



The SipSafe program, conducted by the Mississippi State University Extension Service and funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is working to reduce lead exposure in children ages birth to 5 years by screening water in qualifying schools and childcare facilities.

FORREST COUNTY



90

children served

^There are ~4,223 children enrolled in Forrest County.

20



samples taken

10%



of results over 10ppb*

Two samples tested over 10ppb.

2



facilities sampled

^There are 65 facilities located in Forrest County.

This data was collected between 2021 and 2025.

*10ppb is the proposed EPA action level for lead in drinking water.

^Based on a July 2025 report of licensed childcare facilities in Mississippi from MSDH.

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