

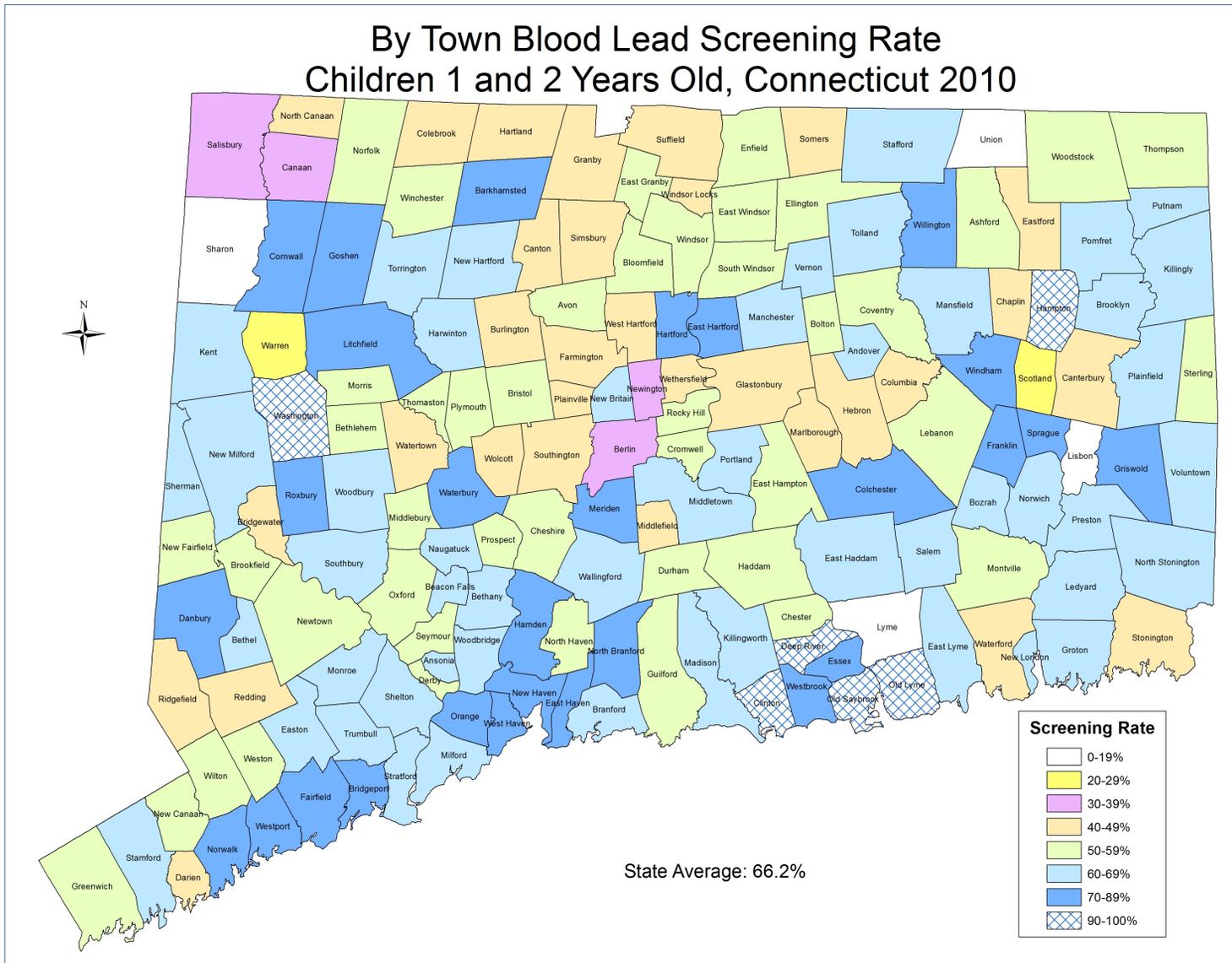
Blood Lead Screening and Lead Poisoning Among Young Children Connecticut, 2010



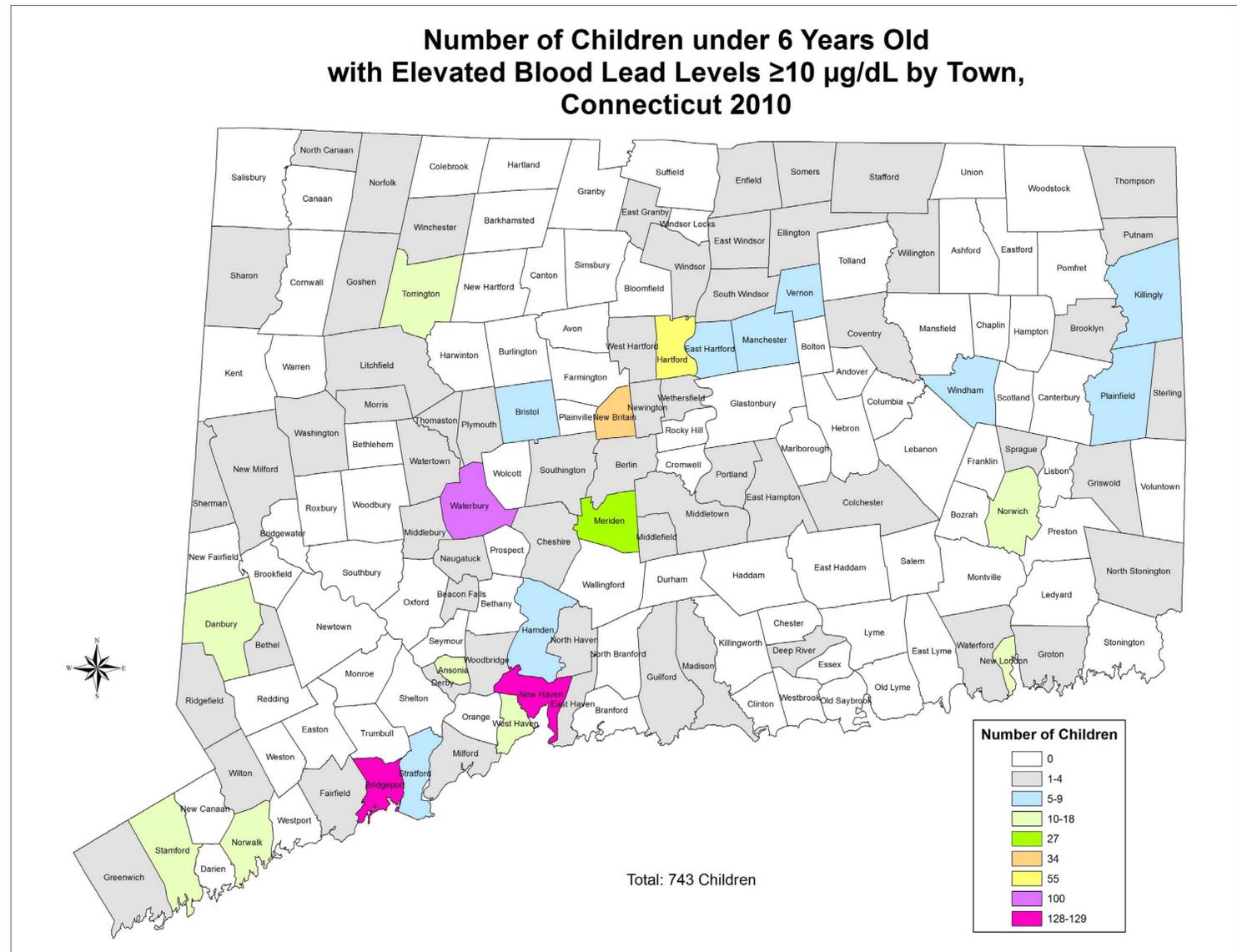
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By Town Blood Lead Screening Rate
Children 1 and 2 Years Old, Connecticut 2010



Number of Children under 6 Years Old
with Elevated Blood Lead Levels $\geq 10 \mu\text{g/dL}$ by Town,
Connecticut 2010



Connecticut mandates that every child have a blood lead screening performed at age 12 months and again at age 24 months, effective January 1, 2009. Any child between 25-72 months of age who has not previously been screened shall also have a blood lead screen performed immediately, regardless of risk.

In CY 2010, 52,744 (66.2%) children 1 or 2 years old and 82,194 children under 6 years of age were tested for lead poisoning. A plan has been developed to increase blood lead screening in towns with low screening rates.

A major goal of the DPH Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control program (LPPCP) is to reduce elevated blood lead levels ($\geq 10 \mu\text{g/dL}$) in children less than 6 years of age in Connecticut to less than 1% by the year 2010. The program met the <1% goal, with 743 children (0.9%) equal to or exceeding $10 \mu\text{g/dL}$. LPPCP continues to identify hot spot towns and collaborate with local health departments toward elimination of lead poisoning in Connecticut.