls

Project 1 – Phase 2 – Target Areas

- Akron (Summit County) - ODH
- Toledo (Lucas County) – City of Toledo
- Cincinnati (Hamilton County) – People Working Cooperatively (PWC)
- In process – Contract with Ohio Department of Development (combine rehab with SCHIP)
- The same procedures for enlisting a program into the project in Phase 1 will apply in Phase 2

Lead Hazard Control Activities

Lead-based paint, dust, and soil remediation

- Door and window treatments and replacement
- Floor treatments
- Paint removal
- Paint stabilization and repainting
- Encapsulation
- Enclosure
- Specialized cleaning
- Soil replacement or covering.

When water is identified as a possible source of lead exposure a faucet water filter rated to effectively to remove lead will be provided to project participants.

Conditions of Enrollment

- Medicaid eligible child under 19 years of age and/or pregnant woman resides in or visits the property > 6 hours per week
- Constructed prior to 1978 as verified by the county auditor's records;
- Covered by flood insurance if the property is in a flood plain with copies of the policy submitted as proof
- Current on all property taxes or have a tax payment plan in place

SCHIP Project 2 – Lead Safe Rental Registry

Voluntary for rental property owners - Statewide

Properties built after 1978 - No requirements

Properties built before 1978- Comply with the following:

- Lead inspection conducted by a lead inspector or lead risk assessor shows no lead-based paint
- Subject to a lead hazard control order with a passing clearance examination conducted within the past year (required)
- Completion of the prescribed visual assessment, rental maintenance practices and passage of a clearance exam.

Combining Funding Streams

- Average cost of lead abatement is high
- More comprehensive work can be done to the property
- Longer lasting work
- Shortage of licensed lead personnel

Benefits of Braiding Funding

- Able to assist higher cost projects
- Comprehensive work on the property
 - Able to use Healthy Homes \$ and General Revenue Funds
- Can assist other HUD grant programs with walkaways
- Can count units for both programs

- ✓ Ensure property/occupants qualify for both programs
- ✓ HUD – Verify income; SCHIP- Medicaid approval
- ✓ Choose funding stream for the ancillary services (Costs for Intake/Enrollment, PI/RA, Job Specifications, Clearance Examinations)
- ✓ Split funding for LHC costs- HUD covers HH costs Example:
LHC total cost = \$40,000 – HUD pays \$11,000; SCHIP pays \$29,000

Special Project Funding

- State general revenue funding
 - Demolition- used to make needed repairs
 - Workforce development
 - Non-Medicaid lead investigations
 - Marketing and content development
 - Lead Safe Home Fund Contracts

Workforce Development

- Desperate need for skilled lead abatement contractors
- Limiting the amount of lead hazard control work statewide
- Offer free training in partnership with the Ohio Department of Development
- Partnership with Ohio Department of Education/Higher Education
- Subsidizing licensure costs
 - License application fee
 - State exam fee

Lead Safe Home Fund Projects

Funding recipients

- Clark County Combined Health District
- Erie County Health Department
- Franklin County Public Health
- Historic South Initiative (Toledo)
- Marion County Health Department
- Maumee Habitat for Humanity
- West Ohio Community Action Agency

Lead Safe Home Fund – Primary Prevention

- Pre-1978 Rehabilitation
- Demolition
- Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Awareness and Training
- Workforce Development Activities
- Increase # units on Lead-Safe Rental Registry
- Education and Outreach
- Lead Screening Children for Lead Poisoning

The Future – Lead Safe Home Fund

- Additional Communities Apply for Funding
- Combine Development funds with lead hazard control funds
- Educate high risk communities about funding opportunities
- Further develop the workforce to expand capacity

Questions?

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