

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

Variable	Total No.	Blood lead concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$)		<i>P</i> -value ^a
		Mean (SD)	Range	
<i>Age of children (years)</i>				< 0.001 ^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	
<i>Age of adults (years)</i>				< 0.001
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	
<i>Sex</i>				< 0.001
Male	541	8.6 (3.5)	2.7–17.0	
Female	279	4.7 (1.4)	1.6–9.4	
<i>Residence area</i>				< 0.001
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	
<i>Total</i>	820	7.3 (2.8)	1.6–17.0	

^aAnalysis of variance; ^bAge group < 1 year versus 10–16 years.
SD = standard deviation.