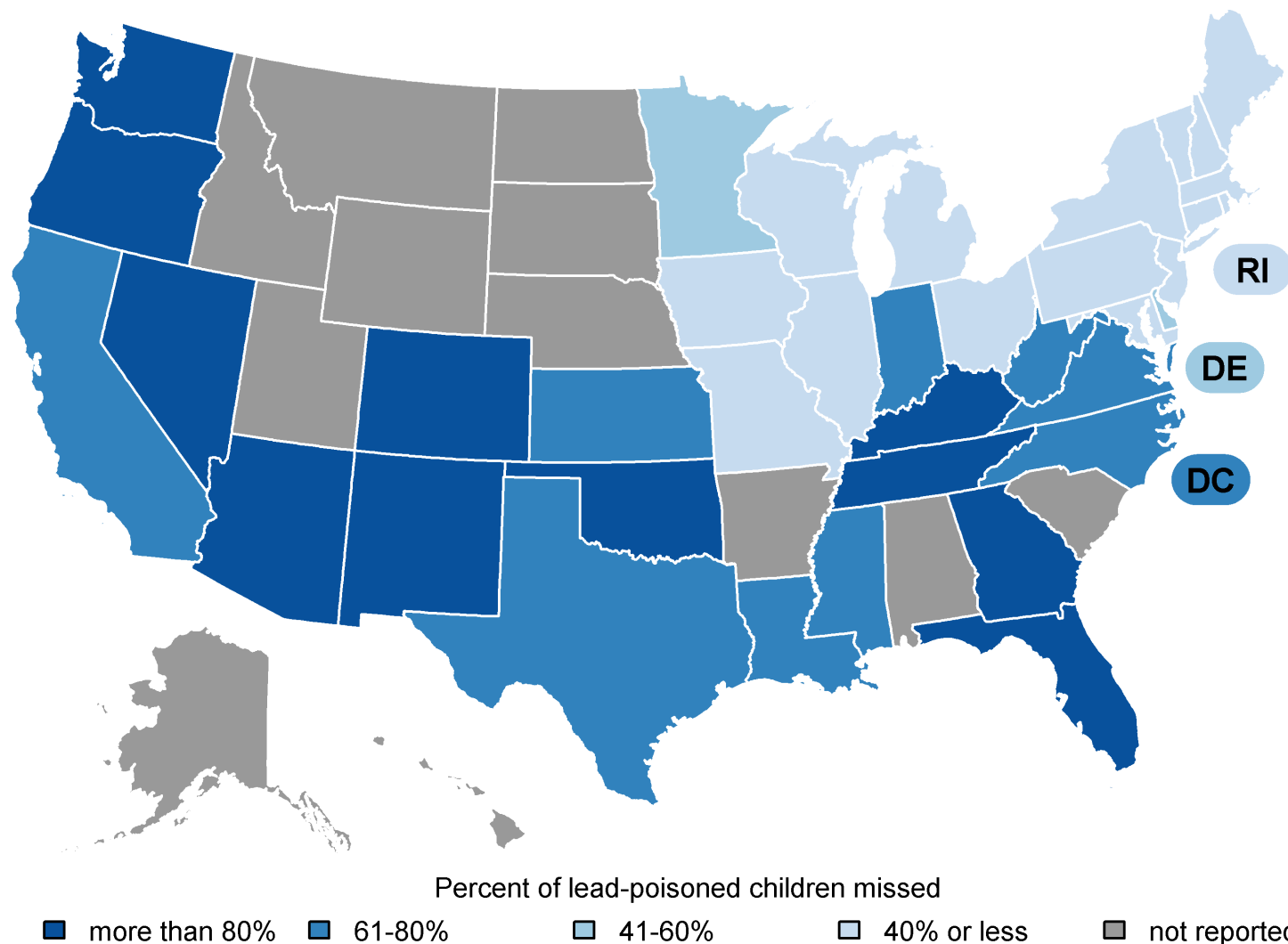


A Hidden Problem

Lead-Poisoned Children in the United States

Percent of lead-poisoned children missed in the U.S., by state



Current estimates of lead exposure in children are based on data from blood tests conducted by medical care providers. However, not all children are tested, and we don't know how many untested children have lead in their bodies.

Using advanced statistical methods, we estimated the number of lead-poisoned children in each state and compared this to the number of children that were diagnosed with lead poisoning and then reported to the CDC by each state. For this analysis, we looked at children aged 1-5 years with blood lead levels of 10 ug/dL or higher from 1999-2010.