2020 Community Report

Highlights from the Stanislaus County Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan
Vision
A thriving community where all people have the opportunity to be safe and healthy

Message from the Director
We are so excited to present the 2020 Community Report which reflects our commitment to creating a thriving community where all people have the opportunity to be safe and healthy. This report is meant to serve as a resource for our partners, stakeholders and the community by providing a snapshot of the current state of health in Stanislaus County and a brief overview of how we plan to improve the health of our community. In this report you will find an overview of our four focus areas, our desired results, the headline indicators we will be tracking and the overarching strategies we will use for addressing the four focus areas. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our partners, the numerous stakeholders, and the community for the time you gave, the ideas you shared and the commitment you demonstrated. We hope this document will be useful and that it will serve as an essential resource as we begin to collectively work on achieving the results we identified and on making our vision real.
-Lori Williams, MSW
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In 2016 there were 707 people living with HIV in Stanislaus County, a 27% increase in 5 years.²

In 2019, California ranked Stanislaus County with the 3rd worst heart disease mortality in the state.³

53% of children have Medi-Cal health insurance.⁴

In 3 years, the ratio of primary care doctors to population decreased 21%.⁵

### Top 5 Causes of Death ⁶

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³California Department of Public Health, 2019 County Health Status Profiles
⁴U.S. Census Bureau (2018), 2017 American Community Survey (1 year estimate)
⁵Stanislaus County Health Services Agency analysis of data from Stanislaus Medical Society 2015-2018
⁶Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database
In 2019 the Modesto metro area had the 4th highest car theft rate in the country. 

Falls are the leading cause of injury death among seniors age 60 and over.

Motor Vehicle Crashes killed 92 people in Stanislaus in 2018. The Stanislaus motor vehicle mortality rate is 1.6 times the California rate.

African Americans die from gunshot wounds almost 7 times as often as White/Other/Unknown.

Stanislaus Violent Crime rose 5.5%, while Property Crime fell 35% in 10 years. Violent Crime includes aggravated assault, robbery, rape and homicide. Property Crime includes theft, car theft and burglary.

Safety Highlights

California Department of Justice 2008-2017
National Insurance Crime Bureau 2020
CDPH Vital Statistics Death Statistical Master Files, Epicenter 2018
CDPH Vital Statistics Death Statistical Master Files, Epicenter 2012-2016
22% of adults over 25 never completed high school.\textsuperscript{12}

The annual salary for a university graduate is almost \textbf{double} that of a high school graduate.\textsuperscript{14}

3 out of 5 3rd graders did not meet the standard in the State English/Language Arts Exam.\textsuperscript{13}

18% of school age kids live in \textbf{poverty}.\textsuperscript{14}

14% of all Stanislaus residents live in poverty.

\textsuperscript{12}\textsuperscript{10}\textsuperscript{13}\textsuperscript{14}U.S. Census Bureau (2018). 2017 American Community Survey (5 year estimate)
\textsuperscript{13}California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress; Test Results for English Language Arts/Literacy 2015-2018
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FOCUS AREA 1: CHRONIC DISEASE

Where we are...

In 2015-2017 11.9% of adults reported having diabetes.  

Adults with lower incomes are almost TWICE as likely to have diabetes compared with those with higher incomes.

The top 4 causes of death (57.7% of all deaths) from 2015-2017 were all chronic diseases.

40% of adults are obese.  

44.5% of 5th graders are overweight or obese.

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24UCLA. California Health Interview Survey 2011-2017
25Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released December, 2018
Looking forward to 2025...

Results Statement: All people will have the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

Targets

- Decrease **childhood obesity** from 44.5% to 40.0%.
- Decrease **adult obesity** from 39.8% to 35.8%.
- Decrease the percent of adults diagnosed with **diabetes** from 11.9% to 10.7%.

Overarching Strategy

To increase healthy eating and active living by promoting healthy behaviors and supporting policies and environments that empower community members to attain the highest possible level of health.
FOCUS AREA 2: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Where we are...

1,356
People experiencing homelessness identified in 2018.²⁰

34% of Rentals and 58% of Owner occupied homes have at least one housing problem.²¹

Housing problems include:
- plumbing problems
- incomplete kitchen
- more than 1 person per room
- housing costs more than 30% of income

3.7% of Rental homes are vacant.²²

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²⁰U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Point in Time Count, 2019
²¹U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy
²²U.S. Census Bureau (2018). 2017 American Community Survey (5 year estimate)
²³U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy analysis of 2011-2015 American Community Survey. Renters who spend over 30% of income on rent are considered “cost-burdened.”
Results Statement: All will have a safe and affordable place to live.

Targets

Decrease the percent of homeowners paying **30% or more of their income** on monthly housing costs from 35% to 30%.

Decrease the number of people experiencing homelessness from 1,356 to 1,220.

Decrease the percent of renters paying **30% or more of their income** on monthly housing costs from 56.2% to 51.2%.

Increase the percent of **owner-occupied homes** from 57.1% to 62.1%.

Overarching Strategy

To improve the health and lives of those experiencing or at risk of homelessness by designing systems to prevent homelessness for future populations, advocating for policies and interventions that empower persons experiencing homelessness to connect with available resources, and streamlining countywide homelessness efforts.
FOCUS AREA 3: TOBACCO AND SUBSTANCE USE

Where we are...

17% of Stanislaus adults smoke.\textsuperscript{15}

14.4% of 11th graders have smoked a cigarette.\textsuperscript{16}

37.0% of 11th graders have smoked an e-cigarette.\textsuperscript{17}

In 2017 there were more opioid prescriptions than people in Stanislaus County.\textsuperscript{18}

The Drug Overdose Death rate for African Americans is over three times the rate for Hispanics/Latinos.\textsuperscript{19}

\textsuperscript{15}UCLA. California Health Interview Survey 2011-2017
\textsuperscript{16}California Department of Education 2013-2015
\textsuperscript{17}UCLA. California Health Interview Survey 2016-2017
\textsuperscript{18}California Department of Justice, Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System
\textsuperscript{19}Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released December, 2018
Looking forward to 2025...

Results Statement: A community free from the harm of tobacco and substance use.

Targets

Decrease the percent of adults who smoke tobacco from 17.2% to 11.7%.

Decrease opioid prescription rate from 956.6 per 1,000 residents to 670 per 1,000 residents.

Decrease the percent of 11th grade students who ever smoked from 14.4% to 10.0%.

Overarching Strategy

To improve the health and lives of Stanislaus County residents by reducing tobacco-related health disparities and advancing health equity; preventing initiation of tobacco and substance use among youth and young adults, eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke, and supporting substance use intervention services.
FOCUS AREA 4: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Where we are...

96% of Stanislaus kindergartners were fully immunized 2017-2018. Compared to 95% of California kindergartners.

On average, one Stanislaus County resident was infected with HIV every week in 2017. 60% of new infections were in people age 25-44.

Babies born in Stanislaus County in 2017 were 8.8 times more likely to have congenital syphilis than babies born in the rest of the U.S.

90% increase in valley fever cases from 2012 to 2017. Valley fever is a respiratory infection caused by a fungus that lives in the soil.

Chlamydia and Gonorrhea infections have risen 40% from 2013 to 2017. 58% of the 2,537 new Chlamydia infections were in youth age 15-24.

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27 California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch, 2017-2018 Kindergarten Immunization Assessment – Executive Summary
28 California HIV Surveillance Report, California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS, Revised July 12, 2018
29 California Department of Public Health STD Control Branch, 2017 STD Data Tables
30 California Department of Public Health, Infectious Disease Branch, Epidemiologic Summary of Coccidioidomycosis in California, 2017
31 California Department of Public Health, 2017 Data Request from the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Branch, 2018
Looking forward to 2025...

Results Statement:

A community with adequate protection against communicable disease and equitable access to treatment.

Targets

Decrease new *chlamydia* infections from 460 to 414 per 100,000.

Decrease new *syphilis* infections from 21.9 to 19.7 per 100,000.

Decrease new *gonorrhea* infections from 139.6 to 125.6 per 100,000.

Decrease new *HIV* infections from 9.6 to 8.6 per 100,000.

Increase the percentage of fully *vaccinated children in kindergarten* from 96% to 98%.

Overarching Strategy

To improve the health and lives of Stanislaus County residents by mobilizing local data to identify persons with elevated risk of contracting diseases, designing targeted interventions to prevent disease transmission, and improving access to quality services.
COVID-19
ADDENDUM

In March 2020, the first case of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was diagnosed in a Stanislaus County resident. Over the course of 2020, Stanislaus County confirmed over 34,000 positive cases, and over 600 deaths as a result of COVID-19 infection.

In order to recognize ongoing efforts to reduce COVID-19 transmission and mortality within Stanislaus County, COVID-19 activities and strategies were added to the Community Health Improvement Plan.

When the Communicable Disease Focus Area Workgroup launches, these activities and strategies will be formally reviewed and adapted with community input and community-wide indicators will be identified to track progress in addressing COVID-19 in Stanislaus County.

For the full Community Health Assessment, visit http://schsa.org/CHA
For the full Community Health Improvement Plan, visit http://schsa.org/CHIP