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COUNTY**
Better Together

Future of Public Health Funding

Annual Presentation to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

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Annual Presentation to Governing Board

Per Health and Safety Code 101320.5, local health jurisdictions (LHJs) must report to the Board:

- ▶ LHJ's most prevalent current causes of morbidity and mortality
- ▶ LHJ's cases of morbidity and mortality with the most rapid three-year growth rate
- ▶ Health gaps

Also, must provide:

- ▶ Update on progress of addressing the issues through the strategies and programs identified in the LHJ's triennial public health plan
- ▶ Identify policy recommendations for addressing these issues



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Future of Public Health funding (FoPH)

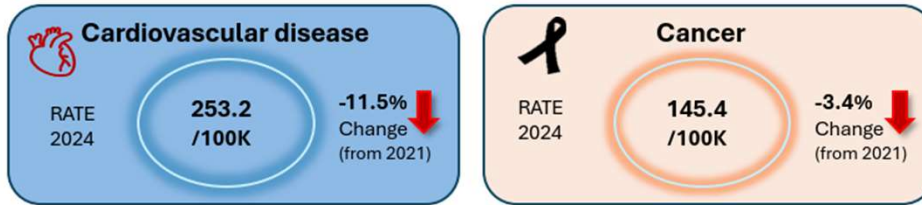
- ▶ The purpose of FoPH funding is to strengthen public health workforce and infrastructure.
- ▶ Fresno County's annual allocation is **\$6,011,982**.
 - At least 70% of allocation must be used to support hiring permanent staff, including benefits, training & activities that support recruitment & retention
 - Other costs categories cannot exceed 30%
 - Funds cannot be used to supplant all other local city or county funds



Fresno County Department of Public Health Morbidity and Mortality Summary (2024)

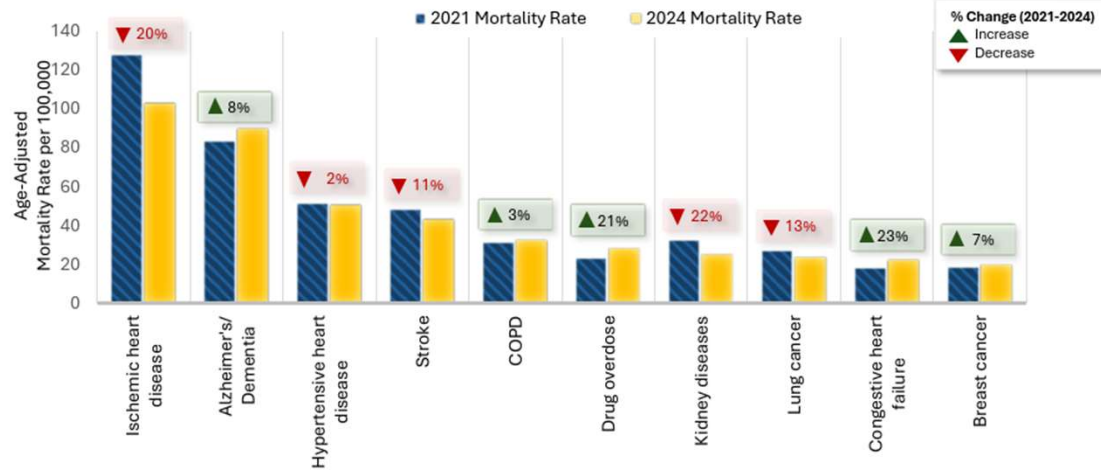
1. Top Overall Leading Causes of Death 2024¹

Top 2 categories of mortality in Fresno County based on the 2024 age-adjusted mortality rate per 100,000 population and % change from 2021 to 2024



2. Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate: 2021 vs 2024¹

Age-adjusted mortality rate per 100,000 population for leading conditions in Fresno County and % change from 2021 to 2024

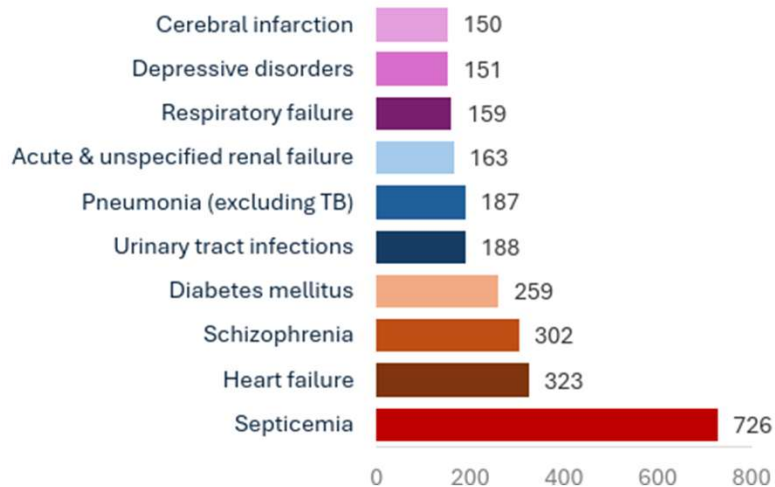


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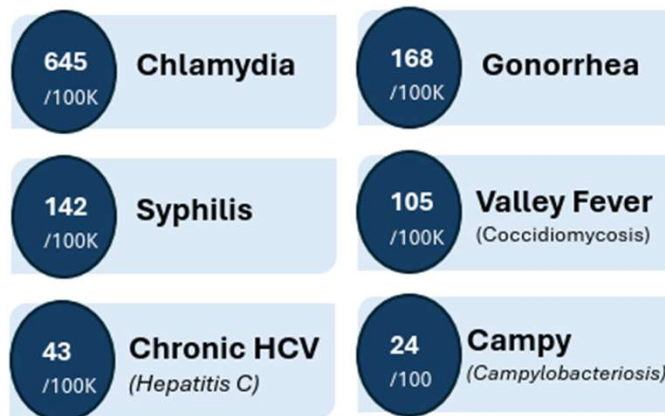
3. Hospitalization Rates for Leading Conditions¹

Based on age-adjusted hospitalization rate (per 100,000),
Fresno County, 2024



4. Top Reportable Communicable Diseases²

Top diseases reported to the Fresno County Dept. of Public Health by
Medical Providers in 2024
(incidence per 100,000 population, resident cases only)



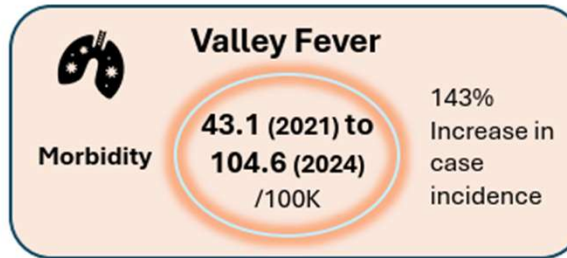
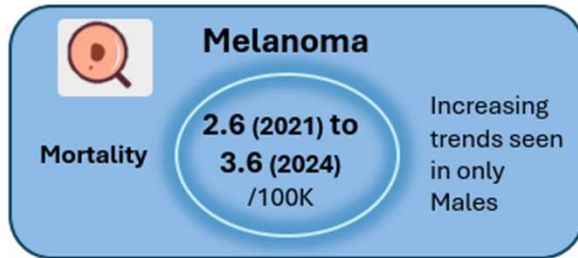
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5. Increasing Conditions^{1,2}

Large increases for Melanoma deaths (age-adjusted mortality¹ per 100,000 population) and Valley Fever (Coccidiomycosis) cases (incidence² per 100,000 population) were seen in 2024 as compared to 2021



6. Demographic & Geographic Trends

Geography¹

- The Fresno north-central region had the highest crude mortality rate, but after age adjustment, the Huron region had the highest mortality rate (2020–2024).
- The highest age-adjusted melanoma/skin cancer mortality rate occurred in the county's northeast region (including East Clovis, Auberry, Calwa, Del Rey, Fowler, Friant, Sanger, and Shaver Lake).

Race/Ethnicity¹

- Black residents had the highest age-adjusted mortality rates (2022-2024) for all conditions in Figure 2, except Alzheimer's/other dementias, where White residents had higher rates.
- Age-specific mortality (2022-2024) increased with age for all conditions in Figure 2, except drug overdoses.

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2024-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan

2025 Annual Progress Update



Priority Area 1: Physical Activity and Nutrition

Priority Area 2: Equitable Access to Healthcare

Priority Area 3: Behavioral Health (Mental Health & Substance Use)

WHAT'S BEEN DONE SO FAR:

- Walk audits in 17 rural areas and 3 cities had park assessments
 - Bike safety education and **multiple community events** reaching **500+ residents**
 - More school-based recreational opportunities
 - Completed **101** community **nutrition surveys**
 - 17 stores signed up to promote healthier foods and drinks
 - Participated in **16 Farmers Markets**
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- **248 mobile clinic events** brought services to **4900+ residents**
 - **900+ residents enrolled** in community health worker (CHW) programs, **400+ outreach events**
 - 16 outreach events and 19 media interviews on **vaccine education**
 - Doctors **completed 662 well-child visits**
 - **80+ people trained** in culturally appropriate services (CLAS)
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- **3,000+ young people helped** through All 4 Youth Program (mental health services at school, community, and home)
 - **320+ schools** now have **behavioral health services**
 - More **telehealth, extra care support, and youth services**
 - Crisis Stabilization Center is helping people get care without going to the emergency room
 - **2% fewer babies** born too early
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WHAT'S IN PROGRESS:

- Research on what stops access to physical activity
- More walking, biking, and recreation programs

- Mobile health expansion with managed care plan funding
- Growing a shared community information exchange

- Expanding youth referrals and support programs
- More outreach and work with community partners

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)



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Community Health Improvement Plan

CHALLENGES FACED ACROSS ALL PRIORITY AREAS:

- Staffing shortages and changes
- Less SNAP-Ed funding is affecting long-term plans
- Technology systems don't share data with each other well



- Not everyone knows about or uses mental health services
- Not enough low-literacy materials
- Emergency room being used for non-emergencies

REAL COMMUNITY IMPACT:

- More healthy food choices in stores and farmers markets
- Better support for young people's mental health through schools, new wellness centers, and traveling vans



- Increased access to healthcare through mobile health and CHWs
- Health data available through new online dashboard: www.healthyfresnocountydata.org

STAY CONNECTED: Find the report in your local library or visit www.fcdph.org/CHACHIP



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Department of Public Health 10-Year Strategic Plan

- ▶ Development began June 2024 and plan was finalized February 2026
- ▶ FoPH funded a consulting contract to assist development
 - ▶ Reviewed existing data and collected input through staff surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews, and community conversations
 - ▶ Included DPH staff, County departments, health systems, educational institutions, community-based organizations and faith-based organizations
- ▶ New mission, vision, and strategic framework identified that align with the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and CHIP priorities



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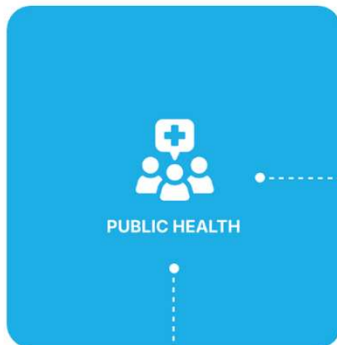
Our mission is to work in partnership with our diverse community to promote, preserve, and protect public safety and health. We proactively prevent health and safety risks to enhance quality of life for all through integrated, innovative, and community-focused public service.

5 Key Focus Areas	Community Health Improvement	• Advancing partnerships and policies that reduce disparities and promote well-being for all residents
	Public Safety & Health Promotion	• Strengthening communication, education, and engagement to build community trust and improve health literacy
	Emergency Preparedness & Response	• Ensuring readiness and resilience for natural disasters, public health crises, and emerging threats
	Information Technology, Data, & Informatics	• Modernizing data systems to improve transparency, accessibility, and data-driven decision-making
	Workforce Development	• Building and supporting a diverse, skilled, and thriving public health workforce





Fresno County Information Exchange Overview



PUBLIC HEALTH



SOCIAL SERVICES



EDUCATION DATA



A Data Sharing Initiative for a Resilient Fresno County

The FCIE is a collaborative data infrastructure that enables information to be shared among cross-sector partners in support of holistic coordination of care, improved academic outcomes and effective systems change.

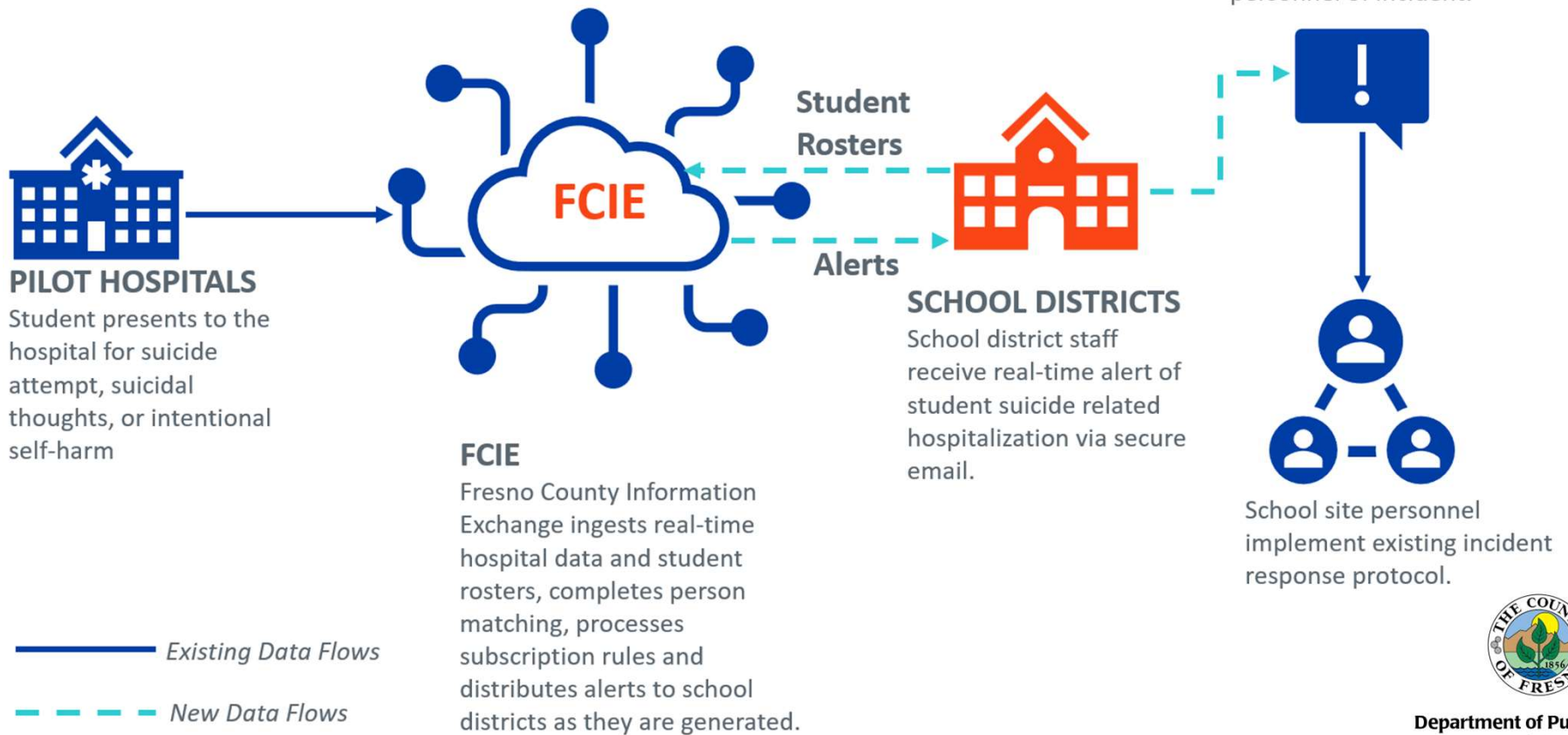
Our project is unique in that it will combine public health and social services data with education data from cradle to career.

By helping the County of Fresno and school districts share information we can improve services, enhance overall community well-being, effectively address complex social and health challenges, and increase economic mobility.

Over time the FCIE will help save lives, improve health and educational outcomes and reduce poverty.



FCIE SUICIDE PREVENTION DATA FLOW



THE FCIE Maximizes Public Resources

Consolidated investments through cross-sector, coordinated data sharing lead to improved education and health outcomes and economic mobility.

FROM:

Millions in siloed investment

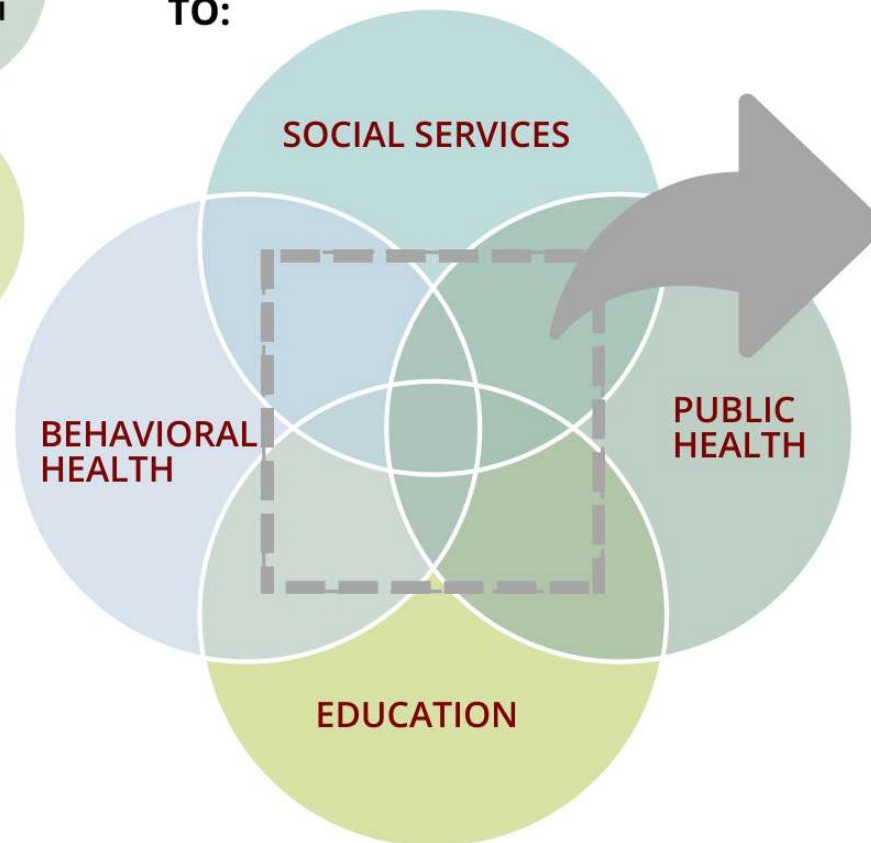
No data-driven understanding of ROI

Inefficient care coordination

Duplication of service and gaps in service delivery

Less efficient resource allocation

TO:



Consolidated Investments

- Interventions, services and supports found inside the investment square become the focus of our public resources
- Investments inside the square demonstrate positive outcomes in our service delivery
- Interconnecting services and supports achieve care coordination
- Duplication of services and gaps in service are eliminated
- The longitudinal aspect of data collection illuminates what is working and the ROI over time
- A proactive approach means resources are used efficiently

Thank you!



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