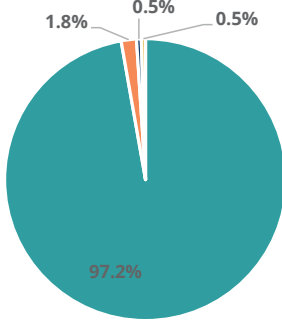


Family & Community

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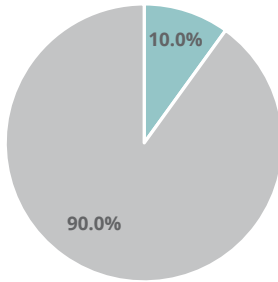
Unicoi Rank: 80

Child Population by Race

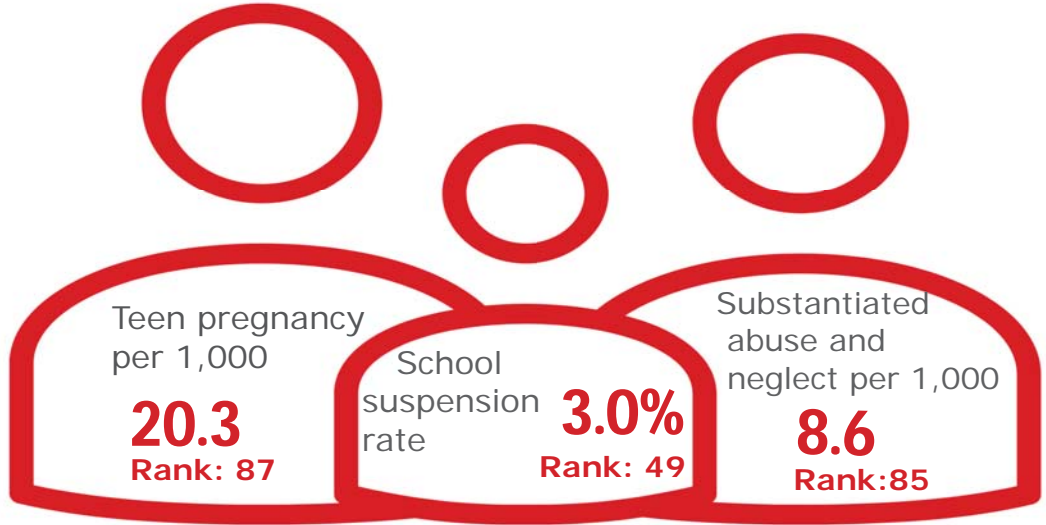


- White, Including Hispanic
- Black, Including Hispanic
- Native American/Alaskan
- Asian/Pacific Islander

Child Population by Hispanic Ethnicity



- Hispanic, All Races
- Non-Hispanic



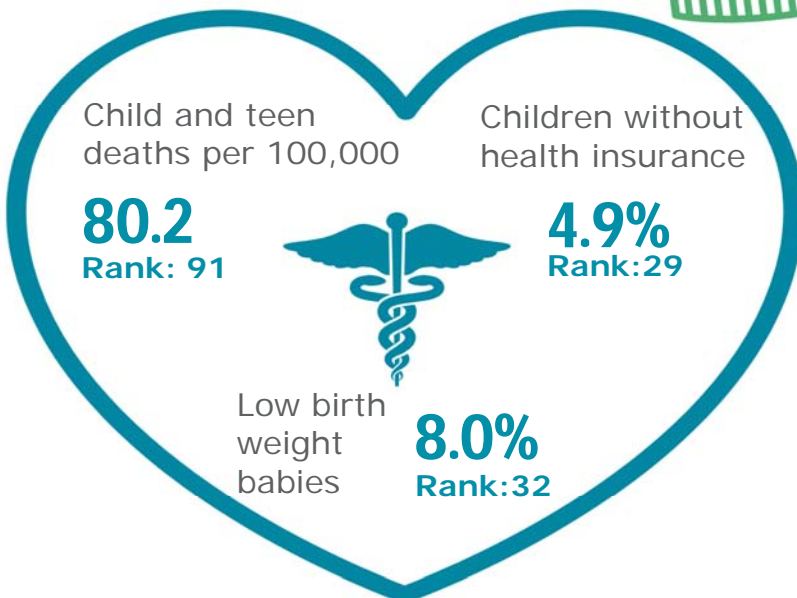
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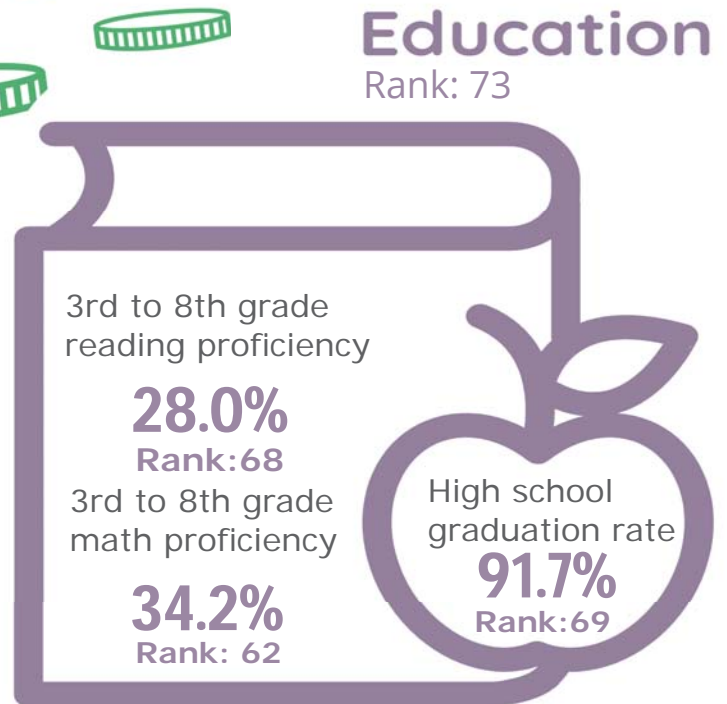
Health

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Education

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Demographics 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	17,746	NA	6,769,975	0.3%	71
Population under 18 years of age	3,260	18.4%	22.2%	82.7%	87
Economic Well-Being 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	5	2.1%	11.2%	18.8%	3
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$37,423	NA	\$46,900	79.8%	46
Median home sales price (state is dollars not rate)	\$125,000	NA	\$146,000	85.6%	57
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	129	4.0%	2.7%	146.4%	80
Children receiving SNAP	1,045	32.1%	28.2%	113.8%	55
Children under five receiving WIC	440	55.1%	30.6%	179.9%	87
Education 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	415	17.8%	12.3%	145.1%	92
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	31	65.13	27.9	233.5%	94
Cohort high school dropouts	10	5.3%	8.3%	63.9%	58
Event high school dropouts	8	1.0%	2.2%	45.5%	59
Economically disadvantaged students	1,490	65.0%	65.1%	99.8%	38
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	476	20.8%	13.3%	156.4%	90
Young adult college enrollment/completion rate	NA	64.9%	62.5%	103.8%	22
Health 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	12	68.57	11.5	597.2%	64
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	48	27.4%	12.1%	226.4%	87
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	2,075	54.0%	44.7%	120.7%	61
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	3,992	22.5%	19.9%	113.1%	49
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	140	80.0%	65.5%	122.2%	54
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	131	6.0%	6.5%	92.3%	42
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	5.70	6.9	82.6%	45
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	5.70	4.4	129.5%	72
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	80.20	20.5	391.2%	91
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	55.7	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	91	52.0%	58.8%	88.4%	82
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	272	28.2%	17.1%	164.8%	4
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	44.0%	39.3%	112.0%	58
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	6	9.9	19.0	52.0%	28
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	5	28.2	229.1	12.3%	77
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	3	16.9	50.1	33.8%	70
Family & Community 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	226	6.9%	4.7%	148.6%	84
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	24	6.6	4.1	161.5%	66
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	24	6.6	5.2	126.4%	50
Juvenile court referrals	152	4.7%	3.5%	132.0%	58
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	109	6.1	8.0	76.3%	54
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	72	4.1	3.5	117.1%	67

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At 80th, Unicoi County ranks in the bottom fifth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include below-average rates of children who lack health insurance and babies born at a low birth weight. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include one of the highest child and teen death rates in the state and a high rate of pregnancy among girls age 15-17.

An additional strength is low housing costs.

Additional challenges include a high rate of substantiated cases of abuse or neglect and below-average rankings in the education domain including students 3rd to 8th grade rated proficient in TNReady reading and math tests and high school graduation rates.

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

- Child and teen deaths can be reduced with consistent enforcement of safety measures like proper car seat and seat belt use, bicycle helmet use and life preserver use around water. The fastest-growing cause of child and teen deaths in recent years has been homicide and suicide, often involving a firearm. Families who own firearms can reduce the risk to children and teens by following safe storage practices.
- Comprehensive sex education classes that include both encouragement of abstinence and information on birth control have been shown to reduce the number of teen pregnancies.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- Increased access to pre-K can help both math and reading proficiency in later grades. Early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed can improve reading proficiency, while increasing STEM opportunities in elementary and middle schools can help improve 3rd to 8th grade math proficiency.
- 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.