



Tennessee TOA: Urban Institute Updates

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Updates



Now published: Tennessee TOA data dashboard



Coming soon: Data@Urban blog on dashboard development



Coming soon: Updated data on the dashboard



Questions?

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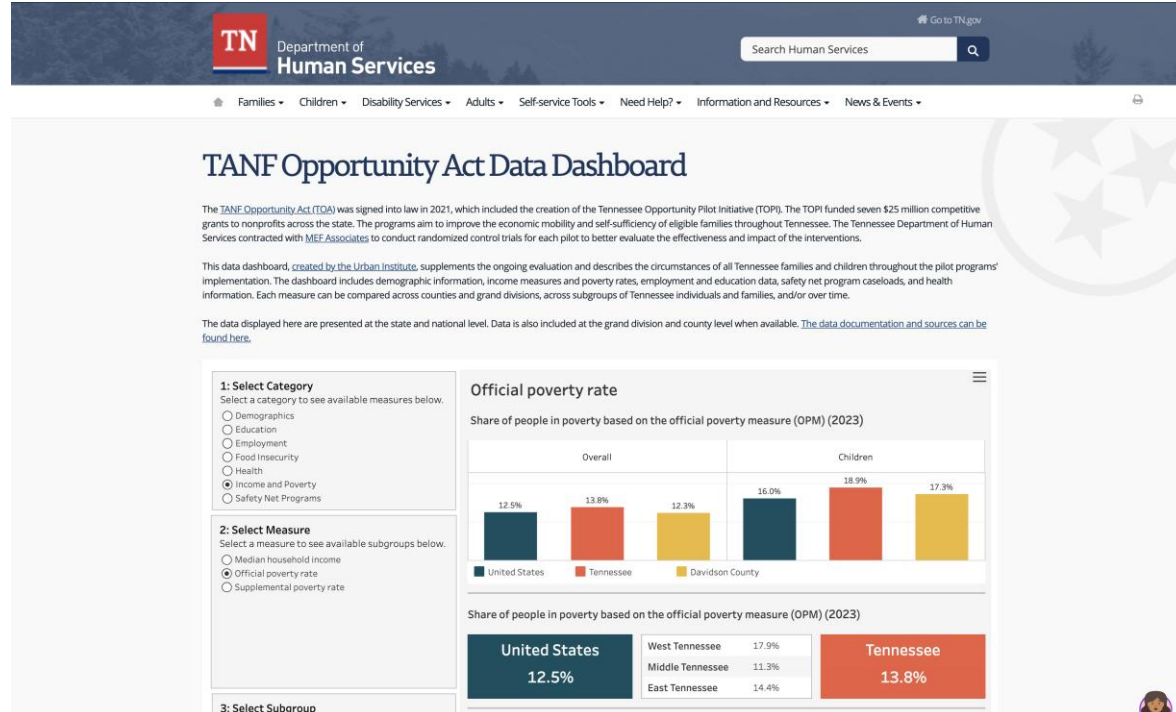
What is the goal of the data dashboard?

- To provide context and track the social and economic circumstances of Tennessee families and children during the pilot implementation period
- The data included in the dashboard do not track the outcomes of pilot participants, but instead capture summary economic, demographic, and program participation across the state

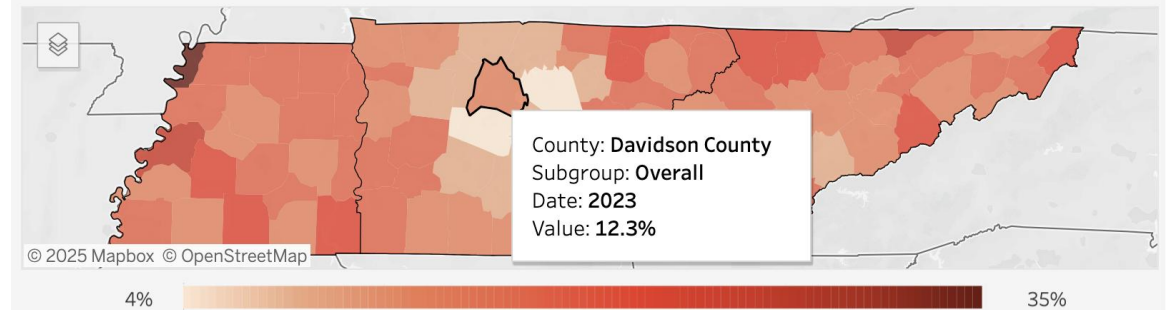


[Access the TOA dashboard here →](https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/tanf-opportunity-act/toa-data-dashboard.html)

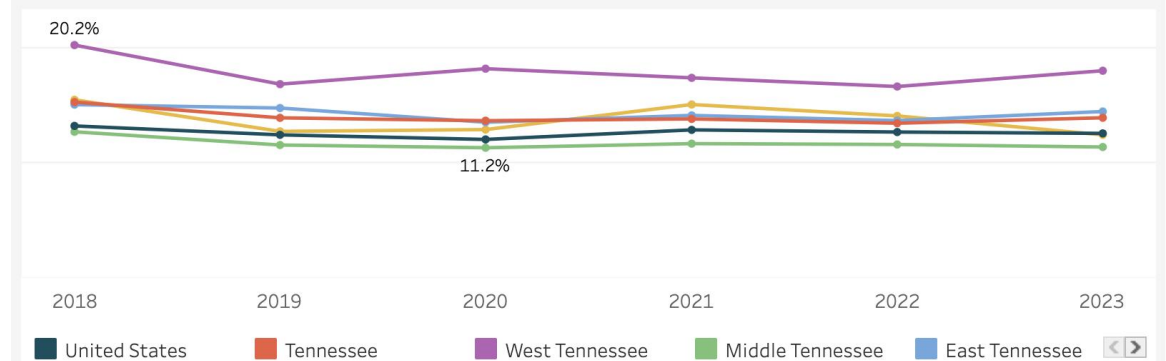
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Share of people in poverty based on the official poverty measure (OPM), by county (2023)



Share of people in poverty based on the official poverty measure (OPM), over time



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

Note: The official poverty rate compares cash income to a threshold that varies by family size, composition, and age of the household. See the data documentation for additional information.

Coming soon: Data@Urban blog post

What does the Data @ Urban blog post discuss?

- The user-centered, iterative approach to designing and developing the dashboard—including scoping discussions, beta version testing, and more
- Creating data pipelines that supported automation and long-term maintainability
- Preserving data security and confidentiality for program data



**Coming soon: Data updates to Tennessee TOA
dashboard**

Questions?

What types of information does the data dashboard contain?

Demographics	Education	Employment	Health	Income and Poverty	Safety Net Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age• Disability status• Grandparent status• Marital status• Race and ethnicity• Rural and urban• Vehicle availability• Veteran status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College going rate• Educational attainment• High school graduation rate• K-12 enrollment• Preschool enrollment• Students participating in special education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor force participation for different subgroups• Unemployment for different subgroups• Unemployment insurance claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obesity• Mortality• Mental distress• Low birthweight• Mental health providers• Poor mental health days• Poor or fair health• Primary care physicians• Uninsurance rate• Food insecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Median household income• Official poverty rate• Supplemental poverty rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCDF participation• CHIP participation• HeadStart participation• LIHEAP benefit amount and households served• Public housing and voucher enrollment• Medicaid participation• SSI participation and average benefit• TANF households, average benefits, earnings, hours worked, employment status, participation, and unit size• SSDI participation• TEIS participation• WIC participation

Where do the data from the dashboard come from?

- American Community Survey
- Current Population Survey
- Decennial Census
- Local Area Unemployment Statistics from Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Program administrative data from P-20 Connect TN
- Other data sources, including Feeding America, Kids Count, Social Security Administration reports, TennCare reports, US HHS ACF reports, US Census Bureau reports, County Health Rankings, and Tennessee Higher Education Commission reports