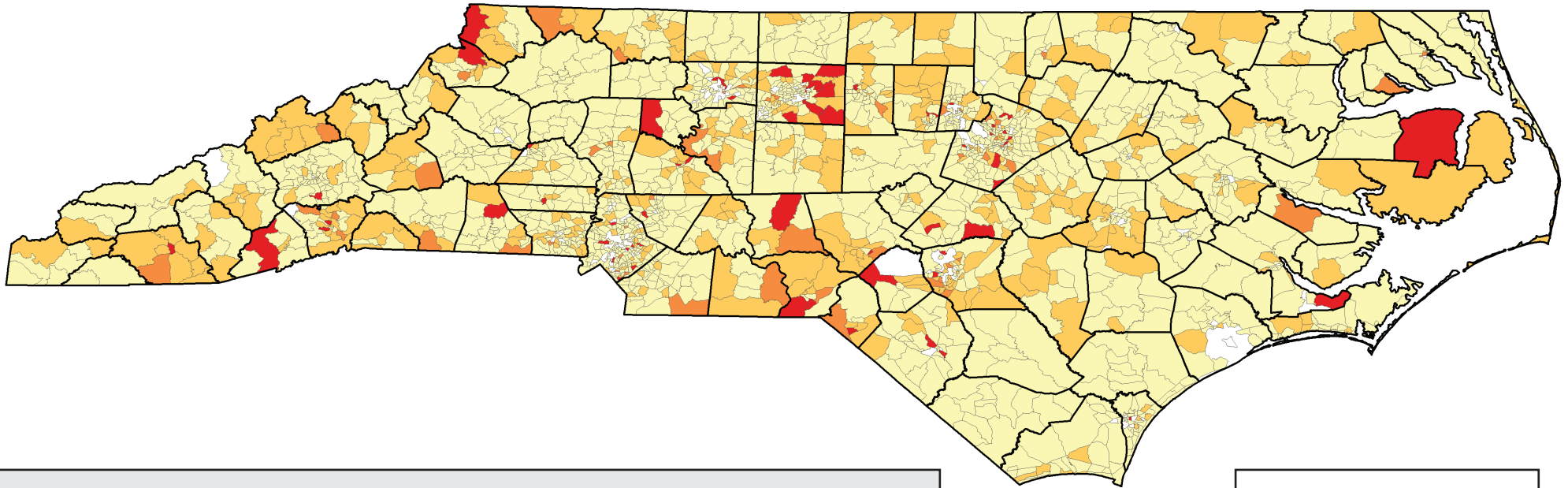


# LEAD

## Average concentration (ppb) detected in NC private well water, 1998-2019



The MCL for lead is **15 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  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (micrograms per liter).

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

*\*Well water quality is not regulated in North Carolina.*

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