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Preface

This document is the product of collaborative work by a number of stakeholders over the past two years. It describes the participants, process, and outcomes of the 2015 Madera County Community Health Assessment (CHA) by presenting disease distributions, health behaviors, and the complex web of social and environmental determinants that affect health. The goal of this report is to identify community assets and resources that can be activated to promote community health and to engage community members in collaborative efforts to improve the health of all local residents.

Guided by community participants and the Live Well Madera County Coalition, four priority areas have been selected to be addressed in the Community Health Improvement Plan. These four priority areas are:

- Obesity and Diabetes
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and Substance Use
- Child Abuse and Neglect

These priority areas were confirmed in the recent 2017 Madera County Health Rankings Report (45 out of 57), which indicated that the strongest predictors of health status are socioeconomic conditions. The racial differences in socioeconomic status, neighborhood residential conditions, and access to medical care are important contributors to health disparities. The four priority concerns, and the basis for their identification, are discussed at length in the body of this document. The Madera County Department of Public Health, which led the process of the CHA, will continue its efforts to improve the health of our community – through better collaboration with our community partners, policymakers, and other leaders in our community. The action plan for improving these four priority areas will be outlined in the Community Health Improvement Plan due December 2017.

We hope this inaugural report contains baseline data and findings that are useful to our community. Understanding where we are now is critical to implementing changes in our systems, policies, and environment to improve the neighborhoods where we live, work, learn, and play. Together, we can create a healthier Madera County.

In partnership for better health,

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“It is unreasonable to expect that people will change their behavior so easily when so many forces in the social, cultural, and physical environment conspire against change.”

— Institute of Medicine

Executive Summary

Community Assessment Project Overview
This Community Health Assessment (CHA) describes the health of Madera County residents. This project presents disease distribution, health behaviors, and discusses the complex web of the social and environmental factors that contribute to poor health outcomes and health inequities. The goal of this report is to identify community assets and resources that can be activated to promote health equity and to engage local stakeholders in collaborative efforts to improve the health of all Madera County residents.

The Data
In July and August 2015, over 1,720 face-to-face and more than 460 electronic surveys were completed by adult Maderans. The surveys represent respondents from the 5 county districts and more than 15 local community based organizations. Secondary data were collected for health indicators from a variety of sources, including but not limited to: the US Census Bureau, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health, National Center for Health Statistics, National Cancer Institute, California Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, online databases and the Internet.

County Demographics
In 2015, Madera County had an estimated population of 154,998, with a median age of 33 years old and a gender ratio of 51.8% female, 48.2% male. Among all county residents, 28% of them are younger than 18 years of age; 12.1% are 65 and older. Madera County features a diverse racial composition. The majority (56.7%) of residents are Hispanic/Latino. For non-Hispanic residents, 35.1% are Caucasian/White, 3.3% are African American, 1.1% are American Indian/Alaska Native, and 2.1% are Asian. Forty-four percent of Madera County residents report speaking a language other than English at home.

Housing
Substandard housing is federally defined as having at least one of the following: 1) incomplete plumbing facilities, 2) incomplete kitchen facilities, 3) more than 1.01 occupants per room, 4) selected owner costs of greater than 30% of monthly income, or 5) gross rent of greater than 30% of monthly income. In 2015, forty four percent of Madera County housing units met one or more of these conditions and about ten percent of Madera County housing units are overcrowded (CA: 8.2%).
Health Insurance Coverage
Health insurance is crucial to people’s access to health care. People with medical insurance are more likely to have access to and use health care resources and to receive adequate preventive care compared to those without insurance. Prevention and early detection of illnesses lead to better health outcomes for residents and monetary savings for the patients, businesses and the government. Most adult residents (75 – 83%) in Madera County reported having health insurance coverage from 2008 to 2014.¹ For children and youth (0 - 19 years), the percentage of coverage was 93.3% in 2014.¹ Additionally, 70% of survey respondents indicated that they had health insurance at the time of the 2015 survey.³

![Uninsured rate, Under 65 years old, 2008-2014](image1)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Prenatal Care
Prenatal care is comprehensive medical care provided for the mother and fetus that includes screening and treatment for medical conditions as well as identification and interventions for risky behaviors during pregnancy such as tobacco use, alcohol consumption, and poor eating habits. Women who receive adequate prenatal care are more likely to have full term and normal weight babies. From 2006 to 2016, the percentage of Madera County women receiving first trimester prenatal care was consistently lower than 82%. In 2016, 73% of Madera County mothers received first trimester prenatal care.⁴

![Infants whose mothers received prenatal care in the first trimester, Madera County, 2006-2016](image2)

Source: AVSS
**Teen Births**
Teenage girls face a greater risk of delivering low birth weight babies than older mothers and their babies have a higher risk of infant mortality. Teen mothers are also less likely to complete high school and go on to college than teens who delay childbirth. Due in part to an interruption in the mother’s education, babies born to teen mothers are more likely to live in poverty. Through 2012-2014, teen birth rates in Madera County (43 live births per 1,000 females aged 15-19) ranked fourth out of all 58 counties in California (aggregate 2012-2014), and was 80.2% higher than the state level (41.8 in Madera County vs. 23.2 in California per 1,000 females aged 15-19). Among all births to mothers aged 15-19 in Madera County, 17% of them have already experienced one or more live births.  

![Teen Birth Rate, Madera County, 2004-2013](image-url)  
Source: Kidsdata.org

**Asthma**
Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition characterized by breathlessness, wheezing and chest tightness and has been on the rise in the U.S. over the past 20 years. Asthma is the leading cause of activity restriction among children and is the second most common chronic childhood condition. In 2014, Madera County has a lower prevalence of lifetime asthma than California in children and adults. The statistics for active asthma prevalence indicated Madera County rates to be higher (10.3%) than California (7.6%) among the adult population age 18 to 64.
Diabetes
Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, adult blindness, amputation and a leading contributor to strokes and heart attacks. An estimated 29.1 million people, or 9.3% of the population in the United States, had diabetes in 2014. The vast majority of U.S. residents who have been diagnosed with diabetes (90 - 95%) have type II diabetes, previously called adult onset diabetes. The remaining 5 - 10% of U.S. residents have type I diabetes. People with type I diabetes must take insulin daily to survive but good self-management and care help control the disease and prevent complications. Madera County had a similar increasing trend in the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes compared to California and to the national level since 2005. The prevalence of diagnosed diabetic patients in Madera County started to decrease since 2011, and was lower than the state level (7.5 vs 9.9 per 100 population) in 2013. 
**Obesity and Nutrition**

Obesity is a growing public health concern in the United States. It is associated with diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, asthma, arthritis and poor health status. From 2001 to 2011-2012, the prevalence of overweight and obesity in adolescents, age 12-17, of Madera County decreased from 35.7% to 30.7%, closer to the state level (30.5%). Meanwhile, the prevalence of overweight and obesity in adults of Madera County increased 35.4% in that time and was significantly higher than state prevalence (34.4% vs. 24.8%).

![Prevalence of Overweight/Obesity by Age, Madera County, 2001 and 2011-2012](image)

**Youth Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Usage**

Smoking and secondary smoke have serious health consequences for people of all ages. However, tobacco use by young people is particularly problematic as earlier use is correlated with higher use later in life. Similarly, the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse indicates that teens who experiment with alcohol are “virtually certain” to continue using alcohol in the future. Youth alcohol consumption is also connected to risky sexual activity, school drop outs, overdose deaths and suicides.

![Percent of high school students who have used alcohol and tobacco in the past 30 days by grade, 2011-2013](image)
Through school year 2011 to 2013, over one-fifth of high school students reported drinking alcohol in the past 30 days. Older students reported drinking at higher percentages (31%) than younger students (20%). Smoking was less prevalent but still a concern. About 10% of high school students reported using tobacco in the past 30 days.\textsuperscript{10}

Drug use is also linked to educational failure, family and social problems. Unfortunately, drug use is cyclical as children of drug users are more likely to use substances themselves. Through school year 2011 to 2013, 29% and 44% of Madera County youth in 9th and 11th grades reported having used marijuana at some point in their lives. Inhalants had been used by 12 - 16% of high school students while recreational use of prescription drugs had been used by 18 - 25% of 9th and 11th graders. Overall, drug use increased as the youth became older.\textsuperscript{10}

**Summary**

Madera County children under age 19 had a high rate of health insurance coverage in 2014 (93.3%). However, only about 83% of adults in the County had health insurance coverage. In 2016, the percentage of Madera County women receiving prenatal care during the first trimester was 73.6%. Through 2012-2014, teen birth rates in Madera County (43 live births per 1,000 females aged 15-19) ranked fourth out of all 58 counties in California and was 80.2% higher than the state level. Some chronic diseases were less prevalent in Madera County than the state of California such as diabetes and asthma; however, active asthma prevalence indicated Madera County rates to be higher (10.3%) than California (7.6%) among the adult population. Additionally, obesity for both children and adults is a particular problem for the County.
References

Madera County is located in the heart of California’s Central Valley. Madera County has a rich agricultural tradition and growing industrial base.\textsuperscript{1} In 2015, Madera County had an estimated population of 154,998. The city of Madera is the county’s seat, with 41% of the total county residents.\textsuperscript{2}

**Urban and Rural Population of Madera County**

Since 2000, the population of Madera County has grown in all age ranges by almost 32,000 people, or 25.9\% in total population.\textsuperscript{2}
Table 1 shows the population by age group and the percentage change between 2000 and 2010. The fastest growing group was adults ages 50-64 years old.²

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<th>Age</th>
<th>2000</th>
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<td>Under 18 years</td>
<td>36,467</td>
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<td>18 to 24 years</td>
<td>12,127</td>
<td>15,901</td>
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<td>25 to 49 years</td>
<td>44,158</td>
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<td>50 to 64 years</td>
<td>16,761</td>
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<td>65 to 74 years</td>
<td>7,671</td>
<td>9,868</td>
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<td>75 to 84 years</td>
<td>4,537</td>
<td>5,468</td>
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<td>85 years and over</td>
<td>1,388</td>
<td>1,926</td>
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<td>Total population</td>
<td>123,109</td>
<td>150,865</td>
<td>22.5%</td>
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Source: 2000 and 2010 Decennial U.S. Census

Table 2 shows the population by race/ethnic group and the percentage change between 2000 and 2010. The group with the largest population increase was Hispanic/Latino.

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<th>Race/Ethnic</th>
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<th>2010</th>
<th>Change</th>
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<td>Hispanic/Latino</td>
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<td>80992</td>
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<td>Caucasian/White</td>
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<tr>
<td>African American</td>
<td>5072</td>
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<td>American Indian/Alaska Native</td>
<td>3212</td>
<td>1790</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asian</td>
<td>1566</td>
<td>2533</td>
<td>61.75%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Native Hawaiian/OPI</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>107</td>
<td>-49.05%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>1143</td>
<td>3054</td>
<td>167.19%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total population</td>
<td>123,109</td>
<td>150,865</td>
<td>22.5%</td>
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</table>

Source: 2000 and 2010 Decennial U.S. Census

Compared to the population growth in the central (mostly urban) area in the county, the northeastern and southwestern (mostly rural) area in the county experienced a decrease in population between 2000 and 2010.²
The median age of Madera County residents is 33.3, compared to the State of California of 35.6 and U.S. median of 37.4. About twenty-eight percent of county residents are younger than 18 years of age; 12.1% are 65 and older.²
Madera County residents have a gender ratio of 51.8% female, 48.2% male. Madera County features a diverse racial composition. The majority (56.7%) of residents is Hispanic/Latino. For non-Hispanic residents, 35.1% are Caucasian/White, 3.3% are African American, 1.1% are American Indian/Alaska Native, and 2.1% are Asian. Forty-four percent of Madera County residents report speaking a language other than English at home.²

**Racial and Ethnic Composition of Madera County, 2015**

- **35.1%** Hispanic/Latino
- **56.7%** Caucasian/White
- **1.1%** African American
- **1.6%** American Indian/Alaska Native
- **2.1%** Asian
- **3.3%** Native Hawaiian/OPI

*Source: US Census Bureau*

The Madera County Hispanic/Latino population has grown 48.6% between 2000 and 2010; a faster pace than the general population.²
The majority of Madera County residents live in the area with ZIP codes 93637 and 93638. Among all ZIP code areas in Madera County, the area with ZIP code 93638 has the largest population density.

![Map of Madera County]

Table 3. Madera County Population by ZIP Code, 2011-2015

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area (ZIP Code)</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>Population Density (Per Sq. Mile)</th>
<th>Population percentage</th>
<th>Land Area (Square Miles)</th>
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<td>25.8%</td>
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<td>23912</td>
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<td>12367</td>
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<td>8.1%</td>
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<td>7.0%</td>
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<td>10350</td>
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<td>3.6</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
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<td><strong>71.7</strong></td>
<td><strong>100.0%</strong></td>
<td><strong>2137.1</strong></td>
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Source: *American Community Survey 2011-2015, US Census Bureau*

* ZIP Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs) that exceed county boundary and contain population from another county. Population percentage was not calculated for those ZCTAs.
Income

In Madera County, 51.2% of the people live below the 200% Federal Poverty Level, which is higher than California (36.4%) or the U.S. (34.5%). Among the population under age 18, the proportion living in poverty is 64.8%, which is higher than 46.4% in California and 44.2% in the United States. The distribution of poverty is not even within the county; 56.9% of the residents in the Firebaugh area and 70.1% in the metropolitan area of 93638 live in poverty.

Poverty (<200% Federal Poverty Level) percent in Madera County
Education

In Madera County 29% of residents age 25 years or older have no high school diploma, in comparison to 18.2% in California, and 13.3% in the United States.²

The Hispanic/Latino population in Madera County has a lower rate of having a high school diploma (49.6%) than non-Hispanic/Latinos (89.1%). Within this Hispanic/Latino population, only 5.4% have a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 11.4% of their counterparts in California and 14.3% of the U.S.²
Higher education resources in Madera County include a public community college (Madera and Oakhurst Community College Centers), and a private junior college (San Joaquin Valley College, Madera Campus). Early childhood education enrollment is lower in Madera County. 46.8% of children aged 3-5 are not enrolled in either preschool or kindergarten, compared to 38.9% statewide. The average annual cost of care for an infant at a child care center in Madera County is $12,328, which equals 27% of the median family income ($45,490) in the county.

### Employment and Housing

Madera County’s unemployment rate (10.5%) is higher than the state’s rate (6.2%) and is almost twice as large as the national rate (5.3%). Substandard housing is federally defined as having at least one of the following: 1) incomplete plumbing facilities, 2) incomplete kitchen facilities, 3) more than 1.01 occupants per room, 4) selected owner costs of greater than 30% of monthly income, or 5) gross rent of greater than 30% of monthly income. 46% of Madera County housing units meet one or more of these conditions.

- **11.9% Madera County housing units are overcrowded (CA 12.2%, U.S. 4.3%).**
- **13.7% of housing units in Madera County are vacant (CA 8.5%, U.S. 12.5%).**
Madera County has 51.7 fast food restaurants per 100,000 population, which is lower than that of California (75.9) and the U.S. (73.1). Madera County also has more grocery stores (25.2 per 100,000 population), compared to 21.7 per 100,000 population of California. The food insecurity rate is 13.8% among Madera County residents (CA: 15.0%, US: 15.2%). Food insecurity is an economic and social indicator of the health of a community. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods or uncertain ability to acquire these foods in socially acceptable ways. Poverty and unemployment are frequently predictors of food insecurity in the United States. A survey commissioned by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) found that one in four Americans worry about having enough money to put food on the table in the next year. Food insecurity is associated with chronic health problems in adults including diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, hyperlipidemia, obesity, and mental health issues including major depression.
Access to care is an important determinant of a person’s health. Inadequate physician supply and accessibility of facilities, lack of health insurance, medical care, financial hardship, transportation barriers and coverage limitation are frequent barriers to access.

**Access to primary care providers in Madera County**
Physical

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) are defined as an area that has a shortage of primary medical care, dental or mental health professionals. 81% of Madera County is considered a HPSA, which is higher than the state’s (5.12%) and national (33.13%) rate. There are only 47.2 primary care physicians per 100,000 residents in Madera County. This compares to 78.5 physicians in the state and 75.8 in the U.S.

Dental

The number of dentists per 100,000 residents in Madera County is 43.3, compared to 77.5 dentists in California and 63.2 dentists in the U.S. In the same fashion, the number of mental health providers per 100,000 residents is 126.8, compared to 280.6 in California and 202.8 in the U.S. Lack of health care providers may result in barriers to medical care as well as create negative impacts to its quality. 3
Health Insurance Coverage

Health insurance is crucial to people’s access to health care. People with medical insurance are more likely to have access to and use health care resources and to receive adequate preventive care compared to those without insurance. Prevention and early detection of illnesses lead to better health outcomes for residents and monetary savings for the patients, businesses and the government. Most adult residents (75 – 83%) in Madera County reported having health insurance coverage from 2008 to 2014. For children and youth (0 - 19 years), the percentage of coverage was 93.3% in 2014. Additionally, 70% of survey respondents indicated that they had health insurance at the time of the 2015 survey.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Cardiovascular disease (CVD): First Leading Cause of Death

Cardiovascular disease is a range of diseases that affect the heart and blood vessels.\(^1\) Cardiovascular diseases (CVD), also known as heart disease, includes coronary artery diseases (CAD) such as angina and myocardial infarction (commonly known as a heart attack).\(^1\) It is estimated that 90% of CVD is fully preventable\(^2\) by decreasing risk factors through: healthy eating, physical activity, avoidance of tobacco smoke and limiting alcohol intake.\(^1\) Although, heart disease-related deaths have decreased across the county, state and nation, it still ranks the first among all other causes of death.

**Heart Disease Age-adjusted Mortality, 2006-2014**

<table>
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Death per 100,000 population</th>
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<td>2006-2008</td>
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<td>2009-2011</td>
<td>190</td>
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<td>2012-2014</td>
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Source: CDC

*Madera County’s mortality rate (124.1) due to coronary heart disease-related deaths (ICD-10 codes I20-I25) is higher than California (97.5) and above the Healthy People 2020 goal rate of 103.4 per 100,000 population.*\(^3\)
Compared to heart disease rates, hypertension related diseases and stroke are increasing nationwide. Both cardiovascular and hypertension diseases affect African Americans in Madera County disproportionately more than any other racial or ethnic group.4

Compared to state rates of preventable hospital stays due to hypertension and heart failure, Madera County had relatively lower rates before 2013, and higher rates since 2013.5 However, this indicator only represents those hospitals in Madera County, since it does not include other hospitals where residents of the County obtain care. The cost of coronary heart disease and congestive heart failure (including direct medical costs as well as absenteeism from work or school) in Madera County is estimated to be $69,174,977 annually.7
Modifiable Risk Factors: Cardiovascular Disease

Weight Status and Physical Inactivity

Compared to normal weight, being overweight or obese may increase the chance of developing hypertension, diabetes and atherosclerosis. These conditions put people at high risk of cardiovascular diseases. Adult obesity prevalence in Madera (34.4%) is higher than in California (25.4%). The prevalence of obesity among low-income children in Madera (16.1% in 2-4 years, 24.3% in 5-19 years), is similar to California (17.3% in 2-4 years, 23.3% in 5-19 years). Leisure-time physical inactivity prevalence is 19.7% (age-adjusted) in adults over 20 years old in Madera County, which is higher than California (17.4%). Healthy eating and physical activity promotion programs are conducted by Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention teams from Madera County Public Health Department.

Madera County obesity rate is 9% higher than the California average.
Tobacco and Alcohol Use

In 2012, male smoking prevalence was in the median of all U.S. counties at 23.4%, while female smoking was in the 10% of all counties at 15.5%. In comparison, the national average was 22.2% for males, 17.9% for females, and 20% for both sexes. Madera County is still unprotected from the dangers of tobacco use. Only six recreation areas and one housing authority apartment complex are listed as smoke free and there is no specific county policy on reducing sales of tobacco products.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines heavy drinking as exceeding an average of one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men over the past month; binge drinking is defined as consuming four drinks or more for women and five drinks or more for men on a single occasion at least once during the past month. The prevalence of heavy drinking in Madera County for females was in the middle 50% of all counties at 6.1% and the prevalence of heavy drinking for males was in the middle 50% of all counties at 8.7%. The national average was 6.7% for females and 9.9% for males.

The national averages in heavy drinking from 2005 to 2012 showed an increase of 1.5 percentage points in women and 0.9 percentage points for men. During this same timeframe, for Madera County, female heavy drinking increased by 0.4 percentage points while the change in male heavy drinking decreased by 1.5 percentage points. These changes in female and male heavy drinking patterns placed Madera County in the top 10% of the best performing counties in the nation.

The prevalence of binge drinking in Madera County for females was in the middle-performing 50% for all counties with 9.9% of females engaging in binge drinking, while the prevalence of binge drinking in 2012 for males was in the middle-performing 50% for all counties with 22% of males engaging in binge drinking. The national average in 2012 was 12.4% for females and 24.5% for males. The change from 2002 to 2012 for females was in the middle-performing 50% of all counties while the change for males was in the middle-performing 50%, with females experiencing an increase of 1 percentage point and males experiencing an increase of 1.2 percentage points. To compare with the national average, women had an increase of 1.6 percentage points and men had an increase of 0.4 percentage points.

Community Resources

- American Heart Association (209) 723-2974 - http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/
- American Cancer Society (559) 451-0163 - https://www.cancer.org/
- Madera County Behavioral Health (559) 673-3508
- Madera Counseling Center (559) 675-7850
- Chowchilla Counseling Center (559) 665-2947
- Oakhurst Counseling Center (559) 683-4809
- 1-800-879-2772 Or Visit: www.adp.ca.gov
Cancer: Second Leading Cause of Death in Madera County

Cancer is a group of diseases involving abnormal cell growth with the potential to invade other tissues. Cancer cells can spread to other parts of the body through the blood and lymph systems.\(^1\) Many cancers can be prevented by adopting a healthy lifestyle, such as to avoid smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, not drinking too much alcohol, eating plenty of vegetables, fruits and whole grains, vaccination against certain infectious diseases, not eating too much processed and red meat, and avoiding too much sunlight exposure.\(^1\)

Madera County has lower age-adjusted cancer-related mortality rates (138.6 per 100,000 population) than California (147.2) and the U.S. (163.6). Although 2009-2011 county cancer mortality (151.9) is higher than 2006-2008 mortality (149.8), cancer related mortality in Madera County has been consistently lower than state and national rate over the past ten years.\(^2\)

**Madera County residents younger than 50 years old have much lower mortality rates (15.7 per 100,000 population) than residents 50 years and older (492.7). Males have higher cancer mortality rates (178.2) compared to females (121.3).**
African American residents have the highest mortality rates (163.3), followed by Caucasian/White non-Hispanics (160.3), Asians (122.7) and Hispanic/Latinos (115.2).²

Source: State Cancer Profiles
Madera County has higher incidence (51.8 per 100,000 population) and mortality rates (37.0) of lung cancer than the state (incidence: 46.5, death: 34.8). However compared to the national rate the incidence is lower (incidence: 62.4, death: 46.0). Madera County also has lower incidence and mortality rates in female breast cancer, male prostate cancer, and leukemia than California and the U.S. Madera County mortality rates for colorectal cancer (14.7) are higher than California (13.9) and lower than the U.S. (15.1). Incidence rate for pancreatic cancer (13.6) are higher compared to the state and national rates (CA 11.6, U.S. 12.3).²

60% of female patients received cervical cancer screening at one of the five Madera County Central Valley Health Network clinics in 2015.³
About 46% of patients received colorectal cancer screening at one of the five Madera County Central Valley Health Network clinics in 2015.³

![Cancer Mortality Rates for Madera County, 2009-2013](image)

Source: State Cancer Profiles

The cost of cancer in Madera County is estimated to be $47,496,467 annually. These costs include direct medical costs as well as absenteeism from work or school.⁴
Injury and Violence: Third Leading Cause of Death in Madera County

Injury and violence are significant public health issues that are predictable and preventable causes of death. The leading cause of death due to unintentional injuries in Madera County is motor vehicle traffic incidents. Motor vehicle collision mortality decreased dramatically after 2000, but Madera County’s mortalities have consistently remained higher than either California or U.S. rates. Currently, the County’s rate (16.5) is almost double that of California (8.3) and higher than the U.S. (10.3).\(^1\)

Although Madera County’s unintentional injury mortality rate of 40.5 per 100,000 population is higher than both California (28.8) and the U.S. (39.7), this health disparity has decreased over time. The difference between Madera County and California in 2006-2008 was 16.1, and in 2012-2014, it was 11.7. Over the past ten years, unintentional injury mortality in Madera has been reduced by 10.7%, while California reduced 7.9% and the U.S. increased 2.5%.\(^1\)

Leading Causes among Unintentional Injury Death, Madera County, 1999-2014

Source: CDC
The second most common cause of death due to unintentional injuries in Madera County is poisoning followed by fall and then drowning. All other causes of accidental death are 3% or less (each) of the total accidental deaths.¹

What Does Poisoning Mean?

Poisoning here is defined using ICD-10 code: X40-X49 (Accidental poisoning by and exposure to noxious substances), which includes: accidental overdose of drug, wrong drug given or taken in error, and drug taken inadvertently accidents in the use of drugs, medicaments and biological substances in medical and surgical procedures poisoning, when not specified whether accidental or with intent to harm, but excludes: administration with suicidal or homicidal intent, or intent to harm, or in other circumstances classifiable to X60-X69, X85-X90, Y10-Y19 correct drug properly administered in therapeutic or prophylactic dosage as the cause of any adverse effect.

RESOURCES

POISON CONTROL – National Capital Poison Center 1-800-222-1222
Violent crime rates have decreased steadily in California and in the U.S. in the past ten years. The rate in Madera County followed this trend until 2011. In 2013, Madera County had a 5-year increase 46.6% in violent crime rate, from 454.1 (2009) to 665.7 (2013) per 100,000 population. In 2014, the rate in Madera County dropped to 578.3 per 100,000 population, but still was higher than California (396.1) and the U.S. (375.7).
Aggravated assault is defined as assault typically enacted with a deadly or dangerous weapon. This type of assault was the majority (83.6%) of the violent crimes in Madera County. Robbery was the second most common type of violent crime. Madera County has consistently higher rates of domestic violence-related 911 calls than California. Property crimes in Madera County, overall, have been decreasing in the past ten years. Violent crimes have remained relatively stable.
Respiratory Disease: Fourth Leading Cause of Death in Madera County

Respiratory disease is a group of diseases that prevent the lungs from working properly, including airway diseases, lung tissue diseases, and lung circulation diseases. Many respiratory diseases can be prevented by adopting healthy dietary habits, exercising regularly, and NOT smoking. Madera County’s mortality rates of chronic lower respiratory disease (CLRD) are higher than the state and relatively similar to the U.S. rates. Available data for Madera County’s pneumonia and influenza death rates show a very similar pattern of fluctuation as the state and national trend.
The statistics for active asthma prevalence indicate Madera County rates to be higher (10.3%) than California (7.6%) among the adult population age 18 to 64. Madera County has a lower prevalence of lifetime asthma than California in children and adults. National guidelines recommend that health care providers provide all patients with asthma a written self-management plan.

In Madera County, 93.7% of residents with asthma have not received a written asthma management plan from a health care provider.
Compared to California’s rate of asthma-related emergency department visits among all age ranges, Madera County has a higher rate among children ages 0 to 17 years of age. In children age 0-4 years, the rate of asthma-related emergency department visits is more than double the California state rate. Although the rate of emergency department visits among the adult population is lower than the state rate (32.5 vs. 38.6 per 100,000 population), the overall rate is still higher than the state (59.9 vs. 49.5 per 100,000 population).\(^5\)
Air Quality: Ozone and Particulate Matter

Ozone

Ozone (O3) is a gas molecule composed of three oxygen atoms. Often called “smog,” ozone is harmful to breathe. Ozone aggressively attacks lung tissue by reacting chemically with it. The ozone layer found high in the upper atmosphere (the stratosphere) shields us from much of the sun’s ultraviolet radiation. However, ozone air pollution at ground level where we can breathe it (in the troposphere) causes serious health problems. Ozone develops in the atmosphere from gases that come out of tailpipes, smokestacks and many other sources. When these gases come in contact with sunlight, they react and form ozone smog. The essential raw ingredients for ozone come from nitrogen oxides (NOX), hydrocarbons, also called volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and carbon monoxide (CO). They are produced primarily when fossil fuels like gasoline, oil or coal are burned or when some chemicals, like solvents, evaporate. NOX is emitted from power plants, motor vehicles and other sources of high-heat combustion. VOCs are emitted from motor vehicles, chemical plants, refineries, factories, gas stations, paint and other sources. CO is also primarily emitted from motor vehicles.

If the ingredients are present under the right conditions, they react to form ozone. And because the reaction takes place in the atmosphere, the ozone often shows up downwind of the sources of the original gases. In addition, winds can carry ozone far from where it began. The Fresno-Madera area is the fourth (4th) most ozone polluted city/area in the country. Ozone levels in Madera have decreased since the early 2000 but still exceed healthy levels. Data from 2012-2014, indicated Madera County had an annual average of 58 high ozone days in unhealthy ranges (ozone concentration is equal to or higher than 70 parts per billion (ppb) measured over eight hours/day).

Particulate Matter 2.5

Particle pollution refers to a mix of very tiny solid and liquid particles that are in the air people breathe. Fine particles are 2.5 microns in diameter or smaller are called PM2.

Short-term Particulate Matter (24-hour PM2.5)

The Fresno-Madera area is the second (2nd) most short-term (24-hour PM2.5) polluted metropolitan statistical area in the country.

Using 2012-2014 data, Madera has an annual average of 26 high PM 2.5 days in unhealthy ranges (24-hour PM2.5 concentration is higher than 35.4 mg/m³). This indicator ranks Madera County as the 6th worst area in the U.S.

Long-term Particulate Matter (Annual PM2.5)

The Fresno-Madera area is the third (3rd) most polluted metropolitan statistical area polluted by year-round PM2.5 in the country. Madera County is the fourth (4th) worst county in the U.S. on this measure.
Where Does Particle Pollution Come From?

Particle pollution is produced through two separate processes—mechanical and chemical. **Mechanical processes** break down bigger bits into smaller bits with the material remaining essentially the same, only becoming smaller. Mechanical processes primarily create coarse particles. Dust storms, construction and demolition, mining operations, and agriculture are among the activities that produce coarse particles. Tire, brake pad and road wear can also create coarse particles. Bacteria, pollen, mold, and plant and animal debris are also included as coarse particles.

**Chemical processes**, by contrast, create most of the tiniest fine and ultrafine particles in the atmosphere. Combustion sources burn fuels and emit gases. These gases can vaporize and then condense to become a particle of the same chemical compound. Or, they can react with other gases or particles in the atmosphere to form a particle of a different chemical compound. Particles formed by this latter process come from the reaction of elemental carbon (soot), heavy metals, sulfur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOX) and volatile organic compounds with water and other compounds in the atmosphere. Burning fossil fuels in factories, power plants, steel mills, smelters, diesel- and gasoline-powered motor vehicles (cars and trucks) and equipment generate a large part of the raw materials for fine particles. So does burning wood in residential fireplaces and wood stoves or burning agricultural fields or forests.

Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency
**Stroke: Fifth Leading Cause of Death in Madera County**

Stroke occurs when there is poor blood flow to the brain resulting in cell death. There are two main types of stroke: 1) ischemic, due to lack of blood flow, and 2) hemorrhagic, due to bleeding. Stroke can be prevented by adopting a healthy lifestyle, that includes being physically active, not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, and managing stress.

Cerebrovascular disease mortalities are steadily decreasing nationwide and state wide. While Madera County experienced a dramatic increase in mortalities due to cerebrovascular disease during 2008-2010, recent trends demonstrate a continuous reduction of cerebrovascular deaths since 2011. In 2014, Madera County’s stroke mortality (37.4 per 100,000 population) is comparable to the US (36.5), but both are above the Healthy People goal rate of 34.8 and higher than California’s (33.9).
Stroke deaths affect African-Americans in Madera County disproportionately more than any other racial/ethnic group.  

Avoidable Heart Disease and Stroke Mortality, Madera County, 2012-2014

Hearth Disease Hospitalization Rate per 1,000 Medicare Beneficiaries, 65+, 2011-2013

Source: CDC
African-Americans are disproportionately affected by stroke hospitalizations, mortality, and preventable heart disease and stroke-related deaths, with rates almost twice as high as white non-Hispanic and more than double the rate of Hispanic, Asian and American Indian population. Medicare data shows that African-Americans age 65+ also have more hospitalizations due to heart disease than White or Hispanic/Latino seniors living in Madera County. Madera County does not have a certified stroke center. The closest certified stroke center is located in Fresno County, about 23 miles away from the center of the city of Madera. Access to healthcare for those suffering from a stroke is time sensitive. Stroke treatment might be limited, or might require air transport, in certain situations.

The cost of stroke (including direct medical costs as well as absenteeism from work or school) in Madera County is estimated to be $43,278,879.00 annually.
Diabetes Mellitus: Sixth Leading Cause of Death in Madera County

Diabetes is a condition whereby the body has a shortage of insulin, a decreased ability to use insulin, or both. Insulin is a hormone that allows glucose (sugar) to enter cells and be converted to energy. When diabetes is not controlled, glucose and fat remain in the blood and, over time, can cause blindness, amputation and kidney failure, and is a major contributor to heart attacks and strokes.\(^1\)

Madera County diabetes related mortality was below state and national rates during 2008-2013, but has increased 54.5% since 2011, and is now higher (22.4) than both state (20.4) and national (21.0) rates. Despite increased mortality, the prevalence of diabetes in Madera County has continuously decreased since 2010.\(^2\)
As stated earlier, Madera County is considered a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in California. The hospitalization data demonstrates the impact of the county’s lack of access to primary care. Many patients are hospitalized for preventable conditions; Madera County has higher rates than the state of preventable hospital stays related to diabetes’ short term complications, and lower extremity amputation. However, hospitalization due to long term complications is lower in Madera County than the state indicator.

![Lower Extremity Amputations of Diabetes, 2005-2014](image)

Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (COSHPD)

![Compliance with Medi-Cal Comprehensive Diabetes Care in Madera County, 2015](image)

Source: California Dept. of Health Care Services (CDHCS)
In Madera County, Medi-Cal Managed Care operates using a Two-Plan Model specifically using both a local initiative (LI) and a managed Medi-Cal plan (CP). Both health plans are monitored on a yearly basis using indicators established by the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA), an organization committed to improving the quality of health care. To ensure consistency and quality among health plans, the NCQA established national health indicators to measure the delivery of quality care. These indicators, named the Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Sets (HEDIS), is a tool used by more than 90 percent of America's health plans to measure performance on important dimensions of care and service. Altogether, HEDIS consists of 81 measures across 5 domains of care. Because so many plans collect HEDIS data, and because the measures are so specifically defined, HEDIS makes it possible to compare the performance of health plans on an "apples-to-apples" basis. Data from both, the local initiative and managed Medi-Cal health plans indicate a lapse in diabetes management and preventative care. According to HEDIS 2015 data, the rate of Madera MediCal patients on comprehensive diabetes control measures is below high performance level (HPL).

Among all performance measures, Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) testing (88.3%[LI] compared to the HPL 91.7%), the most severe diabetes-related side effect tracked, received medical attention for nephropathy, or kidney disease (84.8%[CP] vs. the HPL 86.9%) and eye exam (retinal) (63.0%[LI] vs. the HPL 68.0%) are the best performed diabetes care in Madera County. Except on medical attention for nephropathy, the local initiative scored better on all other diabetes care compliance indicators than the managed Medi-Cal plan. HbA1c control in Madera County is below the national high performance level. The local initiative of 50.1% and managed care plan is 42.4%. Data indicates that Madera County Medi-Cal recipients who have the condition of diabetes are able to control their HbA1c (< 8.0%, HPL: 59.4%), however, 38.4% (LI) and 51.8% (CP) have poor HbA1C control (>9.0%, HPL: 30.8%). Blood pressure control (67.4% [LI], 62.7% [CP] vs. HPL: 75.2%) was also performed below HPL.
Since 2005, Madera County has had a similar increasing trend in the prevalence of diagnosed diabetes compared to California and to the national level. The prevalence of diagnosed diabetic patients in Madera County has been decreasing since 2011, and was lower than the state level (7.5 vs. 9.9 per 100 population) in 2013.²

The incidence of people diagnosed with diabetes in Madera County also has decreased since 2011, but is still higher than the national level.²
Modifiable Risk Factors: Diabetes Mellitus (DM)

Obesity – A Prevalent Modifiable Health Risk in Madera County

From 2001 to 2011-2012, the prevalence of overweight and obesity in adolescents, age 12 – 17, in Madera County decreased from 35.7% to 30.7%, closer to the state level (30.5%). Meanwhile, the prevalence of overweight and obesity in adults of Madera County increased 35.4% in that time and was significantly higher than the state prevalence (34.4% vs. 24.8%).¹

![Prevalence of Overweight/Obesity by Age, Madera County, 2001 and 2011-2012](chart)

Source: [California Dept. of Public Health](#)

Among low-income families, the prevalence of obesity in children is still higher than the Healthy People 2020 target.¹

![Prevalence of Obesity among Low-Income Children by Age, Madera County, 2010](chart)

Source: [California Dept. of Public Health](#)
In 2015, overweight or obesity were more prevalent among students (Grade 5, 7 and 9) in Madera County than in California. The rate was higher among younger students.²

The short stature rate among children aged less than 5 years decreased 13.6% from 2008 through 2010 in Madera County. The underweight rate among children aged less than 5 years decreased 35% from 2006 through 2010 in Madera County. The overweight rate among children aged less than 5 years decreased 11.1% from 2008 through 2010 in Madera County.³
23.5% of Madera County adults (age 18+) reported eating 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day (compared to 28.7% statewide and 28.5% nationally).  

Food Desert and SNAP Coverage in Madera County

Census tracts with high numbers of households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits also have high numbers of SNAP-authorized retailers (which have regulations requiring the stocking of certain healthy foods). SNAP-authorized retailers in Madera County mainly gather in major cities (Madera, Chowchilla and Oakhurst) and near highways (CA41 and CA99).
When asked about weekly physical activity levels, nearly 15% of Madera County children and adolescents (age 5-17), reported that they had engaged in at least 60 minutes of physical activity, excluding school physical education programs, which is lower than the state level (21%). Among Madera County adults (age 18+), nearly 30% reported that they walked for transportation or leisure at least 150 minutes during the week, which is slightly lower than the state level (33%).

### Regular Physical Activity, 2012-2014

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Source: California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)

What counts as moderate physical activity:

Any physical activity is better than none. Activities could include:

- Walking
- Gardening
- Hiking
- Dancing
- Cycling
- Active recreation
- Swimming
Pregnancy and Birth

Pregnancy, Birth Outcomes, and Breastfeeding

Quality care for infants is an essential start for children to reach their full potential. Excellence in child care and early environmental impacts can have lasting lifelong effects. Data demonstrates that obtaining prenatal care impacts birth outcomes.

**Prenatal Care Begun during the First Trimester of Pregnancy, 2008-2014**

- **Madera County**
- **CA**
- **Healthy People 2020**

*Source: County Health Status Profiles, California Dept. of Public Health*

**Compared to California state level and Healthy People 2020 target, Madera County has a lower rate of prenatal care begun during the first trimester of pregnancy and it decreased slightly since 2009.**

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Women that receive prenatal care during pregnancy are more likely to have a healthy birth. In Madera County, the trend of women receiving prenatal care has been improving over the past five years; however, it is still lower than state or national averages. This indicator shows the percentage of births to mothers who received adequate or adequate plus prenatal care according to the adequacy of prenatal care utilization index. Care is determined adequate if it began within the first trimester and included an average of at least one or two additional prenatal visits per month of gestation, depending on the length of gestation. Madera County has a lower rate than the state and Healthy People 2020 on this indicator. Improvement plan on prenatal care promotion, sustainability and clients’ compliance can be considered.
In 2010, the general birth rate in Madera County decreased 12.9% compared to that in 2006, but was still higher than the rates of California.² From 2006 to 2016, the percentage of Madera County women receiving first trimester prenatal care was consistently lower than 82%. In 2016, 73% of Madera County mothers received first trimester prenatal care.³ Teen birth rates in Madera County (43 live births per 1,000 females aged 15-19) ranked fourth out of all 58 counties in California (aggregate 2012-2014), and was 80.2% higher than the state level (41.8 in Madera County vs 23.2 in California per 1,000 female aged 15-19). Among all births to mothers aged 15-19 in Madera County, 17% of them have already experienced one or more live births.⁴
Madera County infant mortality is near the Healthy People 2020 target of 6.0 per 1,000 live births, but 25.5% higher than the rate of California at 5.9 in Madera County vs. 4.7 in California per 1,000 live births.¹ ⁶

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**Quick Facts of Teen Birth in California**⁵

- The San Joaquin Valley has the highest teen birth rates of any region in California - over twice the rate of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Two of every three babies born to teens in California are born to Latinas.
- 70% of teen mothers drop out of high school.
- Only one out of five teen mothers receive any financial support from their child’s father.
- 80% of teen fathers do not marry the teen girls who bore their child.
- Fathers of children born to teens are on average almost four years older than the mothers, and a majority is over the age of 21.
- Poor and low-income teens who make up approximately 40% of the adolescent population account for 83% of teens who give birth.
- An estimated 50 to 60% of parenting teens have been sexually abused, twice the national rate for never-pregnant teens.

Over the past five years, Madera County consistently has had a lower rate in low birth-weight (LBW) infants than California. However, both the county and state rates were lower than the objective of Healthy People 2020 (7.8 per 100 live births).¹ ⁶
Madera County has lower rates of exclusive breastfeeding mothers (63.8%) measured in the hospital after delivery than in California (68.8%), as a whole. This is consistent for all ethnic groups except African American mothers. 7
Child and Adolescent Health

Foster Care

Childhood health has a tremendous impact on future physical and mental health, cognitive development, academic performance, and quality of life. This chapter will focus on the health outcomes of Madera County’s children and adolescents, as well as factors that affect their health. The number of children in foster care provides a snapshot of actual situation at a point in time. Since 2011, the number of children and youth under age 21 in foster care per 1,000 experienced an 86.5% increase in Madera County from 3.7 to 6.9, which was 19% higher than the state level.¹

![Children in Foster Care, 2005-2014](image1)

![Children in Foster Care by Type of Placement](image2)

¹ Source: Kidsdata.org
Among 359 children placed in out of home care in 2016, 48% of them were placed with foster families (overseen by licensed non-profit agencies); 25% of them were placed with relatives and 12% of them were placed with guardians.²

Foster care is measured in several different ways, with each indicator illustrating a different aspect of this complex system. Rate of first entries into foster care reflects the incidence of children who are removed from unsafe home environments. The rate of first entries into foster care also varies by race/ethnicity. In Madera County, the rate of first entries into foster care is higher than the state, especially among the African American population where the county rate is 2.44 times higher than the state rate. African American and Hispanic/Latino children consistently have the highest rates of foster care entry, at 21.7 and 5.4 per 1,000, respectively, in 2012-14; this compares to 3.6 for White.¹ ³

First Entries into Foster Care by Race/Ethnicity, 2009-2014

Source: kidsdata.org

While the number of children in foster care has decreased substantially in the U.S. and California over the previous decade, California continues to have the largest number of children entering the system.³ ⁴
Median number of months in foster care gives an indication of how much time children are spending in foster care. Madera County was consistently lower than the state in this indicator (8.6 months in Madera County vs. 15.2 months in California).¹

The median length of time California children spent in foster care declined between 2001 and 2009 from 17 to 13 months, but then rose to 15 months in 2012.³
School Outcomes

In Madera County, the rate of high school graduation within four years (79.8%) is slightly lower than the state’s (80.8%).

Madera County has lower rates of reading and math proficiency than California, at every grade level.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress is an annual standardized test that examines the student’s abilities in various subjects, including math and reading proficiency. Proficiency is defined as a test score meeting or exceeding a student’s grade level standard. In both math and reading, for every grade level, the percentage of Madera County students who are deemed proficient in math and reading generally lags behind those of California. The gap is more pronounced in math than in reading.
For children and adolescents in Madera County the rate of deaths (48.8/100,000 children/youth ages 1-24) is higher than both the state (30.9) and the nation (38.2). California and US child/youth mortality have both decreased over the past 10 years; however, experiencing fluctuation, child/youth mortality in Madera increased slightly compared to 12 years ago and is 57.9% higher than California’s current rate.3,5
Alzheimer’s Disease

Madera County has a population with a median age of 34.3 years, which is younger than that of California (36.2 years) or the US (37.8 years). However, health conditions that predominantly affect the senior population are still a concern. For instance, Alzheimer’s disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the county.

Population of Age 65, Madera County, 2010-2014
Madera County’s senior population is not evenly dispersed across the county and certain census tracts have higher populations of people aged 65+. Census tracts in East Madera are made up of more than 20% seniors. Included in the areas with a high population of seniors, is also a high percentage of veterans and they too are not evenly dispersed across the county. Since eastern Madera and the City of Madera have more senior veterans, ailments associated with aging might be more of a concern in these census tracts than others.\(^3\)

**Veteran Population Older than 65, Madera County, 2010-2014**

Based on rates of death per 100,000 population, Madera County has a 32.4% higher Alzheimer’s related mortality rate than California at 30.9, and a 61.0% higher rate than the U.S. at 25.4.\(^2\) Mortality of Alzheimer’s disease in Madera County increased dramatically since 2012.
Arthritis

Arthritis is inflammation of a joint or joints. Inflamed joints are often red, hot, swollen, and tender. The cost of arthritis (including direct medical costs as well as absenteeism from work or school) in Madera County is estimated to be $59,603,556.00 annually.4

Risk Factors

Certain factors have been shown to be associated with a greater risk of arthritis. Some of these risk factors are modifiable while others are not.

NON-MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

- Age: The risk of developing most types of arthritis increases with age.
- Gender: Most types of arthritis are more common in women; 52% of all adults with arthritis are women. Gout is more common in men.
- Genetic: Specific genes are associated with a higher risk of certain types of arthritis, such as rheumatoid arthritis (RA), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), and ankylosing spondylitis.

MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

- Overweight and Obesity: Excess weight can contribute to both the onset and progression of knee osteoarthritis.
- Joint Injuries: Damage to a joint can contribute to the development of osteoarthritis in that joint.
- Infection: Many microbial agents can infect joints and potentially cause the development of various forms of arthritis.
- Occupation: Certain occupations involving repetitive knee bending and squatting are associated with osteoarthritis of the knee.
Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

STIs are the most commonly reported conditions that health care providers are legally obligated to report under Title 17 of the California Health and Safety Code.¹

**Chlamydia**

Chlamydia is the most frequently reported STI, with an average of 720 infections reported to the Madera County health department annually. In 2016, 766 cases of Chlamydia infections were reported in Madera.²

![Trends in Crude Chlamydia Rate, 2011-2015](image)

**Gender Disparity:** In 2015, the Chlamydia incidence (infection) rate of Madera County in women was 3.5 times the rate in men.²
Syphilis

Syphilis is an increasing problem, both in Madera County and California. Syphilis is a particularly difficult STI due to its latent phase in which symptoms disappear but the disease can still be transmitted from person to person. If left untreated, late stage syphilis can include neurologic impairment, internal organ damage, blindness and death. Madera County has seen a dramatic increase in the rate of syphilis (primary, secondary, early and late latent), from 6.6 cases per 100,000 population in 2011 to 39.3 cases per 100,000 population in 2015 (an increase about 500%). The Madera County rate has increased 60.4% since 2014, and was more than California’s in 2015.
**Gender Disparities:** There is a stark disparity in total early (primary, secondary and early latent) syphilis rates between males and females at both the County level and the State level. In Madera County, the rate for females is 52% of the rate for males. In contrast; California’s total early syphilis rate for females is 10.3% of the rate for males.

![Total Early Syphilis Rate by Gender, 2015](image)

Source: California Dept. of Public Health (CDPH); Madera County Public Health Dept.

**Gonorrhea**

Gonorrhea is the second most frequently reported sexually transmitted disease in Madera County. If left untreated, Gonorrhea can result in serious reproductive problems such as pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), infertility and ectopic pregnancy. Pregnant women who have Gonorrhea are at risk of preterm labor and other complications such as preterm rupture of membranes and chorioamnionitis.
In the past five years (2011-2015), California consistently had higher Gonorrhea infection rates than Madera County. Madera County Gonorrhea infection rates increased through 2011-2014, but were still lower than the state; in 2015, the statewide infection rate (138.9 per 100,000 population) was 1.4 times the County infection rate (101.4 per 100,000 population).

**Gender Disparity:** In 2015, the incident rate of Gonorrhea in women was 1.5 times the rate in men in Madera. In California the rate is opposite with males having a significantly higher rate than females.

**HIV/AIDS**

HIV is the human immunodeficiency virus. It is the virus that can lead to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS. HIV damages a person’s body by destroying specific blood cells, called CD4+ T cells, which are crucial to helping the body fight diseases. In the past five years (2010-2014), California consistently had higher HIV/AIDS infection rates than Madera County. Due to the small number of new cases, Madera County HIV/AIDS infections rates were unstable, but were still lower than the state; in 2014, the statewide infection rate (13 per 100,000 population) was 1.7 times the County infection rate (7.8 per 100,000 population).
Coccidioidomycosis

Valley Fever (Coccidioidomycosis or “coccii”) is an illness caused by a fungus that lives in the soil and dirt. It can infect the lungs and cause flu-like symptoms or severe illness. People can get sick by breathing in a form of the Valley Fever fungus called spores. Spores are too small to be seen. They can get into the air with dust when it is windy or when dirt is disturbed. Valley Fever cannot be spread from one person to another. Valley Fever infection can occur year round. In California, it has been reported from most counties, but especially from the San Joaquin (Central) Valley. Anyone who lives in, works in, or visits a place with cocci can be infected.

In the past five years (2011-2015), Madera County consistently had higher Coccidioidomycosis incident rates than California. Madera County Coccidioidomycosis incident rates increased through 2011-2015 and in 2015, the county incident rate (41.8 per 100,000 population) was more than 5 times the state incident rate (7.9 per 100,000 population).
**Hepatitis B, Chronic**

Hepatitis B is a contagious liver disease that ranges in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness. It results from infection with the Hepatitis B virus. From 2009 through 2013, Madera County consistently had lower chronic hepatitis B incident rates than California. Madera County newly reported chronic hepatitis B infection rates increased 184.9% through 2009-2013, but were still lower than the state; in 2013, the statewide infection rate (25.6 per 100,000 population) was 1.7 times the County infection rate (15.1 per 100,000 population).

![Trends in Crude Chronic Hepatitis B Rate, 2009-2013](chart.png)

Source: California Dept. of Public Health (CDPH); Madera County Public Health Dept.

**Hepatitis C, Chronic**

Hepatitis C is a contagious liver disease that ranges in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness that attacks the liver. It results from infection with the Hepatitis C virus (HCV), which is spread primarily through contact with the blood of an infected person. Madera County newly reported chronic hepatitis C infection rates fluctuated through 2009-2013 and were lower than the state in 2013, the statewide infection rate (63.3 per 100,000 population) was 8.2% higher than the County infection rate (58.5 per 100,000 population).

![Trends in Crude Chronic Hepatitis C Rate, 2009-2013](chart.png)

Source: California Dept. of Public Health (CDPH); Madera County Public Health Dept.
Pertussis

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory disease. It is caused by the bacterium Bordetella Pertussis. Pertussis is known for uncontrollable, violent coughing which often makes it hard to breathe. After fits of many coughs, someone with Pertussis often needs to take deep breaths which result in a "whooping" sound. Pertussis can affect people of all ages but can be very serious, even deadly, for babies less than a year old. Madera County newly reported Pertussis incident rates fluctuated through 2011-2015 and were lower than the state in 2015, the statewide infection rate (12.0 per 100,000 population) was more than 3 times the County infection rate (3.9 per 100,000 population).
**Tuberculosis**

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by germs that are spread from person to person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, the kidneys, or the spine. A person with TB can die if they do not get treatment. TB germs are put into the air when a person with TB disease of the lungs or throat coughs, sneezes, speaks, or sings. These germs can stay in the air for several hours, depending on the environment. Persons who breathe in the air containing these TB germs can become infected; this is called latent TB infection. Madera County newly reported TB incident rates decreased through 2011-2015 and were lower than the state in 2015, the statewide infection rate (5.5 per 100,000 population) was more than 2 times the County infection rate (2.5 per 100,000 population).
**Depression**

Depression is a mood disorder that causes a persistent state of sadness that can result in an aversion to activity or apathy that can affect a person's thoughts, behavior, feelings and sense of well-being. Depression may require long-term treatment, including medication, psychological counseling or both; and may result in physical health conditions, loss of productivity and suicide, if left untreated.\(^1\,^2\)

Using a standard measurement tool such as a Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9), depression related feelings such as hopelessness, sadness, or a loss of interest in daily activities, can be measured. Administering this tool to both non-traditional students and students in public school grades 7, 9, and 11, can identify whether in the past 12 months students had felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that they stopped doing some usual activities. Through this indicator, a sub-population with a high risk of developing depression can be identified and an early-stage, customized intervention can be implemented to prevent the occurrence of severe conditions (for example, suicide attempt). Among all races/ethnicities, the percentage of students who reported depression related feelings in Madera County was consistent with the pattern of suicidal ideation. Hispanic and white students in Madera County reported lower percentages of depression related feelings than that of California; African American students in Madera County reported 25.1% higher than that of California.\(^5\)

The cost of depression (including direct medical costs as well as absenteeism from work or school) in Madera County is estimated to be $33,226,357.00 annually.\(^9\)
Suicide

Suicide mortality in Madera County decreased to 16.5 per 100,000 population in recent years, but is still higher than that of California (12.6) and the US (10.2). Emotional health is an integral part of overall health, as physical and mental health are intricately linked. Sound emotional health for adolescents is more than the absence of disorders, it includes effective coping skills, the ability to form positive relationships, the ability to adapt in the face of challenges, and the ability to function well at home, in school, and in life. Positive emotional or mental health is critical to equipping young people for the challenges of growing up and living as healthy adults.

Source: Kidsdata.org

Suicide Age-adjusted Mortality, 2010-2013

Source: CDC
Youth suicide and self-inflicted injury are serious public health concerns. According to 2013 data, suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people ages 15-19 in the U.S. Suicidal ideation is defined as public school students in grades 9, 11, and non-traditional students who report seriously considering attempting suicide. Suicidal ideation is used as an indicator for this public health issue. Compared to the suicidal ideation percentages of Californians among all race/ethnicity, Madera County has a higher percentage of students reporting to attempt suicide among all race/ethnicity except the Hispanic population. Conversely, African American students had much higher rates than the state level (52.6% higher) and other races.

### Mental Health Services

Madera County students (grades 9, 11, and non-traditional students) reported relatively higher rates of suicidal ideation and depression related feelings than California state levels. However, the rate of hospitalizations (children/youth ages 5-19) for mental health issues in Madera County was merely 39.2% of the state level. According to a recent study, the majority of youth who needed mental health treatment do not receive it. If that’s the case, there may be gaps between the quantity/quality of mental health resources and children who need them in Madera County.

In 2013, 30% of high school students nationwide reported persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness—one indicator of depression. Youth with depression are more likely to engage in suicidal behavior, drop out of school, use alcohol or drugs, and have unsafe sexual activity, in addition to having difficulties with school and relationships.
Hospitalizations for Mental Health Issues, Madera County, 2002-2014

Source: Kidsdata.org

Community Resources

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE & COUNSELING SERVICES

- Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC) Victim Services Center (VSC): 1-559-661-1000
- Confidential support for victims of Domestic Violence 24 hour hotline: 1-800-355-8989
- Lideres Campesinas: 1-559-661-4776 & 1-661-1734 *(Assistance & referral for field workers that are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, & human trafficking; & information regarding the dangers of pesticides)*
- Lake Street Center: 1-559-661-5156 *(County Mental Health program for families, children involved in DSS/CWS Services)*
- Madera Access Point: 1-559-661-5156 *(Mental health, domestic violence, alcohol & drug counseling services for Cal-WORKS recipients)*
- Comprehensive Counseling Services: 1-559-661-7574 *(Batterers Treatment, Anger Management, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Parenting/Child Abuse, Sex Offender Treatment, Sexual Assault Survivors counseling, Family & Marital counseling, Victims of Crime; services offered to adults & minors)*
- Madera County Behavioral Health: 1-559-673-3508 *(Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling & Services)*
- 24 HR Crisis Line: 1-888-275-9779
- Angel Babies: 1-209-383-3123 *(Bereavement support program/infant loss support program; Spanish speaking only; home visitation)*
Substance abuse, also known as drug abuse, is a patterned use of a drug or drugs in which the user consumes the substance in amounts or with methods which are harmful to them or others.\(^1\) It can also be considered a form of substance-related disorder.\(^1\)

**Youth Tobacco and Alcohol**

Smoking and secondary smoke have serious health consequences for people of all ages. However, tobacco use by young people is particularly problematic as earlier use is correlated with higher use later in life. Similarly, the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse indicates that teens who experiment with alcohol are “virtually certain” to continue using alcohol in the future. Youth alcohol consumption is also connected to risky sexual activity, school drop outs, overdose deaths and suicides.

Through school year 2011 to 2013, over one-fifth of high school students reported drinking alcohol in the past 30 days. Older students reported drinking at higher percentages (31%) than younger students (20%). Smoking was less prevalent but still a concern. About 10% of high school students reported using tobacco in the past 30 days.\(^3\)
Drug Use

Drug use is also linked to educational failure, family and social problems. Unfortunately, drug use is cyclical as children of drug users are more likely to use substances themselves. Through school year 2011 to 2013, 29% and 44% of Madera County youth in 9th and 11th grades reported having used marijuana at some point in their lives. Inhalants had been used by 12 - 16% of high school students while recreational use of prescription drugs had been used by 18 - 25% of 9th and 11th graders. Overall, drug use increased as the youth became older.3

Both drug-induced death and cirrhosis/liver disease mortality rates have increased in Madera County over the last 10 years however, cirrhosis/liver disease mortality rates have increased dramatically. This is particularly stark when compared to the California and national mortality rates in these two categories, which have remained stable.1

Madera County has higher drug-induced death rates (15.9 per 100,000 population) than California (15.5) and the US (11.8). Madera County also has much higher liver/cirrhosis mortality (25.0 per 100,000 population) than California (12.0) and the U.S. (10.4).2
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Respiratory Disease


Stroke


**Diabetes Mellitus (DM)**

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**CVD and DM Modifiable Risk Factors**

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Aging


Infectious Disease


**Mental Health**


**Substance Abuse**

The 2016 Madera County Community Health Assessment Survey was conducted over 1,720 face-to-face and more than 460 electronic surveys among adult Madera County residents at 5 districts and more than 15 agencies throughout Madera County in July and August of 2015.

**Part I: Demographics**

### Appendix Table. Demographic characteristics of participants in Community Health Assessment Survey, Madera County, 2016

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*Four participants identified their gender as other; two of them are from E. City of Madera; one from Chowchilla and one from Eastern Madera County.*
Part II: Influential Factors to Community Health

Q4. The three biggest health problems in your community, Madera County (n=2083), 2016

- Alcoholism/Drug Abuse: 692
- Breathing problems/Asthma: 684
- Obesity: 649
- Diabetes: 639
- Teens getting pregnant: 413
- Youth violence (i.e. gang fights, murders): 392
- Mental health issues (i.e. depression): 388
- Cancer: 366
- Teeth problems: 309
- Age-related health problems (like arthritis): 268
- Domestic violence: 226
- Heart Disease: 192
- Motor vehicle injuries (including pedestrian and...): 156
- Child abuse or neglect: 129
- Sexually transmitted diseases: 128
- Other: 99
- Infectious diseases (i.e. hepatitis or tuberculosis): 61
- Poor birth outcomes (i.e. babies underweight,...): 51
- Stroke: 41
- Suicide: 31

Source: Madera County Community Health Survey (2016)
Q5. Three behaviors that most affect health in your community, Madera County (n=2083), 2016

Alcohol abuse (drinking too much) 961
Drug abuse 907
Poor eating habits 668
Lack of exercise 599
Driving while drunk/on drugs 575
Smoking/tobacco use 416
Not getting regular check-ups by the doctor 411
Life stress/not able to deal with life stresses 372
Talk/texting while driving 322
Unsafe sex (i.e. not using condom or birth control) 211
Using weapons/guns 193
Teenage sex 191
Not getting 'shots' (vaccines) to prevent disease 116
Other 64

Source: Madera County Community Health Survey (2016)
Q6. The three biggest social and economic problems in your community, Madera County (n=2083), 2016

- Not enough local jobs: 1269
- Poverty: 588
- Homelessness: 583
- Gangs: 572
- Not enough interesting activities: 507
- High school drop-outs: 389
- No health insurance: 321
- Fear of crime: 262
- Not enough education: 262
- Racism and discrimination: 235
- Inadequate public transportation: 210
- Not enough healthy food: 207
- Overcrowded housing: 182
- Not enough police and firefighters: 129
- Other: 65

Source: Madera County Community Health Survey (2016)
Q11. The three most important aspects of a healthy, thriving community, Madera County (n=2083), 2016

![Bar chart showing the number of people ranking various aspects as important]

- Safe place to raise kids: 1043
- Jobs: 957
- Good schools: 526
- Affordable housing: 517
- Low crime and violence: 492
- Access to healthcare: 403
- Good air quality: 387
- Access to healthy food: 297
- Time for family: 219
- Parks and recreation facilities: 217
- Community involvement: 180
- Support agencies (i.e. social workers, churches, ...): 160
- Inexpensive childcare: 138
- Services for elders: 117
- Green/open spaces: 108
- People know how to stay healthy: 102
- Diversity is respected: 73
- Other: 34

Source: Madera County Community Health Survey (2016)
Q25. The three biggest health problems facing children ages 0-18 in your community, Madera County (n=2083), 2016

Breathing problems/Asthma: 435
Obesity: 361
Bullying: 338
Youth violence (i.e. gang fights, murders): 305
Teeth problems: 269
Teens getting pregnant: 247
Alcoholism: 214
Drug Abuse: 185
Child Abuse or neglect: 163
Lack of Affordable and quality childcare: 157
Lack of prenatal care: 147
Poverty: 123
Mental health issues (i.e. depression): 118
No health insurance: 118
Diabetes: 116
Sometimes we don't have enough food to feed: 106
Not enough doctors: 101
Domestic violence: 92
Sexually transmitted diseases: 73
Motor vehicle injuries (including pedestrian and...): 67
Malnutrition: 60
Other: 54
Poor birth outcomes (i.e. baby underway,...): 51
Suicide: 36

Source: Madera County Community Health Survey (2016)
Q7. The three biggest obstacles to having a healthy environment in your community, Madera County (n=2083), 2016

Source: Madera County Community Health Survey (2016)
Q10. The three things that make it hard to get health care in your community, Madera County (n=2083), 2016

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Source: Madera County Community Health Survey (2016)
### Part IV: Self Evaluation on Health Status and Community Health Factors

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Source: Madera County Community Health Survey (2016)
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Part VI: Influential Factors to Community Health by Region

Q4. The three biggest health problems in your community

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Q5. The three behaviors that most affect health in your community

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<td>Safe place to raise kids (63.9%)</td>
<td>Jobs (41.0%)</td>
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### Q25. The three biggest health problems facing children ages 0-18 in your community

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<td>Breathing Problems/Asthma (20.9%)</td>
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Q26. If you suspected that a child was being physically and/or emotionally neglected or abused, who would you contact?

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<td>Police/Sheriff (47.8%)</td>
<td>Social Services Department (38.4%)</td>
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Part VII: Barriers to Healthy Environment and Health Care by Region

Q7. The three biggest obstacles to having a healthy environment in your community

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<td>Air pollution (dirty air) (52.7%)</td>
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<td>Eastern Madera</td>
<td>Not enough public transportation (36.8%)</td>
<td>Not enough sidewalks and bike paths (33.6%)</td>
<td>Unsafe drinking water (32.8%)</td>
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<td>Air pollution (dirty air) (42.6%)</td>
<td>Not enough sidewalks and bike paths (26.2%)</td>
<td>Not enough safe places to be physically active (23.0%)</td>
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Q10. The three things make it hard to get health care in your community

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