

NOTES TO TABLE 1B

Numbers and rates of children screened for lead poisoning before their second birthday, by borough and year: New York City, children born in 1995-1997.

Notes to Data Users

- Footnotes are not included in the Appendix tables. We have included all notes for these tables here. If you photocopy the tables for distribution, please copy these pages as well.
- Please see the Appendix, Technical Notes for additional discussion regarding definitions and data limitations.

Data sources

Vital records from NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) Bureau of Biometrics and lead poisoning test records from NYC Department of Health LPPP

Data issues and limitations

The New York State data excluding NYC (row 1 in the table), were reported in *Protecting Our Children from Lead: The success of New York's Efforts to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning* prepared by the NYSDOH, July 2001. The data in this table provide a comparison of New York City's counties using the same indicator (screened by age 2) used by the NYSDOH.

NYC screening rates for Table 1b are lower than the rates for Table 1a because Table 1a includes children tested for the first time during ages 24 months to less than 36 months.

In this table, screening rates are expressed as the number of children screened for lead poisoning who had a birth date in 1997 and who resided in NYC at the time they were screened per 100 children born in 1997 whose reported residence was NYC. These rates do not take into account in- out-migration. In other words, the numerator includes some children (born in 1997) who resided outside of NYC at the time of birth who then relocated to NYC and were screened for lead poisoning. The denominator includes some children (born in 1997) who resided in NYC at the time of birth who then relocated outside of NYC and were never screened for lead poisoning in NYC.

Data definitions

Screened

Number of children screened for lead poisoning in a given year (screened includes venous, capillary, and unknown test types).

Births

The number of children born in New York State to mothers who reported NYC as their residence.

Percent screened by age 2

Number of children screened by their second birthday, per 100 children born.

