

Preliminary Environmental Epidemiology Surveillance Summary
MARCH 2014
Surveillance Activity Report

This website reports preliminary environmental epidemiology surveillance activity for the State of Utah. These numbers are subject to change upon completion of ongoing investigations or due to late reporting. Events may be confirmed, dismissed, or classified differently when the investigations are completed. Events reported late and events with changed status are reflected in the year-to-date column but not in the month column. Previously posted reports are not updated for events reported late or events that have changed status. The Year-to-date is from January to current month. The year-to-date column may be different than the sum of the reported monthly figures. The year-to-date column is accurate at the time the report is posted.

Blood Lead Testing

	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Number of blood tests for children 0-5 years age	262	813
Number of elevated blood tests for children 0-5 years of age	0	2
Number of blood tests for children 6-15 years of age	7	30
Number of elevated blood tests (≥ 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) for children 6-15 years of age	0	0
Number of blood tests for persons 16 years old and older	122	549
Number of elevated blood lead tests (≥ 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) for persons 16 years and older	8	28
Number of elevated blood lead tests (≥ 25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$) for persons 16 years and older	1	2

- Blood lead tests for children ages 0 – 15 years are elevated when the blood level is greater than or equal to 10 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$).
- Prior to January 2010, blood lead tests for persons ages 16 and older are elevated when the blood level is greater than or equal to 25 micrograms per deciliter. Starting January 2010, the national standard was changed to 10 micrograms per deciliter.

Utah Toxic Substances Incidents Program.

	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Number of toxic substance events occurring statewide	22	66
Number of events pending investigations	0	0
Number of events with completed investigations	22	66
Number of investigated events with injuries	1	3
Number of investigated events resulting in evacuations	1	1
Number of events occurring at a fixed location	18	44
Number of events occurring during transportation	4	22

Typically, these are events that involved spills or other accidental releases of toxic chemicals to the environment. Surveillance for these events were formally conducted under that National Toxic Substances Incidents Program (NTSIP). NTSIP lost funding for state participation in 2012, and ended in 2013.