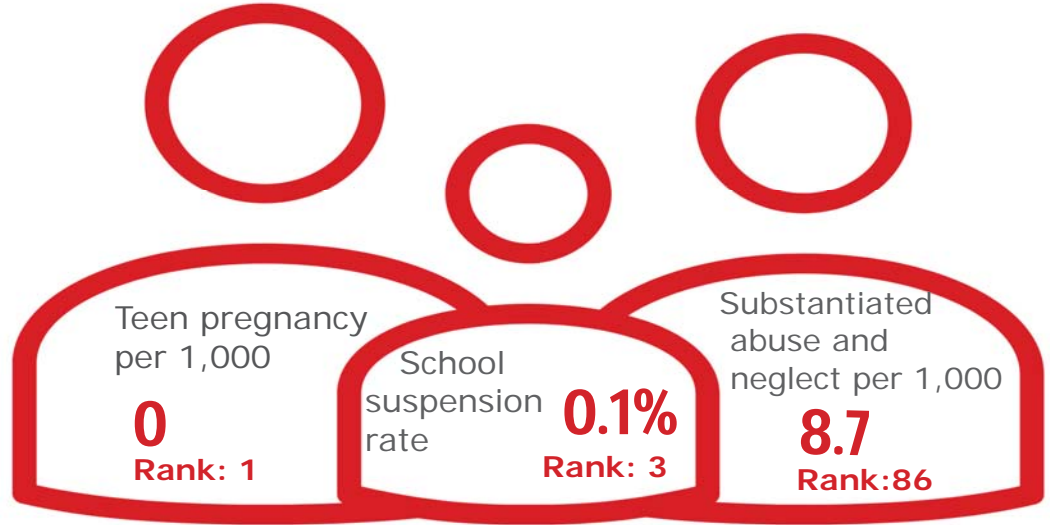


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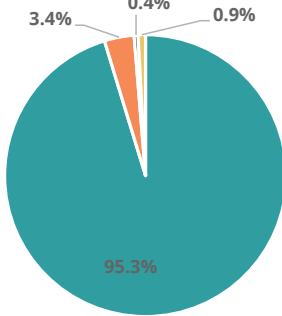
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Child Population by Race

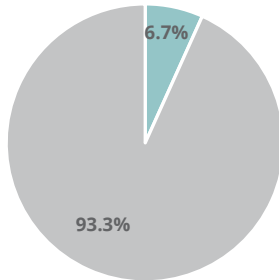


- White, Including Hispanic
- Black, Including Hispanic
- Native American/Alaskan
- Asian/Pacific Islander

Economic Well-Being

Rank: 37

Child Population by Hispanic Ethnicity

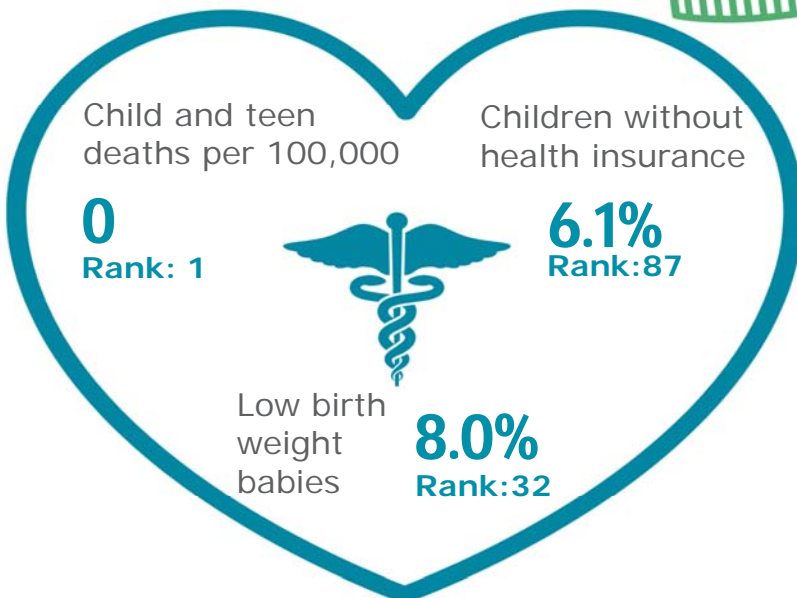


- Hispanic, All Races
- Non-Hispanic



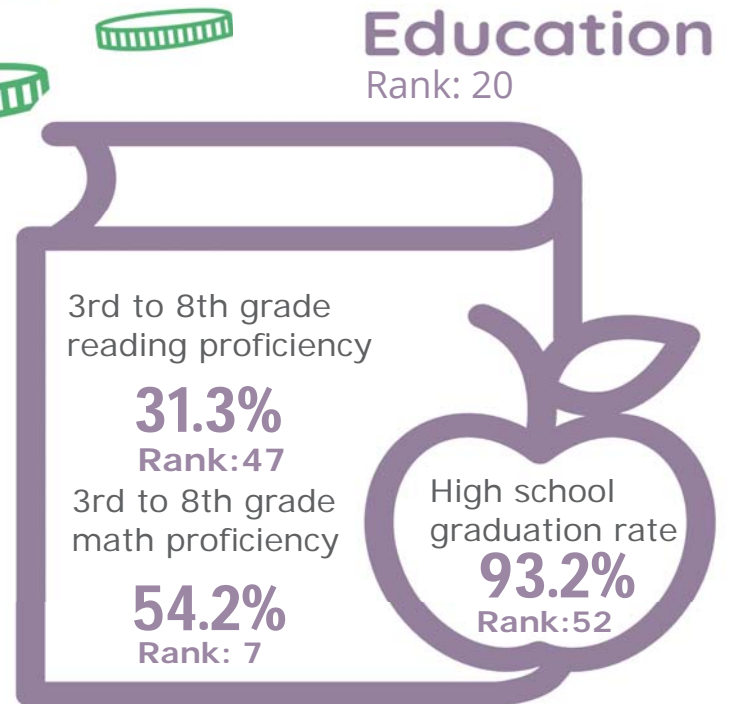
Health

Rank: 51








Education

Rank: 20



Decatur County

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Demographics 	Decatur County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	11,710	NA	6,769,975	0.2%	86
Population under 18 years of age	2,424	20.7%	22.2%	93.2%	55
Economic Well-Being 	Decatur County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	28	20.3%	11.2%	181.3%	81
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$42,639	NA	\$46,900	90.9%	15
Median home sales price (state is dollars not rate)	\$90,000	NA	\$146,000	61.6%	83
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	95	3.9%	2.7%	144.4%	76
Children receiving SNAP	747	30.8%	28.2%	109.5%	51
Children under five receiving WIC	275	43.2%	30.6%	141.2%	61
Education 	Decatur County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	214	13.5%	12.3%	109.9%	60
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	18	45.92	27.9	164.7%	86
Cohort high school dropouts	4	2.9%	8.3%	34.9%	24
Event high school dropouts	3	0.6%	2.2%	27.3%	21
Economically disadvantaged students	861	55.2%	65.1%	84.8%	13
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	231	14.8%	13.3%	111.3%	68
Young adult college enrollment/completion rate	NA	72.5%	62.5%	116.0%	4
Health 	Decatur County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	*	*	11.5	*	*
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	30	26.8%	12.1%	221.5%	85
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	1,460	51.8%	44.7%	115.9%	52
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	2,785	23.8%	19.9%	119.5%	61
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	93	83.0%	65.5%	126.8%	66
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	117	7.2%	6.5%	110.8%	82
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	6.9	0.0%	1
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	4.4	0.0%	1
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	0	0.00	20.5	0.0%	1
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	55.7	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	77	68.8%	58.8%	117.0%	22
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	146	19.2%	17.1%	112.4%	37
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	44.9%	39.3%	114.2%	68
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	<5	*	19.0	#VALUE!	*
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	4	34.2	229.1	14.9%	69
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	4	34.2	50.1	68.2%	29
Family & Community 	Decatur County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	140	5.8%	4.7%	123.8%	59
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	8	3.0	4.1	73.0%	19
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	8	3.0	5.2	57.1%	14
Juvenile court referrals	128	5.3%	3.5%	149.4%	69
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	59	5.0	8.0	62.5%	88
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	26	2.2	3.5	62.9%	8

Decatur County

At 18th, Decatur County is in the top quarter of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's highest rankings are based on having a zero child and teen deaths and zero pregnancies among girls age 15-17. The county's biggest challenges are a relatively high rate of children without health insurance and a high rate of cases of substantiated abuse or neglect.

Additional strengths include ranking 3rd in school suspensions and a high rate of 3rd- 8th grade children rated proficient in math on TNReady tests.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a low high school graduation rate and below-average median household income.

Policy/Practice/Program Options to Improve Outcomes. Many of these policies have multiple models for delivery, including public-private partnership and non-profit leadership.

- Most uninsured children in Tennessee qualify for either TennCare or CoverKids, so high rates of uninsured children can be improved with outreach to make sure that families are aware of these insurance opportunities. According to Census Bureau estimates, Decatur County has over 100 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- Making high school students aware of the community college and technical school benefits available to them through Tennessee Promise can encourage on-time high school graduation.
- With a low median household income, improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and/or TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services can help insure basic needs are met. Additionally, especially with below-average median household income, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to nutritionally sound diets for women in their childbearing years. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can help reach these vulnerable populations.