



Lead Safe
Auditor

**Report to the Lead Safe Advisory Board
City of Cleveland**

Period: January 1 – March 31, 2024

June 2024



Data through March 31, 2024

- Cumulative First-Time Applications

- Submitted: 7,948 applications (31,000 units)
- Approved: 7,017 applications (27,259 units)
- Denied: 557 applications (1,693 units)
- Exempt: 235 applications (5,111 units)
- Pending: 128 applications (203 units)



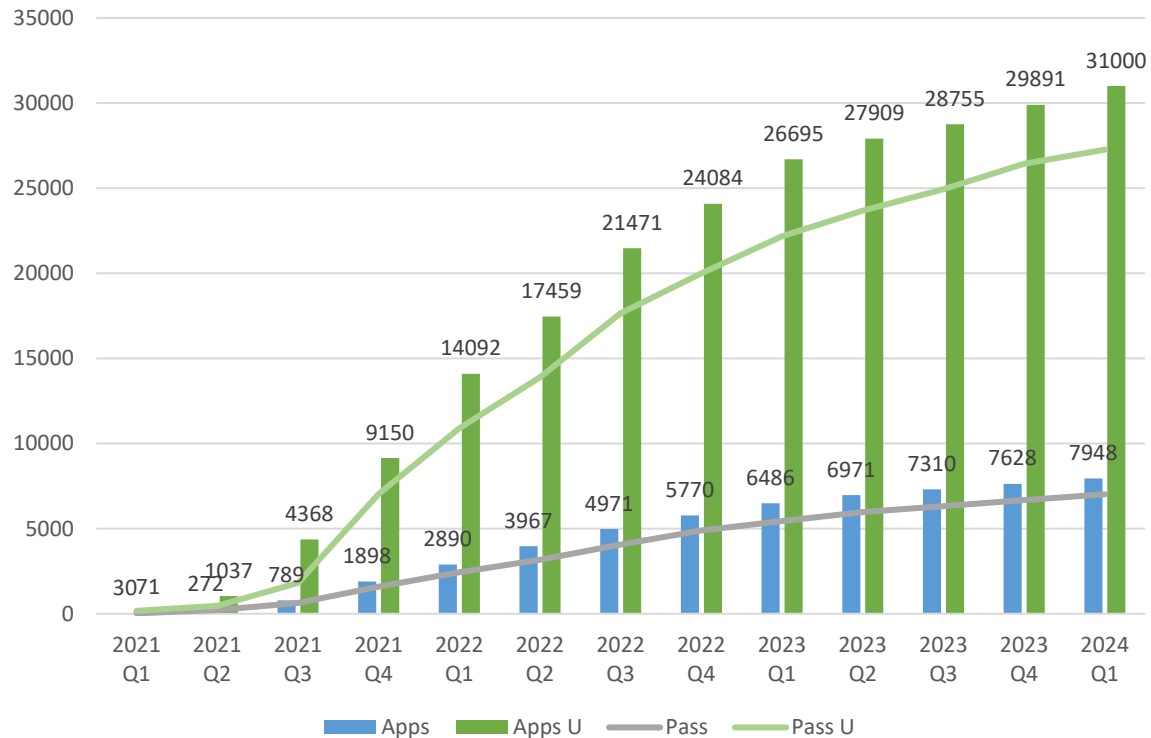
Approx 14% of properties and 32% of rental units (full universe in City)

- Renewal Applications

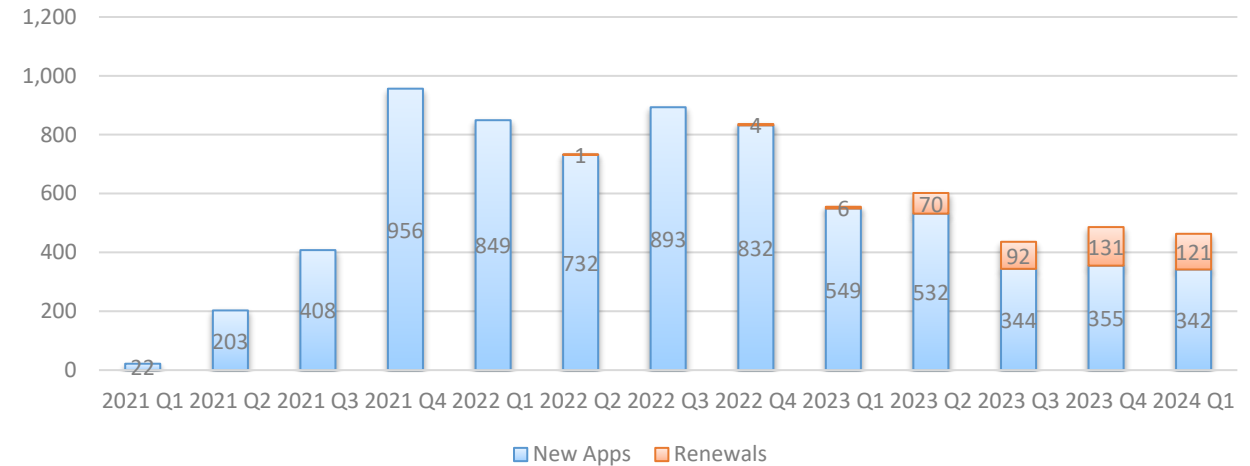
- 2,463 properties initially certified in first 5 quarters of rollout (Jan 21-Mar 22) have reached two-year renewal point
- As of 03/31/2024: 455 of these (18.5%) had renewed and 2,008 had expired

Lead Safe Applications Count by Quarter

Cumulative Lead Safe Applications



Lead Safe Applications/Renewals by Quarter



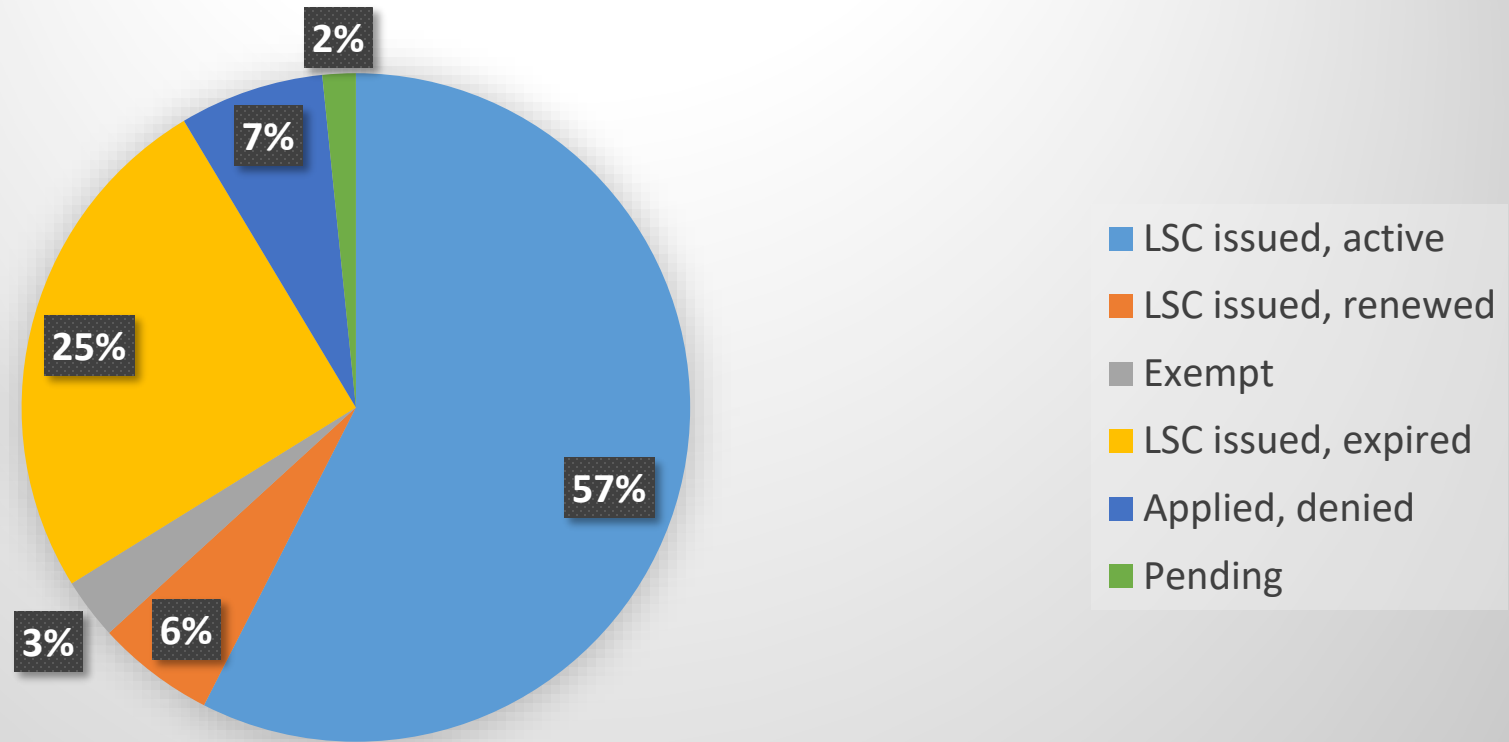
- 88% of first-time applications have been approved
- 342 first-time applications in quarter and 121 renewal applications received
- Third quarter of approx 350 new LS applications

Quarterly Metrics (through 03/31/24)

Lead Safe Certification	Property Count	Units Involved
Initial Certifications submitted	7,948	31,000
Initial Certifications approved	7,017	27,259
Initial Certifications denied	557	1,693
Renewal Certifications approved	455	1,516
Initial Certifications expired	2,008	8,749
Properties receiving 20-year LSC	182	4,418

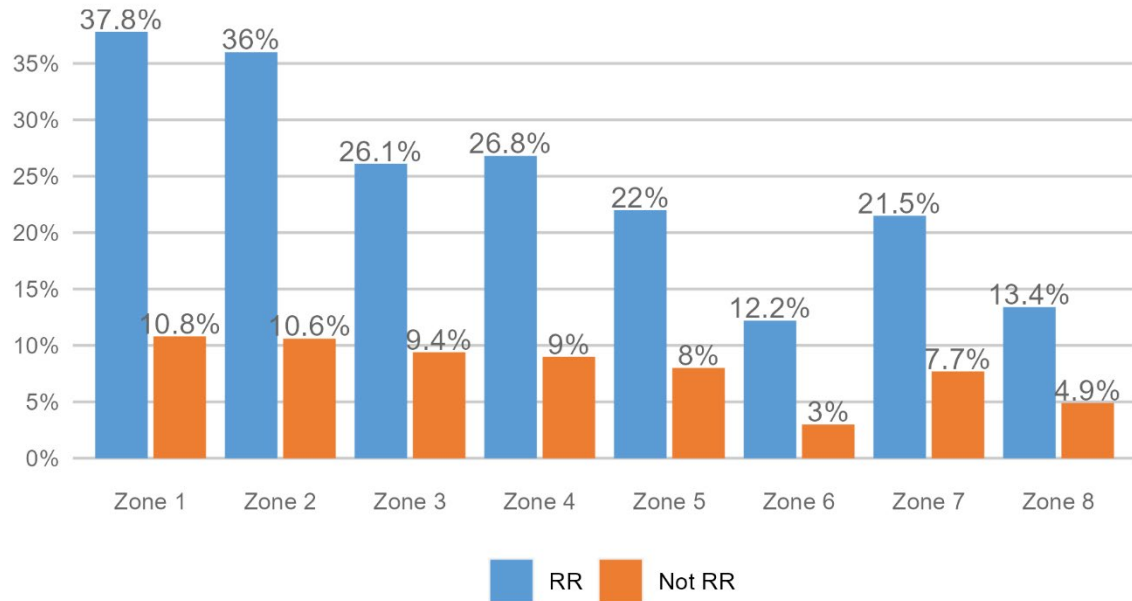
LS Application Status as of March 31, 2024 (n=7,964)

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Compliance by Rental Status and Property Size

Lead Safe Certifications by March 31, 2024



*Includes certifications that are currently expired or pending renewal

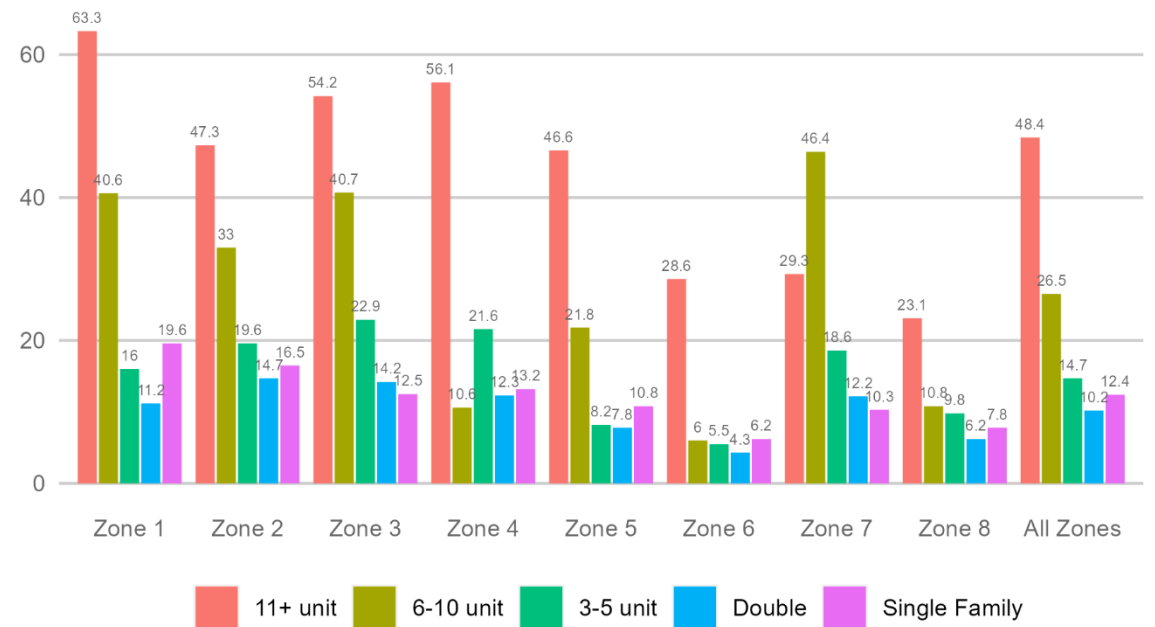


Previously registered rentals 3x more likely to receive first-time certification compared to unregistered

Larger properties (≥ 6 units) are 2-4x more likely to have received first-time certification



Compliance Rates by Unit Size



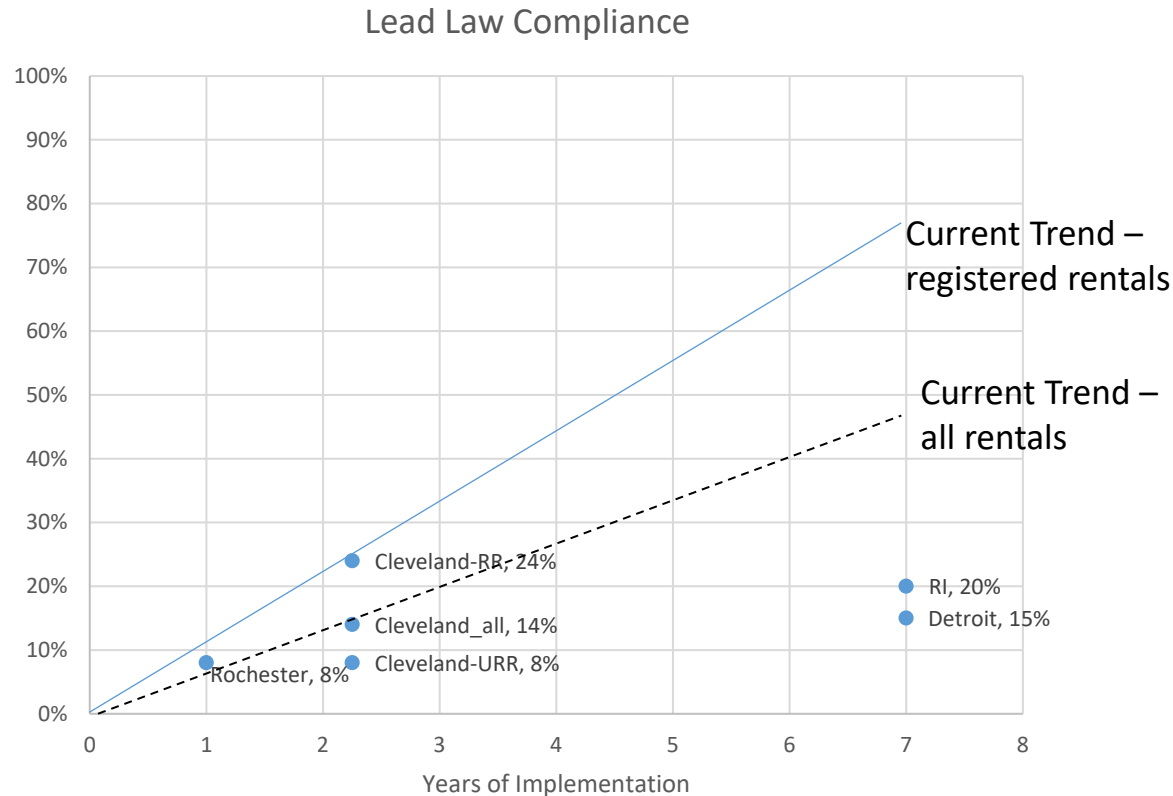
Renewers vs Nonrenewers

- Comparing 455 renewing properties to 2,008 nonrenewing – 18.5% renewal rate
- Rollout Zone: Renewal rates are all 15-20% (except Zone 7 – 28%)
- Rental Registry: Properties previously on RR have renewed at a lower rate (17.5%) compared to properties not previously on RR (19.6%)

Neighborhood:

- Highest renewal rates – Broadway/Slavic Village (44%), Glenville (41%), Tremont (34%), Edgewater (25%), Collinwood (24%)
- Lowest renewal rates – University (5%), Union Miles (8%), Buckeye-Shaker (10%), Mount Pleasant (10%), Hough (11%)
- Next step: Owner type, property size, property quality

Compliance Trend



Current level of initial compliance exceeds levels seen in peer cities

To reach a 7-year goal of compliance (by end of 2028), the volume of first-time LSC applications need to reach approximately 3,200 per quarter

Without higher compliance on two-year renewals (18.5%), achieving overall success in rental landscape is at risk

Primary Conclusions

New Lead safe applications holding at approx. 350/quarter over last three quarters, well below the high-water mark of 800-900/qtr in late 2021 to mid 2022

Application approval rates remain high (88%) and over 4,000 units in 20-year certificate properties, but denied applications (n=557) involve nearly 1,700 units of housing

With 1/3 of all certificated properties having hit their renewal date, the renewal rate stands at 18%, suggesting owner ambivalence to continued compliance; continued nonrenewal jeopardizes lead safety goals

Compliance trend among registered rentals well ahead of peer cities (24%), but below level required to reach full compliance by 2018; compliance among likely rentals approx. 8%

Accounting for nonrenewals, the current compliance rate stands at 10% of all rental properties (vs 14% having ever complied)

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Portal –
January to
March 2024

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