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# Lead-Free Families – Lead Poisoning Education & Program Overview

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# Where does lead come from?



Lead contaminated soil



Lead-Glazed  
Pottery



Chipping & Peeling Paint



Lead Dust from Paint

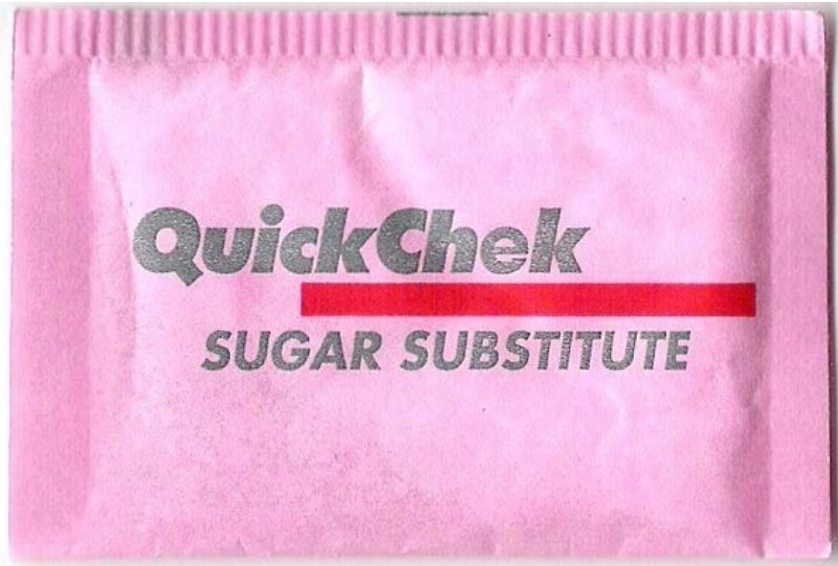


Lead Water Pipes

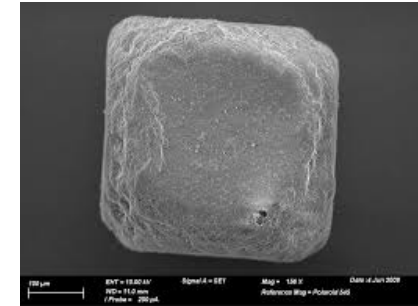


Imported Spices,  
Home Remedies,  
Cosmetics

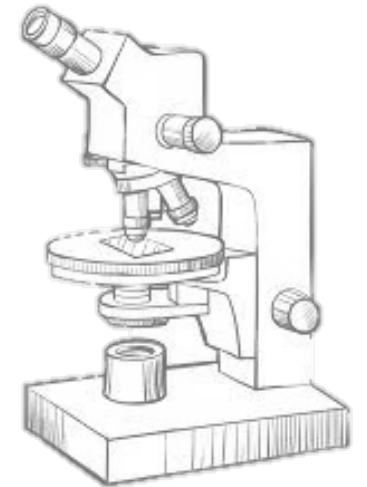
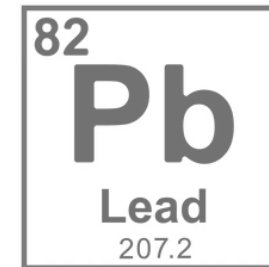
# It doesn't take much lead to poison a child



One packet of sugar substitute is 1 gram or 1 million microgram, if this packet of sugar was 100% lead, it could poison 20,000 children

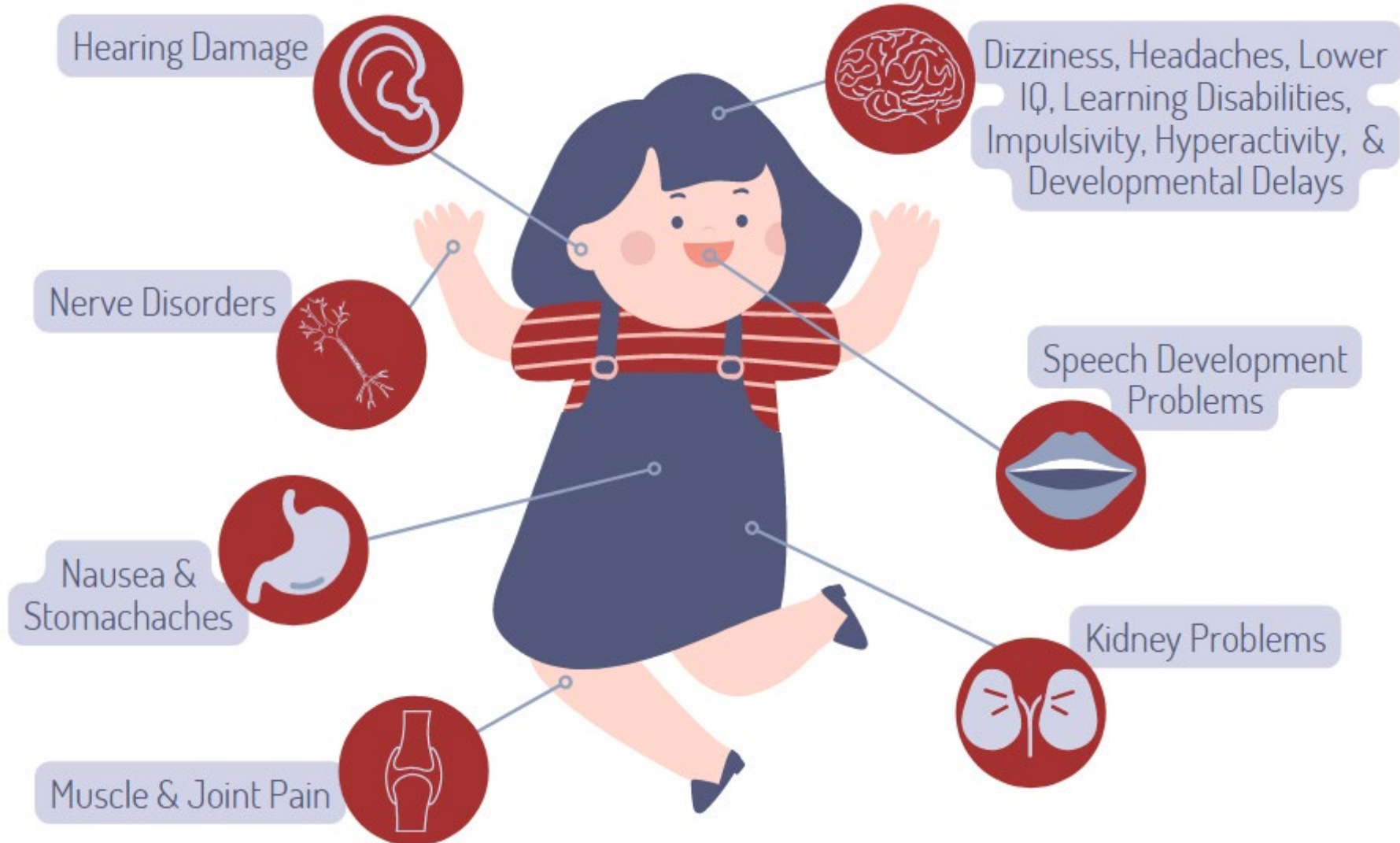


About 35 micrograms of lead is needed to elevate a child's Blood Lead Level to 3.5mcg/dl



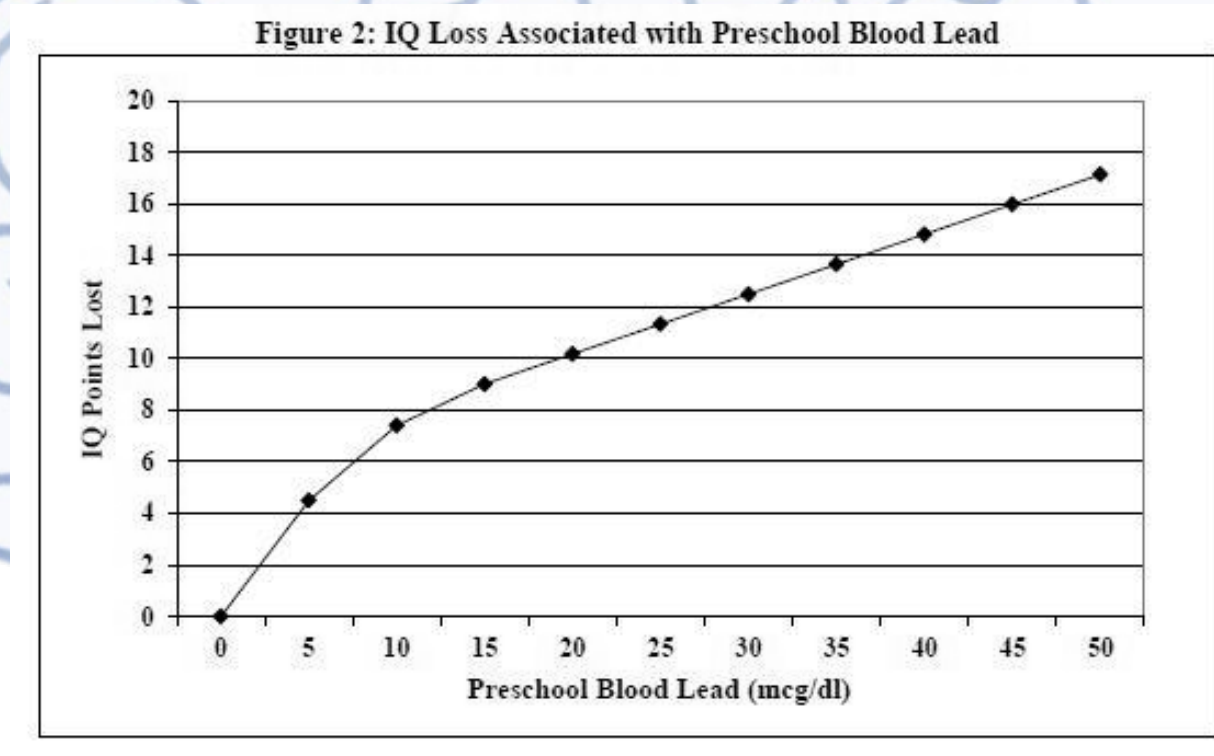


# How Can Lead Affect a Child's Health?



# Brain Development, Intelligence & Lead Poisoning

**Lead poisoning is directly linked to IQ loss**



There is about a 1:1 correlation of IQ loss for every 1mcg/dl increase

# Can Lead Affect a Child in Other Ways?



**Lower Academic Achievement**



**Lower Earning Potential**



**Higher Risk of  
Criminal Behavior**

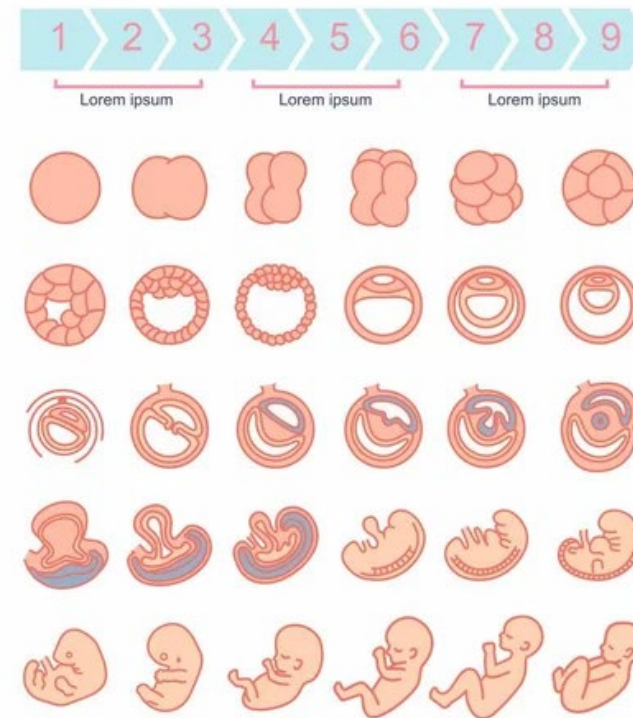


# Who else can be harmed by lead?

Lead can build-up in the body over time, where it's stored in the bones. During pregnancy, lead is released from the mother's bones and can pass from the mother, exposing the developing fetus or a breastfeeding infant to lead.

## Resulting in:

- Premature birth and/or low birth weight
- Damage to the brain, kidneys and/or nervous system
- Higher risk of developmental, learning and behavioral problems
- Increased risk of miscarriage



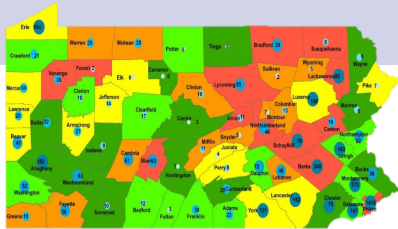
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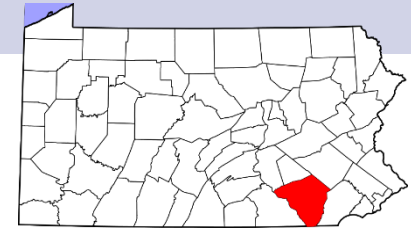


# Lead Poisoning by the Numbers

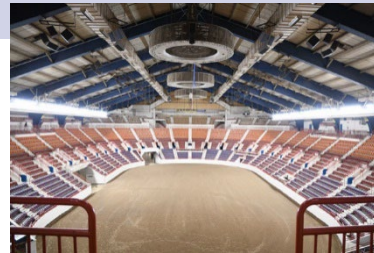
Lancaster Co. ranks 4<sup>th</sup> worst in entire state of Pennsylvania for the number of childhood lead poisoning cases per year.



About 3.46% of Pennsylvania children are lead poisoned per year, but in Lancaster Co. that skyrockets to 13.4% of children.



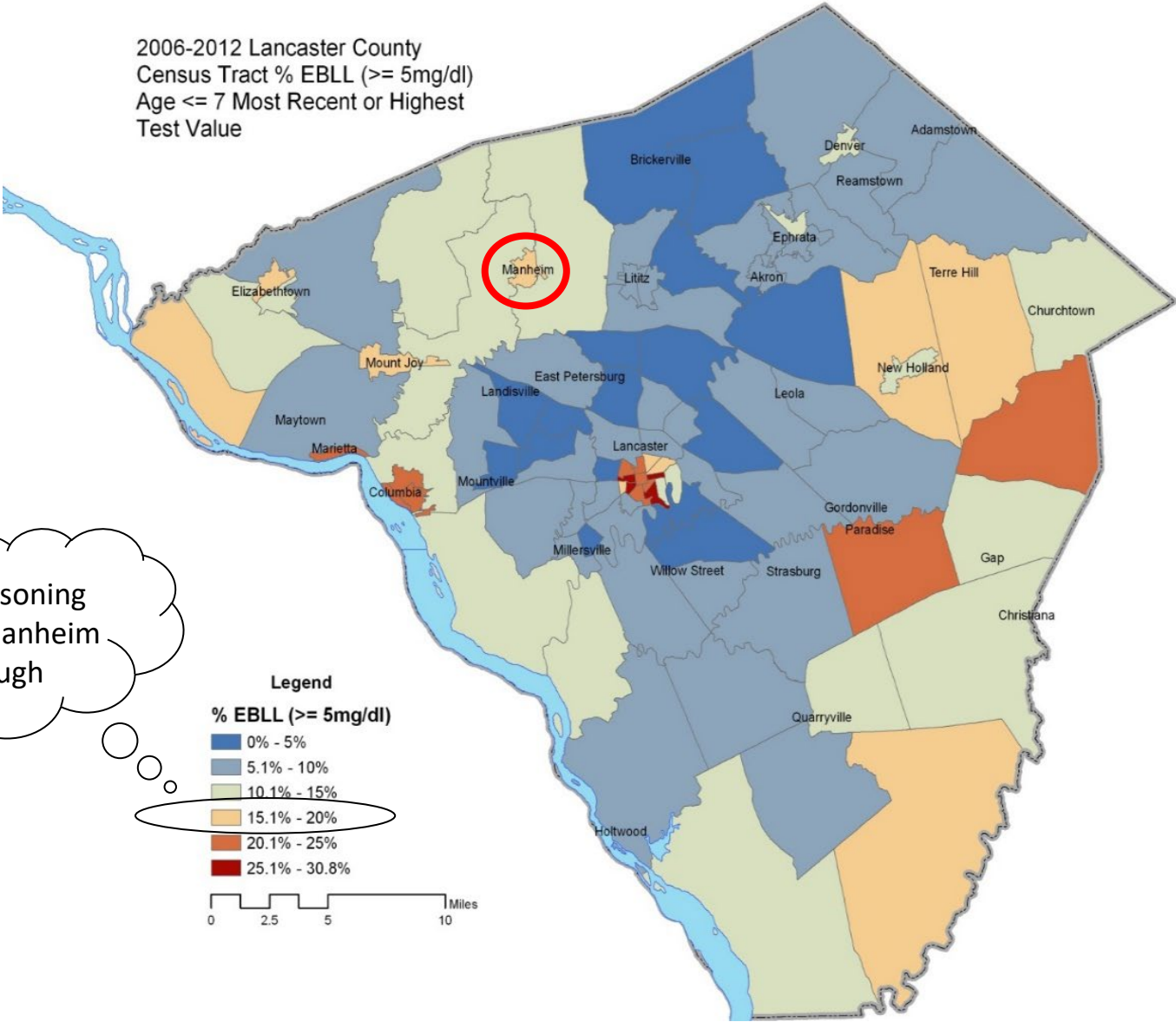
Nearly 8,000 children in Pennsylvania are lead poisoned every single year. That's enough children to fill the PA Farm Show Complex to Maximum Capacity.





# Lead Poisoning Rate in Manheim Borough & Beyond

2006-2012 Lancaster County  
Census Tract % EBL ( $\geq 5\text{mg/dl}$ )  
Age  $\leq 7$  Most Recent or Highest  
Test Value

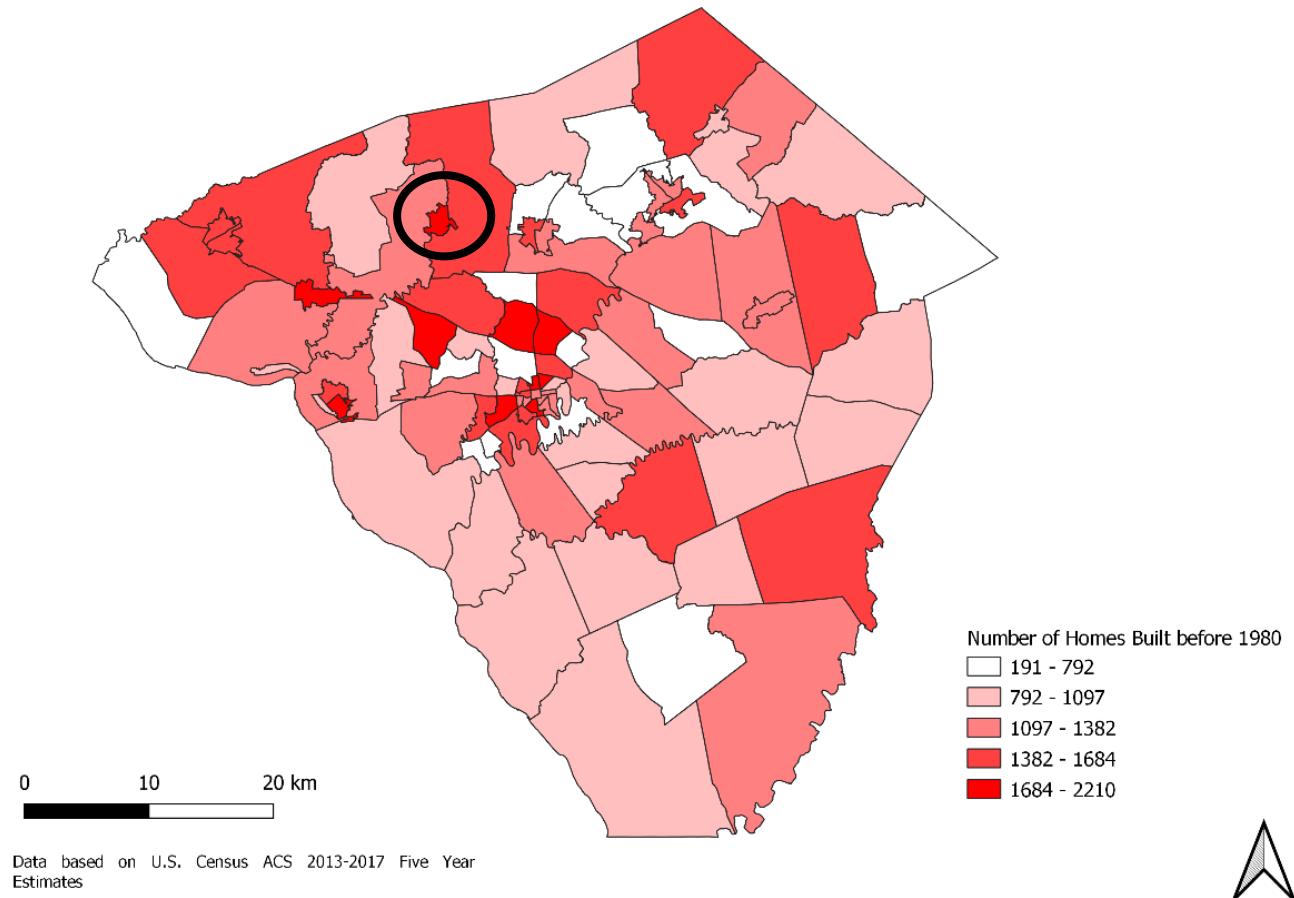


Lead Poisoning  
Rate in Manheim  
Borough

# Housing & Families at Risk in Manheim Borough

Lancaster County Housing Units Built Before 1980 by Census Tract

- **89.2% of housing** in Manheim Borough was **built before 1978**, the year lead-based paint was banned in residential properties
  - Approximately **1,700 homes** in Manheim Borough are at risk of having **lead-based paint hazards**
- Almost **34% of households** in Manheim Borough have **children**
  - **60%** of those households have at least one **child under the age of 6**



# Lead-Free Families Initiative:

## 5 Key Components



Education &  
Awareness



Screening



Remediation

In partnership with  
Green and Healthy Homes Initiative



Case  
Management



Policy  
Advocacy



# Program Eligibility

- ☐ Property located in Lancaster County
- ☐ Property built prior to 1978
- ☐ A child 6 or younger who lives or spends a significant amount of time at the property, or a pregnant woman lives at the property
- ☐ Tenant or homeowner has household income at or less than 400% FPL



# How does this program benefit landlords?

- ❑ Lead-Free Families offers our lead remediation services to all Lancaster Co. landlords with qualifying units/tenants at **90% discount**
  - Cost Breakdown Example: Total Cost of Project- \$14,000  
Landlord pays **10%** of cost- \$1,400
- ❑ An **average 30% increase in property value** after a completed lead remediation
- ❑ Your rental property may receive **new building components** such as windows and doors, creating a **more energy-efficient unit**
- ❑ Bring qualifying units into **compliance with Manheim Borough's new lead ordinance** and **receive a Lead-Safe Certificate** for all enrolled compliant units



# Questions?

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