



OKLAHOMA DRINKING WATER

# LEAD TESTING

IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE FACILITIES

PROGRAM REPORT AS OF 9/30/2024


DEQ's Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities Drinking Water (LWSC) Program is a voluntary program aimed at reducing lead exposure from drinking water within schools and childcare facilities in Oklahoma. This report is updated quarterly with new program totals.



**144** Total Participants

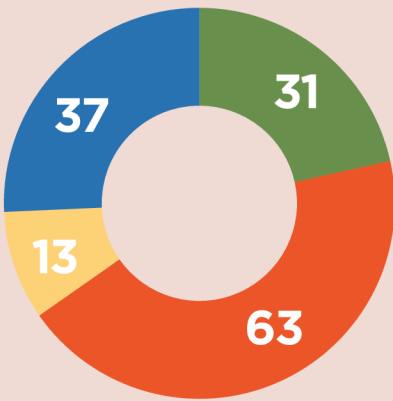


**67** Public Schools

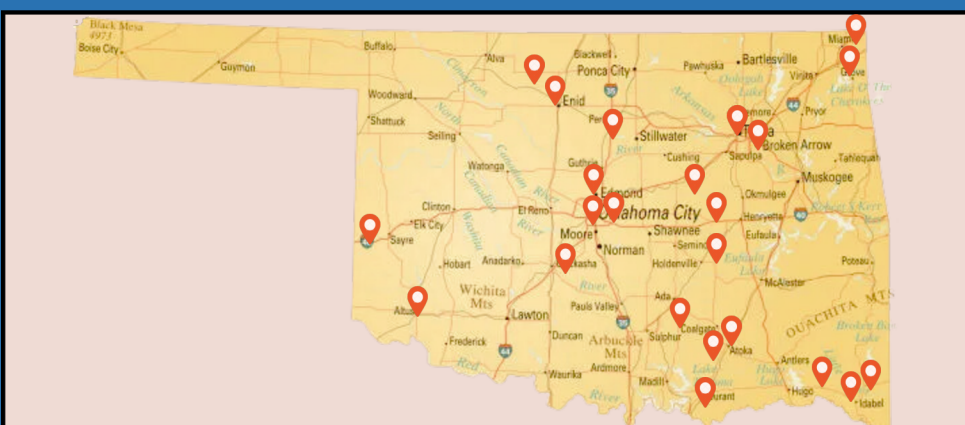


**79** Daycares/HeadStarts

### Participant Summary



- Program Completed: 31
- Remediation Phase: 63
- Inventory Completed: 13
- Application Approved: 37



### Where Do We Test?

DEQ will partner with any public school and public or private childcare facility throughout the state that requests free lead testing assistance.

### News/ Overview

DEQ's Lead Testing in Schools program has partnered with a third-party contractor to assist with the sampling workload of our waitlisted facilities. Since beginning the contract, our number of waitlisted facilities has decreased by 52%- from 78 facilities last quarter, to only 37 facilities. We hope to continue working with this contractor to decrease waitlist times and increase the capacity of our program.

### DEQ Web

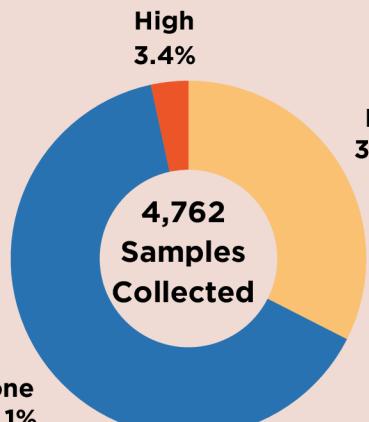
Visit our website for all detailed results by facility and more program information



### Results to Date

Results are organized into three categories:

- None <1 ppb** = no significant lead level found, no recommended action.
- Low 1-15 ppb** = Lead was detected, recommend remediation and/or removal.
- High >15 ppb** = high levels of lead, immediate actions taken, followed by remediation and/or removal.



4,762 Samples Collected

\*Find all results by school on DEQ's website.

### Facility Remediation Efforts


- 115** Faucets/Fixtures Replaced
- 107** Outlets Included in Flushing Protocols
- 24** Water Coolers Replaced
- 15** Outlets Removed from Service
- 7** Filters Installed at Faucets
- 1** Location Conducted Plumbing Repairs

### Funding Assistance

**8** Schools have requested and received remediation funding to address lead detections.

**\$42,154**

Has been awarded to schools for the purpose of reducing lead exposure



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