The MCL for copper is **1300 ppb**.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that the federal government allows in drinking water supplied by public utilities.* An MCL takes into consideration the best available treatment technology and associated costs along with health risk.

**Parts per billion (ppb):** Unit of measurement. Equal to µg/L (micrograms per liter).

Map shows percentages across geographic locations. For number of wells tested in each county, refer to county table.

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Percent of Samples Above MCL in NC Private Well Water, 1998-2019

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