



Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health, Kern County, 2013



Adolescence is the developmental period from ages 10 to 19. During adolescence and into early adulthood, the brain undergoes the last major period of growth and reorganization, resulting in an increased need for stimulation and changes in social and emotional information processing. Adolescence is a time for youth to explore their identity and values. Often this occurs in the context of peer relationships though parents and other adult figures remain influential. Although the morbidity and mortality rates increase sharply from childhood through adolescence, most youth fare well. Adolescence is a critical time for establishing patterns for a positive adulthood - including an active role in one's reproductive and sexual health.

The Local and State Populations

	Kern County		California		County Ranking ¹³		Kern County		California		County Ranking ¹³
	N	%	N	%			N	%	N	%	
Total Population ¹	869,797	100.0	38,202,206	100.0	11	Adolescent Population ¹	137,269	100.0	5,213,412	100.0	11
Aged 10 - 14 years	67,639	7.8	2,515,768	6.6	4	Hispanic	82,852	60	2,608,743	50.0	11
Aged 15 - 17 years	40,771	4.7	1,564,954	4.1	7	African American	7,472	5.4	308,052	5.9	10
Aged 18 - 19 years	28,859	3.3	1,132,690	3.0	15	Asian	4,694	3.4	565,419	10.8	32
Uninsured ²	164,775	20.2	6,601,519	17.8	12	White	37,753	27.5	1,482,892	28.4	42
Public Health Insurance ²	296,735	36.3	10,964,848	29.5	28	Male	70,199	51.1	2,668,985	51.2	37
Single Head-of-Household ²	61,711	24.2	2,435,571	19.4	5	Female	67,070	48.9	2,544,427	48.8	15
Total Concentrated Poverty ²	449,817	55.2	11,019,858	29.9	7	Living in Foster Care ⁴	1691	0.7	58696	0.6	25
Youth Concentrated Poverty ²	150,380	60.1	3,147,804	34.6	7	Family PACT Providers ⁵	54	2.4	2,297	100.0	7
Women under 20 in Need ¹¹	13,700	19.0	537,170	20.2	47	Teen Family PACT Clients ⁵	5,742	16.0	251,926	14.0	26
Unemployment Rate ²	--	8.1	--	7.3	18	In School Services ¹²	0	--	230	--	28
Rural MSSAs ³	10	66.7	227	41.9	33	High School Dropout Rate ⁶	--	16.5	--	11.4	6

Notes: ¹Population. State of California, Department of Finance, Report P-3: State and County Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity, Detailed Age, and Gender, 2010-2060. Sacramento, California, December 2014; Adolescent Population aged 10 - 19. ²Estimated number of population with no health insurance, public health insurance; estimated number of households with male/female householder, no wife/husband present; estimated total persons and children under age 18 in concentrated poverty; unemployment rate: 2009-2013, U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (5-year estimates) retrieved from <http://factfinder2.census.gov/>. ³Total rural and frontier MSSAs: Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development, Medical Study Service Areas, retrieved from: <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/hwdd/MSSA/>. ⁴PIT (Point in Time) estimate, July 1, 2013, youth ages 0-17; University of California at Berkeley, California Child Welfare Indicators Project (CCWIP) retrieved from: http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare/PIT.aspx. ⁵Family Pact: 2012-2013, Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health and University of California San Francisco, Family PACT Program Report. Sacramento, CA. 2013. Retrieved from: Office of Family Planning, Department of Health Care Services. ⁶High School Cohort Drop Out Rate: 2012-2013. California Department of Education, retrieved from: <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>. ⁷Rate per 1,000 females, 2013. Percent of repeat births is percent of births to females aged 15 - 19 with 1-7 previous lives births. Birth Statistical Master File, California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics and Informatics. ⁸Rate per 100,000 youth, 2013. California Department of Public Health, STD Control Branch, rates by race, age and jurisdiction, retrieved from <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/statistics/Pages/STDLHJData.aspx>. ⁹Rate per 100,000 youth, 2013. California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, California Arrests Data File, retrieved from: <http://oag.ca.gov/crime/cjcs/stats/arrests>. ¹⁰Percent 9th graders rated with high level of caring adult in community; with boyfriend or girlfriend who report dating violence; reported depression-related feelings in past year: 2011-2013. WestEd Health and Human Development Department for California Department of Education, retrieved from: <http://www.kidsdata.org/>. ¹¹Number of women younger than 20 in need of publically funded contraception services and supplies, 2013. Guttmacher Institute. Retrieved from: <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/win/counties/>. ¹²California school-based health centers by county, California School-Based Health Alliance, retrieved from: <http://www.schoolhealthcenters.org/school-health-centers-in-ca/locations/sbhc-by-county/>. ¹³County rankings determined by assigning rank of one to the largest value among counties and rank of 58 to smallest value.

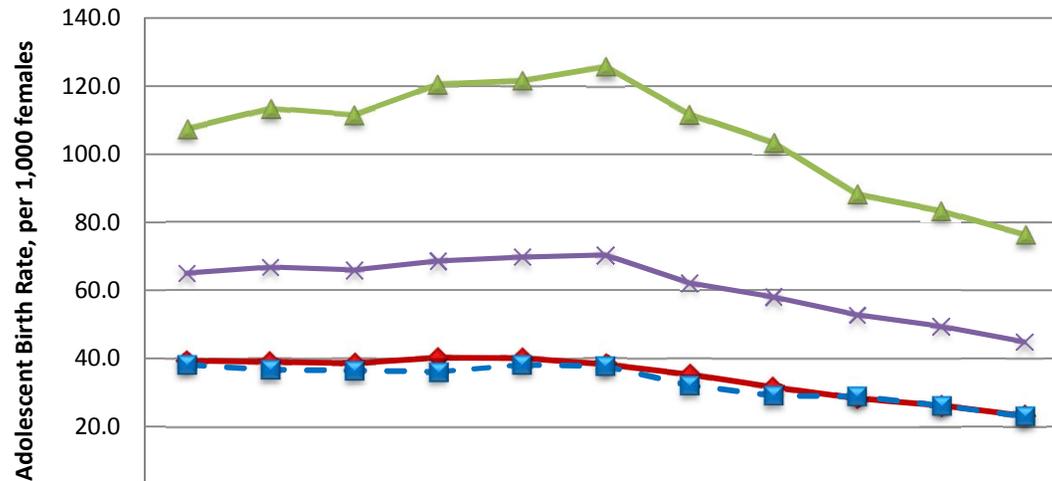
'--' = data not available; 's' = data suppressed; * = RSE between 30% and 49%; Further technical details available here: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/statistics/Pages/AdolescentHealthData/CountyHealthProfiles>.



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	Geography		County Ranking ¹¹	Gender		Race and Ethnicity			
	Local	State		Female	Male	Hispanic	African American	Asian	White
Adolescent Behaviors and Outcomes									
Adolescent birth rate (aged 15-19) ^{1,7}	44.9	23.2	2	--	--	54.8	55.0	5.1*	27.1
Percent of repeat adolescent births (aged 15-19) ⁷	19.0	17.0	10	--	--	19.5	23.8	0.0	16.5
Chlamydia rate (aged 15 - 19) ⁸	2,264.5	1,370.3	1	3,483.0	1,101.6	2,180.6	8,426.3	668.5	1,516.7
Gonorrhea rate (aged 15 - 19) ⁸	383.9	189.8	3	449.8	318.4	330.4	2,057.0	78.6	198.5
Arrest rate (aged 10 - 19) ⁹	4,135.7	3,216.4	20	2,221.6	5,964.5	3,582.3	12,874.7	--	3,631.5
Have caring adult in community ¹⁰	s	63.6	--	s	s	--	--	--	--
Depression-related feelings ¹⁰	s	30.7	--	s	s	--	--	--	--
Experienced dating violence in past year ¹⁰	s	5.0	--	s	s	--	--	--	--

Kern County Adolescent Birth Rate by Age Group, 2002 - 2012



	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CA, 15-19	39.4	39	38.6	40.2	40.1	38.3	35.4	31.6	28.3	26.2	23.2
Kern County, 15-17	38.2	36.7	36.5	36.1	38.2	37.7	32.2	29.1	28.9	26.2	23.0
Kern County, 18-19	107.5	113.5	111.6	120.5	121.6	125.7	111.7	103.5	88.2	83.4	76.4
Kern County, 15-19	65.1	66.9	66.0	68.6	69.8	70.4	62.2	58.1	52.8	49.5	44.9

Adolescent Births In Kern County

- 1,524 adolescent births occurred in Kern County in 2013, representing 5.0% of adolescent births in the state that year. 2.6% of CA females ages 15 – 19 lived in Kern County in 2013.
- The adolescent birth rate has decreased 31.0% since 2003; the state decreased 41.1% over the same period.
- 69.8% of adolescent births in Kern County in 2013 were to women aged 18 – 19. The state average was 72.0%.
- 17.3% of adolescent births in Kern County were to mothers who reported a White race. The state average was 11.7%.
- 77.6% of adolescent births in Kern County occurred in areas of concentrated poverty. The state average was 58.3%.