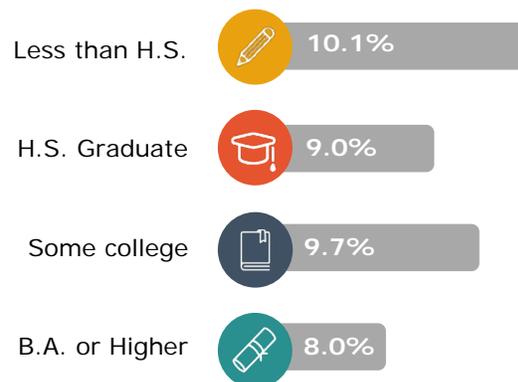
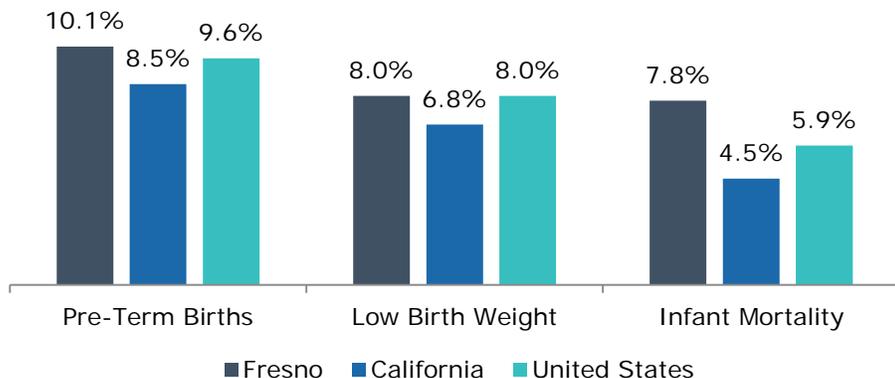


Children’s optimal physical and mental health in early childhood are important in achieving the cognitive and social development that will prepare them for school and for life. Preventative healthcare promotes child health by reducing incidence of illnesses and general health problems.

Infant Health

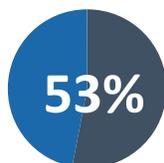
In 2015, 1 in 10 babies were born pre-term in Fresno County¹. Across several measures of infant health, Fresno County rates are worse than the state and national average.

Maternal education appears to be strongly related to pre-term birth. Data from 2017 shows that rates of pre-term birth are higher among mothers with lower educational attainment².

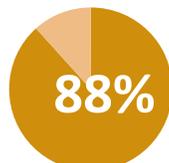


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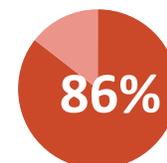
Perinatal and infant care services play a crucial role in a child’s early stages of life. Despite the availability of several of these services across Fresno, data shows that only a fraction of eligible families register for these services.



Various programs **provide home visitation services** and serve 2,407 mothers annually. However, approximately 4,512 new mothers are in need of these services.



Clinica Sierra Vista provides medical care to 37,862 pregnant mothers, infants, and children 0-5, although it reports the capacity to serve 42,870.



WIC has 64,179 enrolled mothers despite a capacity to serve up to 75,050.

Insurance & Immunization Rates

According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH)’s Maternal and Infant Health Data Snapshot, **less than 1 percent** of new mothers were identified as uninsured. CDPH also finds that in 2016 **over 96 percent** of children entering kindergarten were vaccinated. Both of these data points serve as brightspots for Fresno County and can serve as models for countywide efforts.

¹ March of Dimes Peristats (2015).

² Fresno County Department of Public Health (2017).