

**Kern County Department of Public Health
Speaker Biographies
August 2023**

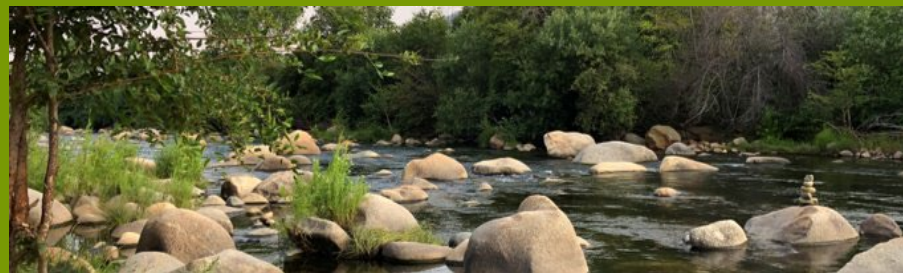
Brynn Carrigan has been the Director of Kern County Public Health since January 2021 and has over 16 years of experience working for the County of Kern. A Kern County native, Brynn and her husband enjoy raising their two children in Bakersfield and her hobbies include hiking, running and disc golf. Her passion is to help improve the overall health and wellness of Kern County residents through Public Health services and health and fitness initiatives.

Kimberly Hernandez is the Division Director of Health Services at Kern County Public, where she manages and supports a variety of services including Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health programs; California Children's Services, Communicable Disease; Vital Statistics; Public Health Clinic; and the Public Health Laboratory. She is an Epidemiologist by training, earning her Bachelors of Science in Psychobiology at UCLA and her Masters of Public Health with a concentration in Biostatistics at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Kern County Maternal Mortality

Medical Board of California
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900,000+

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8,000 sq mi



4 hours



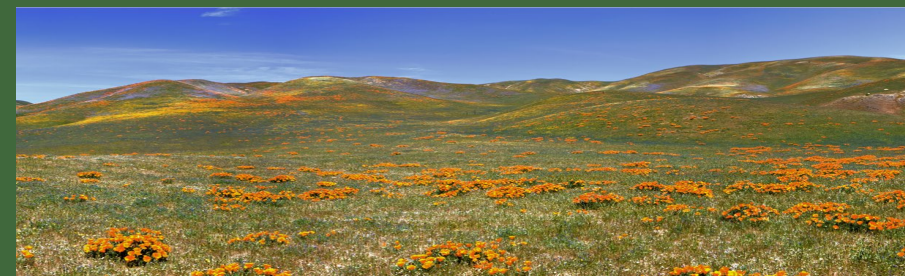
\$58,000



76%

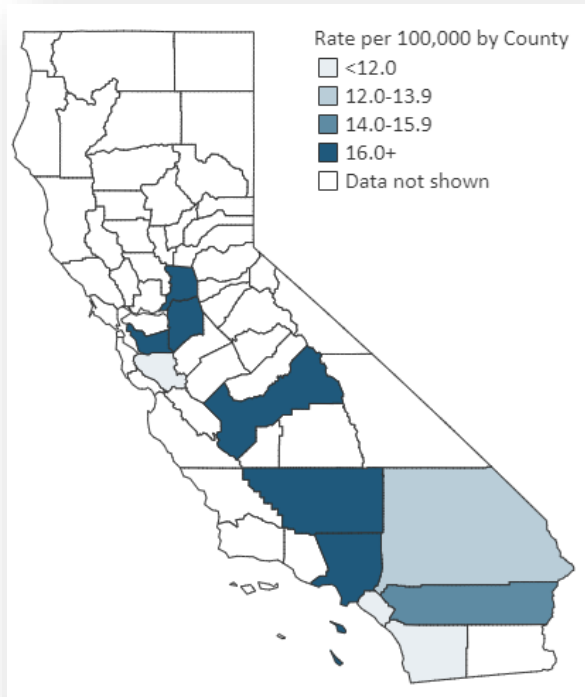


18%



Pregnancy-Related Mortality Data

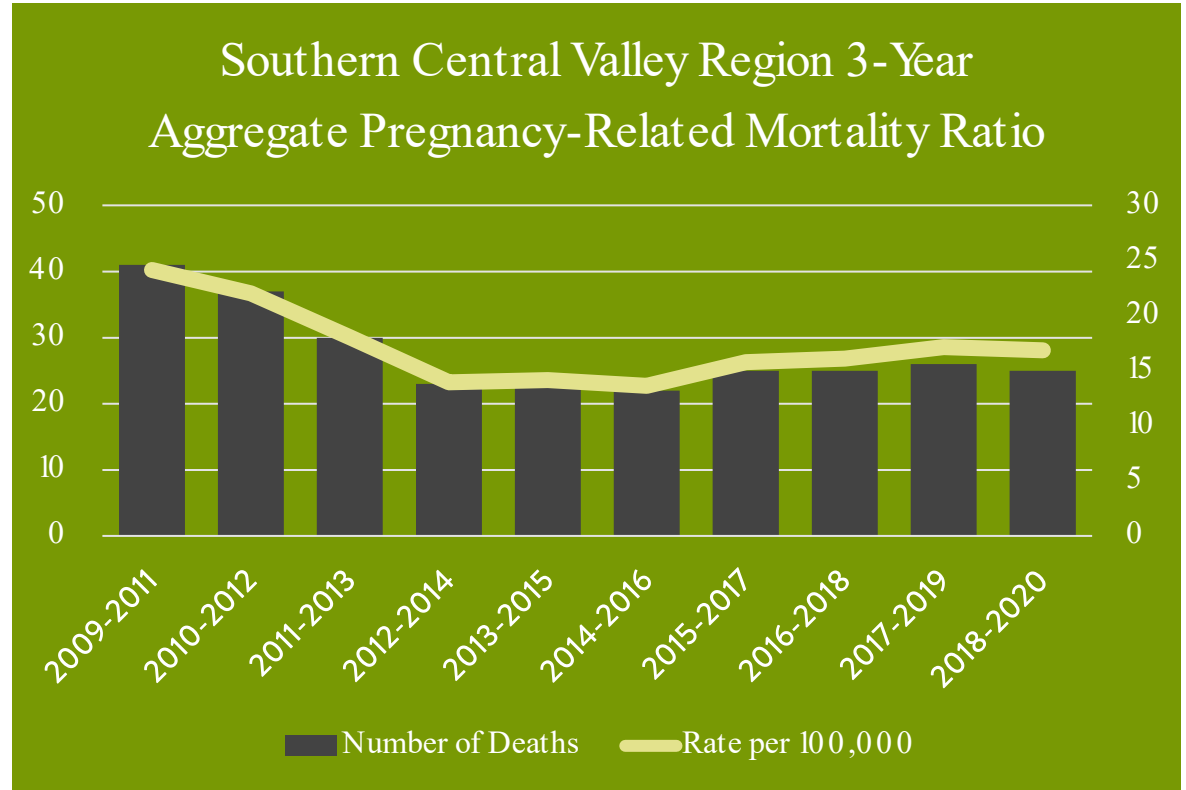
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County	Rate
Alameda	20.6
San Joaquin	20.1
Sacramento	20.0
Fresno	18.1
Kern	16.9
Los Angeles	16.2
California Average	14.9

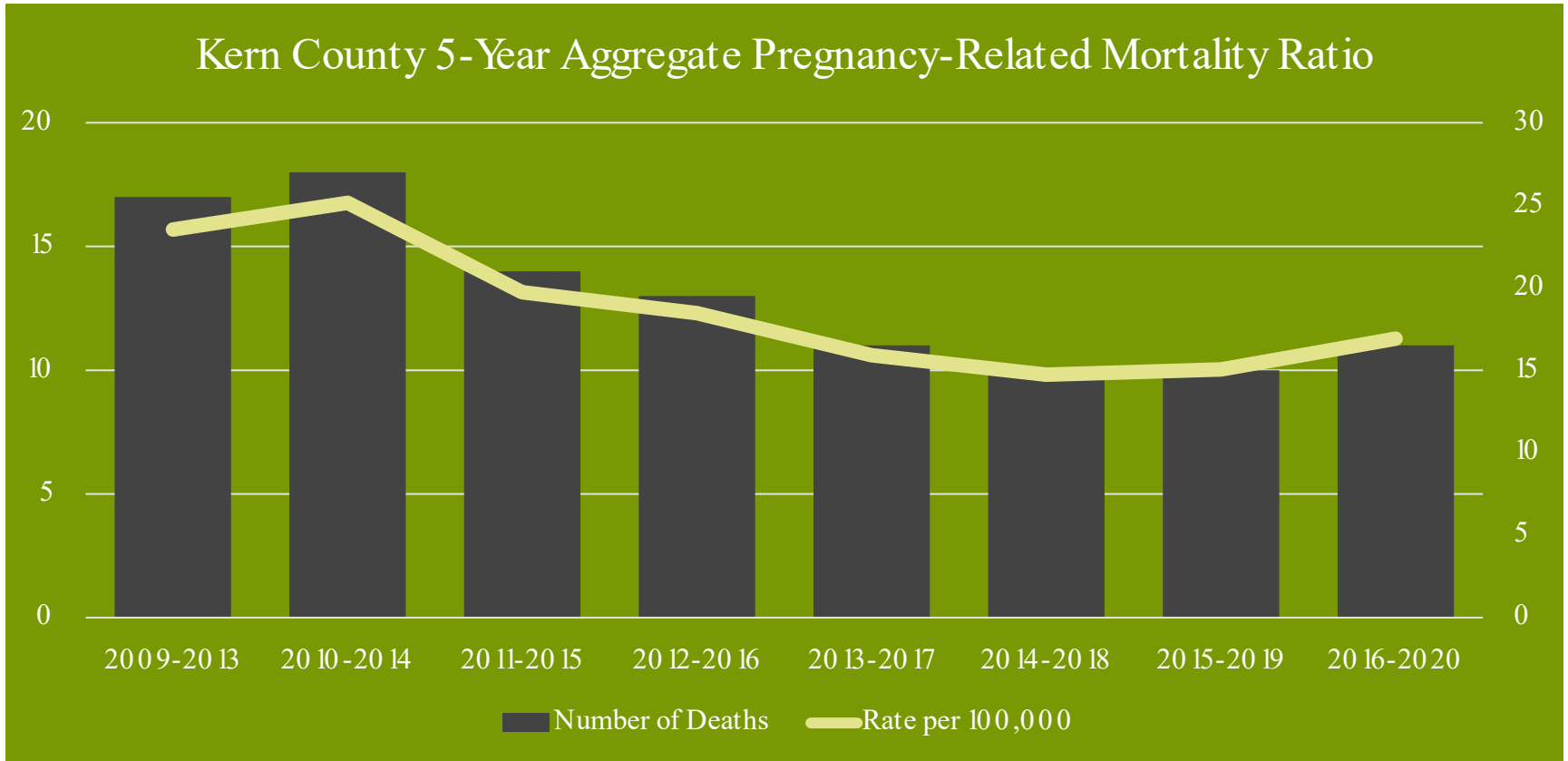
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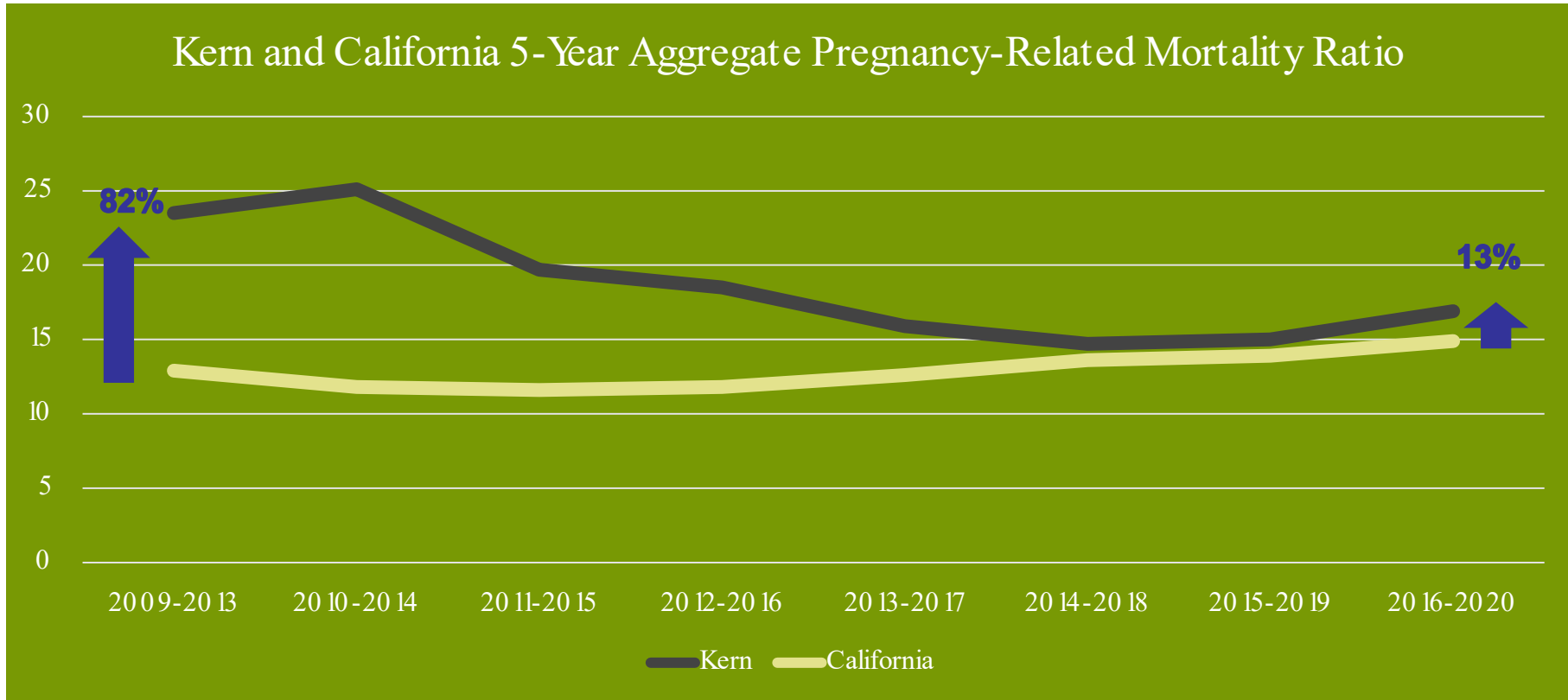
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Kern County Public Health Programs

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What

Empowering Black and African American women through culturally appropriate program services to improve Black infant and maternal health

Who

Black and African American Women who are pregnant through 6 months post-partum; No income requirements

Privately in the home, with others at group meeting locations, and virtually online

Where

Individual case management or group-setting education to build social supports

How

Now! Recruitment and program activities are ongoing

When

BIH Team Approach

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Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

Partnering with first-time, low-income mothers and their families to support healthy pregnancies, early childhood development, and economic self-sufficiency

Nurses meet 1:1 with clients in their home to provide education, medical assessments, and social support



Serves families from pregnancy through 2 years of age of the infant

Nearly 200 Families Served in 2022

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23%

Mothers < 18 years of age

84%

Mothers identifying as Hispanic

15%

Mothers who were Spanish-speaking only

43%

Mothers who worked part-time or full-time during the program

33%

Mothers 18+ years who did not have a HS Diploma or GED when starting the program who earned it during the program

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Perinatal Outreach Program (POP)



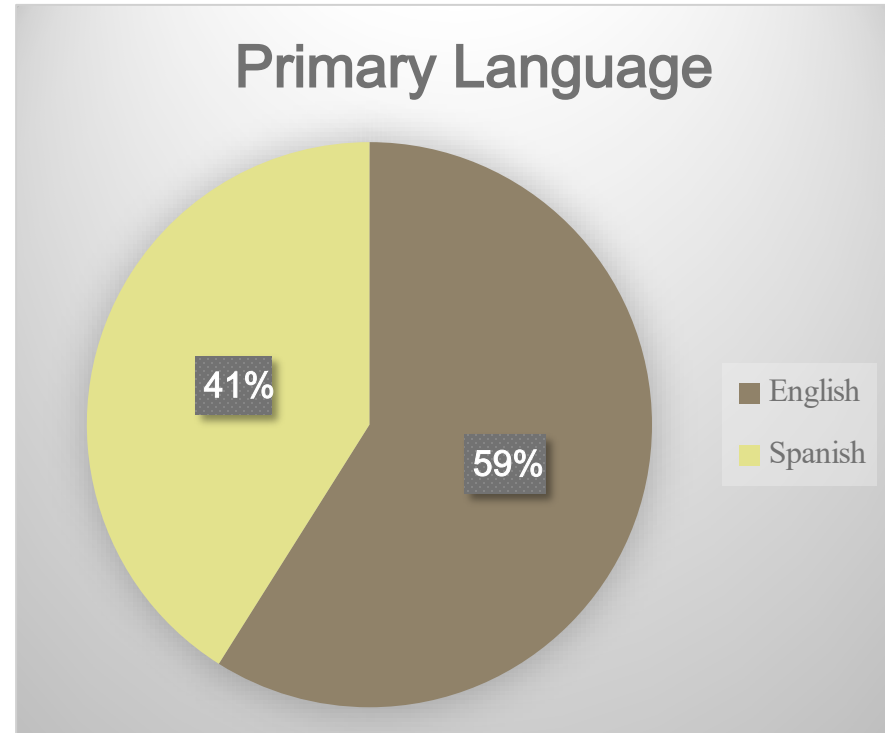
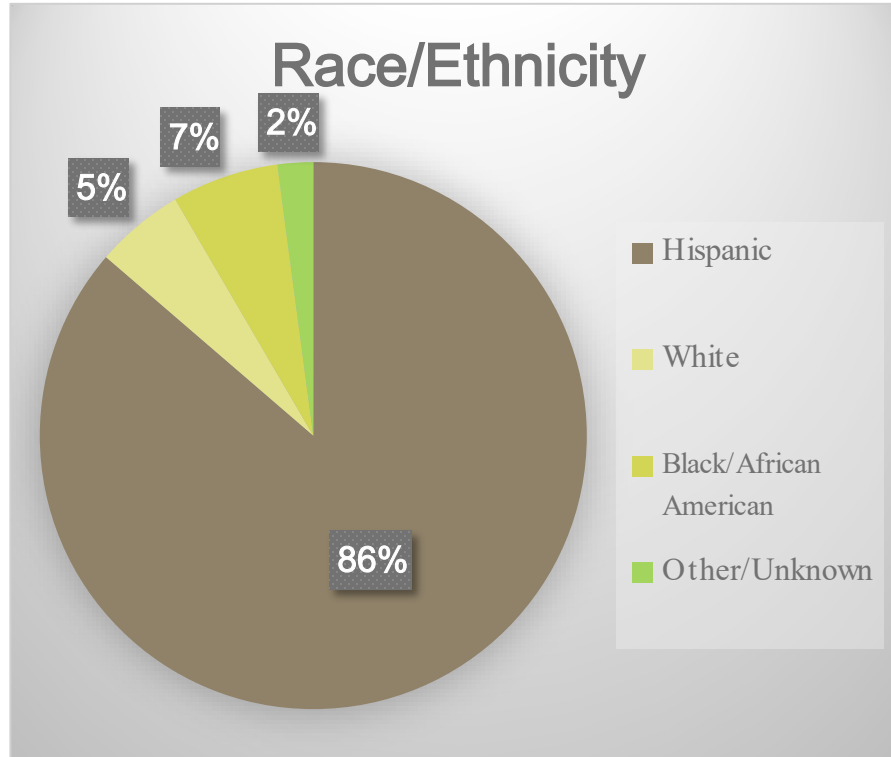
Serving pregnant women through 1 year of age of the infant

No income eligibility requirements

Staff meet 1:1 with clients in their home

Prenatal and post-partum education, early childhood development support

Perinatal Outreach Program (POP)



Black Infant and Maternal Health Initiative (BIMHI)

Goal:

To improve maternal and infant health outcomes among Black and African American women

Recent Accomplishment:

Provider symposium to increase awareness of health disparities among healthcare providers

Future:

To be used as a model to apply to other disproportionately impacted populations

**Established:
2022**



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