

Today's report: Childhood lead poisoning drops

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Childhood lead poisoning cases [dropped 17 percent](#) in 2011, achieving new historic low in New York City, according to this Health Department report. The number of lead poisoning cases in young children has declined 56% since 2005.

"While fewer children are suffering from lead poisoning in New York City, too many of our children are still vulnerable to this serious, but preventable, health problem," said Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley. "It is critically important that landlords follow the law and promptly repair peeling lead paint in homes with young children."

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