

## California Industries with the Highest Number of Reported Cases of Lead Poisoning

Workers reported with blood lead levels (BLLs) 25 µg/dL or greater, California, 2003 – 2005

SIC Code*	Description & Specific Lead-using Activities	Number of Workers	Number of Employers
3691	Storage batteries - manufacturing lead storage batteries	269	10
1721	Painting - disturbing lead-based paint on older homes or structures	78	16
3341	Secondary smelting, nonferrous metals - primarily recycling lead batteries	69	3
1629	Heavy construction – cutting and welding lead-painted structural steel	66	2
7999	Firing ranges - work on indoor ranges where lead-containing ammunition is used	44	18
7539	Automotive repair shops - radiator repair using lead solder	39	30
1799	Special trade contractors - lead abatement contractors	27	18
3366	Copper foundries - making products from lead-containing brass and bronze	25	8
3444	Sheet metal work - lead soldering and manufacture of lead-containing flashing	24	5
5093	Scrap and waste materials - cutting lead-coated waste metal	22	7
<b>Totals</b>		663**	117

**For more information, visit these web pages:**

[Reports for Blood Lead Levels drawn in California, 2003-2005](#) - number of blood lead level tests, number of individuals tested, and distribution of test results by blood lead level

[California Occupational Blood Lead Registry](#)

Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program  
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\*Standard Industrial Classification Code

\*\*This is likely a gross underestimate of the actual number of workers overexposed to lead on the job in California. OLPPP's research indicates that a large percentage of employers with lead-exposed workers do not provide blood lead level testing. More complete testing would likely identify many more workers who are overexposed to lead. In addition, many reports received by OLPPP do not contain employer information, and cannot be assigned an industrial code. Due to these reporting issues, lead-exposed workers with BLLs under 25 µg/dL do not appear in the table.