

# Family & Community

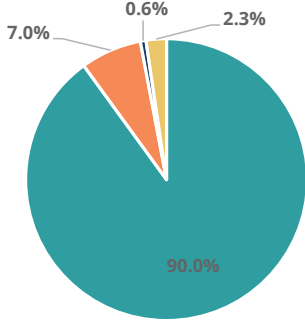
Rank: 21

# Washington

## Rank: 6



Child Population by Race



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

Teen pregnancy per 1,000

**9.4**  
Rank: 40

School suspension rate

**2.6%**  
Rank: 44

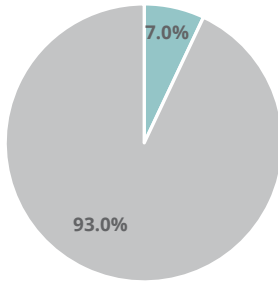
Substantiated abuse and neglect per 1,000

**4.4**  
Rank: 23

# Economic Well-Being

Rank: 7

Child Population by Hispanic Ethnicity



- Hispanic, All Races
- Non-Hispanic

Child Poverty

**18.0%**  
Rank: 13

Fair market rent

**\$843**  
Rank: 33

Median Household Income

**\$49,242**  
Rank: 33



# Health

Rank: 35

Child and teen deaths per 100,000

**37**  
Rank: 72

Children without health insurance

**4.3%**  
Rank: 7



Low birth weight babies

**8.7%**  
Rank: 53

# Education

Rank: 5

3rd to 8th grade reading proficiency

**45.8%**  
Rank: 2

3rd to 8th grade math proficiency

**55.8%**  
Rank: 5






High school graduation rate

**93.5%**  
Rank: 49



# Washington County

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Demographics 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	128,605	NA	6,769,975	1.9%	12
Population under 18 years of age	24,950	19.4%	22.2%	87.4%	74
Economic Well-Being 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
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Youth unemployment	241	8.5%	11.2%	75.9%	22
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$43,299	NA	\$46,900	92.3%	11
Median home sales price (state is dollars not rate)	\$178,500	NA	\$146,000	122.3%	19
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	575	2.3%	2.7%	85.0%	31
Children receiving SNAP	6,280	25.2%	28.2%	89.4%	18
Children under five receiving WIC	1,887	29.5%	30.6%	96.4%	15
Education 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	2,096	13.0%	12.3%	105.7%	48
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	195	50.98	27.9	182.8%	88
Cohort high school dropouts	56	4.3%	8.3%	52.3%	47
Event high school dropouts	75	1.5%	2.2%	67.2%	78
Economically disadvantaged students	7,830	48.7%	65.1%	74.9%	7
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	17	1.0	2.0	50.0%	67
Chronic absenteeism	1,975	12.2%	13.3%	91.7%	39
Young adult college enrollment/completion rate	NA	64.5%	62.5%	103.2%	25
Health 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	55	44.11	11.5	384.1%	56
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	197	15.8%	12.1%	130.6%	21
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	12,201	39.6%	44.7%	88.6%	11
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	22,741	17.7%	19.9%	88.9%	16
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	814	65.3%	65.5%	99.7%	13
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	764	5.9%	6.5%	90.8%	37
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	16	12.80	6.9	185.5%	87
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	11	8.80	4.4	200.0%	87
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	7	37.00	20.5	180.5%	72
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	2	23.80	55.7	42.7%	39
Adequate prenatal care	694	55.7%	58.8%	94.7%	71
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	1,993	25.9%	17.1%	151.3%	8
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	36.8%	39.3%	93.6%	11
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	44	9.3	19.0	48.8%	19
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	437	339.8	229.1	148.3%	2
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	59	45.9	50.1	91.6%	11
Family & Community 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	1,506	6.0%	4.7%	129.4%	67
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	116	4.1	4.1	99.8%	35
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	175	6.1	5.2	117.8%	48
Juvenile court referrals	1,983	7.9%	3.5%	224.9%	79
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	1,001	7.8	8.0	97.5%	20
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	542	4.2	3.5	120.0%	69

## Washington County

At 6<sup>th</sup>, Washington County ranks among the top Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include one of the highest percentages in the state of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and a low rate of children without health insurance. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high rate of child and teen deaths and a high percentage of babies born at a low birth weight.

Additional strengths include below-average rates of substantiated cases of abuse or neglect as well as a relatively low rate of child poverty. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Washington County's 18.0 percent child poverty rate is better than most counties in Tennessee.

An additional challenge is a graduation rate that does not match Washington County's 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> math and reading proficiency levels.

*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.
- Low birth weight is a persistent and difficult problem, but improvements can occur when care is made available for chronic physical and mental health and substance abuse conditions for women of childbearing age, as well as improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and/or TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services. Additionally, 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.
- 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.