

**Table 1 Mean blood lead levels in the study population according to age, sex and residence**

Variable	Total	Blood lead concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ )		<i>P</i> -value <sup>a</sup>
	No.	Mean (SD)	Range	
<b><i>Age of children (years)</i></b>				<b>&lt; 0.001<sup>b</sup></b>
< 1	22	3.3 (0.7)	1.6–4.4	
< 5	46	4.3 (0.5)	1.8–5.0	
5–9	66	5.5 (1.4)	2.1–7.8	
10–16	73	6.2 (2.4)	2.5–10.1	
All	207	5.3 (1.9)	1.6–10.1	
<b><i>Age of adults (years)</i></b>				<b>&lt; 0.001</b>
17–9	349	7.7 (2.9)	3.3–13.0	
30–39	168	9.2 (3.2)	3.8–14.9	
40+	96	11.1 (2.9)	5.8–17.0	
All	613	8.6 (3.3)	3.3–17.0	
<b><i>Sex</i></b>				<b>&lt; 0.001</b>
Male	541	8.6 (3.5)	2.7–17.0	
Female	279	4.7 (1.4)	1.6–9.4	
<b><i>Residence area</i></b>				<b>&lt; 0.001</b>
Urban	420	6.9 (3.0)	1.6–15.0	
Suburban	300	9.1 (3.2)	4.0–17.0	
Rural	100	4.2 (1.2)	2.1–7.6	
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>820</b>	<b>7.3 (2.8)</b>	<b>1.6–17.0</b>	

<sup>a</sup>Analysis of variance; <sup>b</sup>Age group < 1 year versus 10–16 years.

SD = standard deviation.