

# CHILD FATALITY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022 Data Overview

### CHILD FATALITY REVIEW OVERVIEW

Mission  
of the  
CFR Team



34 TEAMS COVER ALL 95 COUNTIES

Child Death Review Criteria

ENHANCE  
RESPONSE to  
child fatalities.

PROVIDE ACCURATE  
DATA on causes of  
child deaths.

REDUCE CHILD  
FATALITIES.



Decedent is  
a resident of  
Tennessee

AGE ≤ 17

Decedent is  
17 years of age  
or younger



Infant death  
meets Tennessee's  
standard of viability\*

\*I.e., infant was equal to or greater than 23 weeks of gestation or greater than 500 grams at birth.

### CHILD FATALITY | 2022

In 2022,  
there were  
**952**  
**CHILD**  
**DEATHS**  
in Tennessee.

The Tennessee  
Child Fatality  
rate was  
**22.6%**  
**HIGHER**  
than the  
national rate.

**6.6**  
**INFANT**  
**DEATHS**  
per 1,000  
live births  
in Tennessee.

**62.4**  
**CHILD**  
**DEATHS\***  
per 100,000  
child population  
in Tennessee.

87.3	Shelby <sup>‡</sup>
85.5	Madison <sup>‡</sup>
80.9	West <sup>§</sup>
78.3	Davidson <sup>‡</sup>
72.2	Upper Cumberland <sup>§</sup>
64.3	Northeast <sup>§</sup>
61.5	Knox <sup>‡</sup>
56.1	South Central <sup>§</sup>
50.0	East <sup>§</sup>
47.0	Sullivan <sup>‡</sup>
46.5	Hamilton <sup>‡</sup>
46.5	Mid Cumberland <sup>§</sup>
40.7	Southeast <sup>§</sup>
62.4	*TN STATE AVERAGE

<sup>‡</sup>County <sup>§</sup>Region

### CHILD DEATHS OVERVIEW

855 CHILD DEATHS WERE REVIEWED

AGE

RACE

SEX

0 – 12 MONTHS 53.9%

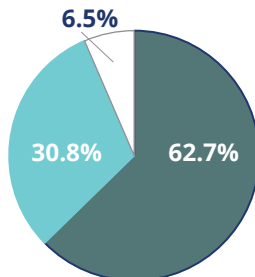
1 – 4 YEARS 11.7%

5 – 9 YEARS 6.7%

10 – 14 YEARS 10.2%

15 – 17 YEARS 17.5%

62.7% WHITE  
30.8% BLACK  
6.5% OTHER\* or  
UNKNOWN  
RACE



60%  
MALE



40%  
FEMALE

\*Other includes children of Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Asian, American Indian, and Multi-racial background.

### CAUSES OF DEATH

among those eligible for review



MEDICAL  
CONDITIONS  
REMAIN THE TOP  
CONTRIBUTOR.

51.9% of  
ALL CHILD  
DEATHS\*  
444/855

64.2%  
of INFANT  
DEATHS  
296/461



MORE THAN  
2 OUT OF 5 OF  
ALL CHILD  
DEATHS WERE  
PROBABLY  
PREVENTABLE.

\*The percentage of child deaths due to medical conditions is primarily driven by infant mortality.



OVER 1/3 of  
child deaths  
in 2022 were  
DUE TO  
EXTERNAL  
CAUSES of  
injury.



DROWNING was the  
LEADING CAUSE of  
death for 1-4 YEAR OLDS.



FIREARMS were the  
LEADING EXTERNAL  
CAUSE of death.



MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES  
were the 3RD LEADING  
CAUSE of death.



Unintentional  
POISONING DEATHS MORE  
THAN DOUBLED from 2018-2022.



26.2% of INFANT DEATHS were  
from SLEEP-RELATED causes.

From 2018-2022  
Tennessee rates of



HOMICIDE 16.2%  
INCREASED



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Annual Report here.



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Fatality Review website.



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91.9% of  
deaths with  
an EXTERNAL  
CAUSE were  
deemed  
PROBABLY  
PREVENTABLE.