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2026 COUNTY PROFILE & RANKINGS



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ABOUT



The 2026 County Profiles & Rankings offer a snapshot of child well-being across Tennessee. We hope that these profiles will be a starting point for celebrating progress and identifying where to focus next. We recognize that twelve indicators and one report can't capture everything happening in a community. We hope counties will use this report as one piece of a larger picture, alongside the knowledge and work already occurring at the local level.

2026 COUNTY RANKINGS

While we have expanded the County Profiles to offer more indicators and details for counties, we are still basing the County Rankings on the 12 indicators and 4 domains from the past several years. The 12 indicators that contribute to county ranks are: children below the federal poverty level, child care cost burden, housing cost burden, students proficient in TCAP Reading, students proficient in TCAP Math, on-time high school graduation, babies born at a low birth weight, children without health insurance, kindergarten immunization rate, victims of abuse or neglect, students who are chronically absent, & youth crime.

2026 COUNTY PROFILES

This year's County Profiles include additional detail about your county, with the goal of supporting and informing the work already underway at the local level. Because certain indicators were only available for specific counties, the profiles aren't identical from county to county, and for that reason the 2026 Profiles are not ranked. Where possible, we've included a state comparison or historical county comparison instead.

2026 Davidson County County Rankings

OVERALL RANK: 93rd

Economic Stability & Affordability **89th**

29th CHILD POVERTY (2024)

17.2%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 18th | Previous Percent: 17.3%
State Percent: 18.4%

75th CHILD CARE COST BURDEN (2024-25)

31.6%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 86th | Previous Percent: 37.4%
State Percent: 28.9%

94th SEVERE HOUSING COST BURDEN (2020-24)

15.7%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 92nd | Previous Percent: 15.0%
State Percent: 11.7%

Education

92nd

78th STUDENTS “MEETING” OR “EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS”
IN TCAP ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (2025-26)

31.6%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 73rd | Previous Percent: 31.1%
State Percent: 40.6%

77th STUDENTS “MEETING” OR “EXCEEDING
EXPECTATIONS” IN TCAP MATH (2025-26)

32.1%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 73rd | Previous Percent: 31.8%
State Percent: 43.0%

93rd STUDENTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL ON TIME (2024-25)

83.6%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 92nd | Previous Percent: 85.7%
State Percent: 92.3%

2026 Davidson County

County Rankings

Health & Development

92nd

72nd BABIES BORN AT A LOW BIRTH WEIGHT (2022-24)

9.1%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 67th | Previous Percent: 9.2%

State Percent: 8.9%

53rd KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATIONS (2024-25)

92.6%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 76th | Previous Percent: 91.6%

State Percent: 92.6%

94th CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE (2024)

9.4%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 70th | Previous Percent: 6.5%

State Percent: 6.1%

Child Safety and Risk Behaviors

90th

92nd YOUTH CRIME RATE PER 1,000 (2024)

66.1

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 93rd | Previous Rate: 65.7

State Rate per 1,000: 41.9

88th CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM (2024-25)

23.5%

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: 89th | Previous Percent: 24.4%

State Rate: 18.3%

15th VICTIMS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT PER 1,000 (2024-25)

6.4

COMPARISON

Previous Ranking: Unavailable | Previous Rate: Unavailable

State Rate per 1,000: 9.6

Definitions

Children living in poverty (2024) - Percent of children living in a household with income below the federal poverty line. In 2024, the federal poverty level for a family of 3 was \$25,820. Source: US Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (2024).

Severe housing cost burden (2020-24) - Percent of households (including rented, owned and mortgaged) spending 50% or more of their income on housing. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2025). *Housing Costs as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months*, ACS 2020-2024 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B25140.

Child care cost burden (FY2024-25) - Child care cost burden reflects the average estimate market-rate price for care for full-time care of an infant and 2+ year old but less than school age child as a percentage of the county's estimated median household income. The market-rate is calculated by taking an average of the median market-rate fee for licensed providers in the county. When available, this includes Child Care Centers, Group Homes, and Family Homes. In instances where the county does not have all three, the providers existing in the county are averaged. In instances where there are no licensed providers providing care to that age group in the county, the statewide average of Tier 2 market-rates are used. This average rate for infant care and 2+ care is then combined to get the total cost of care. Source: Median Household Income - U.S. Census Bureau. (2026). Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) program: 2024 Median Household Income. U.S. Department of Commerce. Child Care Cost - University of Tennessee, Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research. (2025). Determining Child Care Market Rates in the State of Tennessee FY2024-25.

3rd to 8th grade reading proficiency (2025-26) - Percent of third- to eighth-grade students who scored "Met Expectations" or "Exceed Expectations" on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) reading and language test. For counties with more than one school district the rate is based on weighted average. Tennessee Public Charter School students are allocated to three counties: Davidson (55.1%), Rutherford (6.4%) and Shelby (38.5%) based on 2024-25 enrollments. Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2025). State Assessment Files. District level data were obtained from Department of Education and converted to county-level by TCCY.

3rd to 8th grade math proficiency (2025-26) - Percent of third- to eighth-grade students who scored "Met Expectations" or "Exceed Expectations" on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) math test. For counties with more than one school district the rate is based on weighted average. Tennessee Public Charter School students are allocated to three counties: Davidson (55.1%), Rutherford (6.4%) and Shelby (38.5%) based on 2024-25 enrollments. Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2025). State Assessment Files. District level data were obtained from Department of Education and converted to county-level by TCCY.

Youth graduating high school on time (2024-25) - Percent of a 9th-grade cohort that graduated in four years. For counties with more than one school district the rate is calculated based on weighted average (graduation cohort and state graduation rate). Schools or districts with a graduation rate above 99% are suppressed per DOE standards and calculated as 99% for the purpose of this report. Correction: In the 2023, 2024 and 2025 County Profiles, a federal graduation rate was used when the state rate was suppressed for counties with a graduation rate of 99% or suppressed district data was not factored into the county calculation. This resulted in several counties receiving a lower graduation percent/ranking. The following counties were impacted by this error: 2023-24- Blount, Carroll, Clay, Henderson, & White. 2022-23- Blount,

Clay, Fentress, Haywood, & Shelby. 2021-22- Carroll, Clay, Gibson, & Scott. This has been corrected and those years have been re-run with a 99 percent graduation rate reflected in this data. Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2025). *Graduation Cohort Data 2024-25*.

Kindergarten immunization (2024-25) - Percent of public-school kindergarten students fully immunized for all required vaccine series at the time of survey completion. Required series includes: Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccine (DTaP), Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine (MMR), Hepatitis A Virus vaccine (HAV), Hepatitis B Virus vaccine (HBV), Poliomyelitis vaccine (IPV or OPV), and Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine/credible history of disease. Correction: A transcription error in the 2025 County Profiles resulted in Franklin County having an incorrect immunization percent and rank. This has been corrected in this year's reporting. Source: Tennessee Department of Health Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program. (2025). *Kindergarten Immunization Compliance Assessment 2024-25*. Note: In 2023-24 and 2024-25 Lauderdale did not submit their assessments. Numbers from the 2022-23 reporting were used for Lauderdale. Pickett did not submit an assessment for 2024-25 and numbers from 2023-24 were used.

Children who lack health insurance (2024) - Percent of children who lack health insurance. Source: US Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates 2024.

Babies born at a low birth weight - Percent of live born babies in three years weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds or 5 lbs., 8 oz.). Source: Tennessee Department of Health, The Division of Vital Records and Statistics, *Low Birth Weight 2022-2024*.

Youth crime rate per 1,000 (2024) - Rate of reported crimes alleged to have been committed by someone age 10 to 17 to county population of youth 10 to 17. County classification of crimes is based upon TBI classification. Crimes include all Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. Source: Crimes: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System. (2025). Crimes by Jurisdiction 2024. Accessed July 29, 2026. Population data from Tennessee Department of Health.

Children who are chronically absent (2024-25) - Percentage of students who are chronically absent 10 percent or more of the days for any reason. For counties with more than one school district the rate is calculated based on weighted average (number of students and chronically absent rate). Number of chronically absent students from Tennessee Public Charter Schools are computed from the school level data and distributed across three counties: Davidson, Rutherford and Shelby. Two Davidson County Public Charters had a suppressed suspension rate of less than 5% and were excluded from analysis. Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2025). *Chronic Absenteeism 2024-25*.

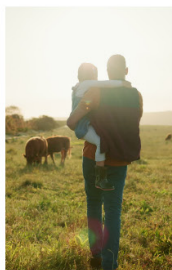
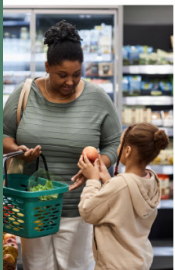
Victims of abuse or neglect (FY2024-25) - Rate is based on the number of individual children with at least one qualifying allegation in State Fiscal Year 2025. Each child is counted once and assigned to the county of their earliest qualifying allegation in the year. Qualifying allegations include substantiated severe abuse and non-severe cases where services were court ordered or services were needed. Comparisons should not be made to the 2025 County Profile data for this indicator. Source: Tennessee Department of Children's Services . (2025). Individual Allegations By County of Individual Victims (Duplicates Removed) with a Substantiated Case of Severe Abuse or Services Court Ordered and Services Needed for Non-Severe FY2025.

For additional details on ranking and methodology, visit www.tn.gov/tccy/countyprofiles



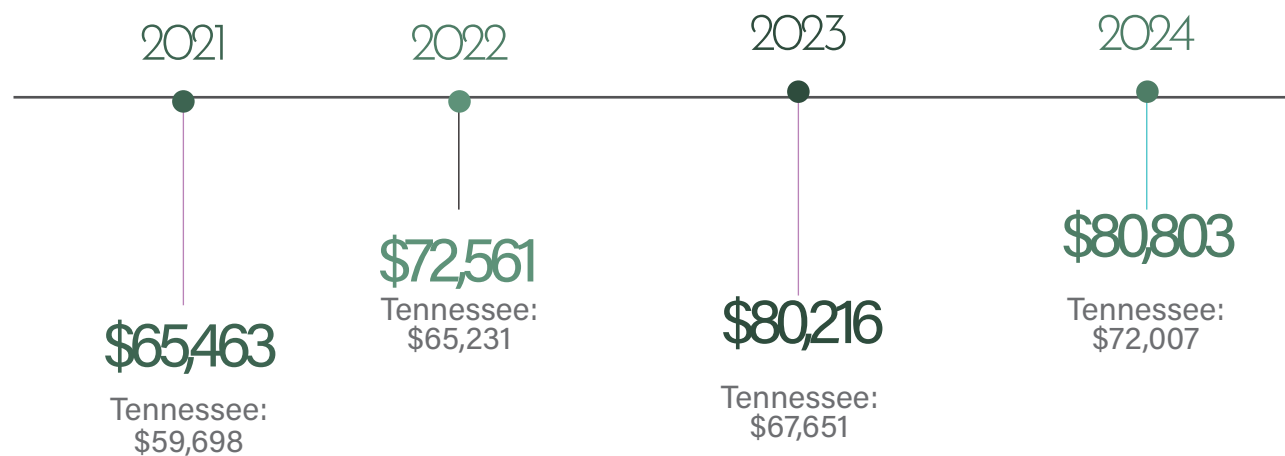
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AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMIC SECURITY



Income & Employment

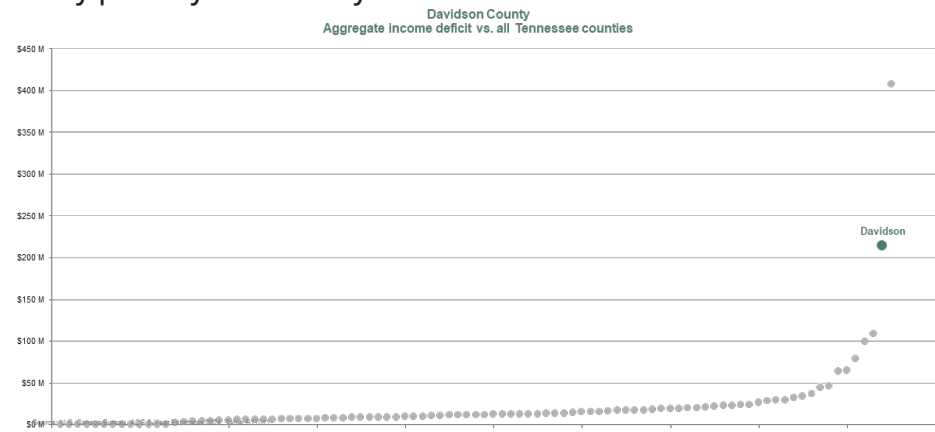
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimate. (2021-2024). Median Household Income.

THE POVERTY GAP

The poverty gap, also referred to as the Aggregate Income Deficit, measures the depth of poverty in a county, not just its breadth. While poverty rates count how many families are struggling, the poverty gap considers by how much. It adds up every family below the federal poverty level's shortfall (the difference between what they earn in a single year and what they'd need to reach the poverty level) to produce a single dollar figure representing the total depth of family poverty in a county.



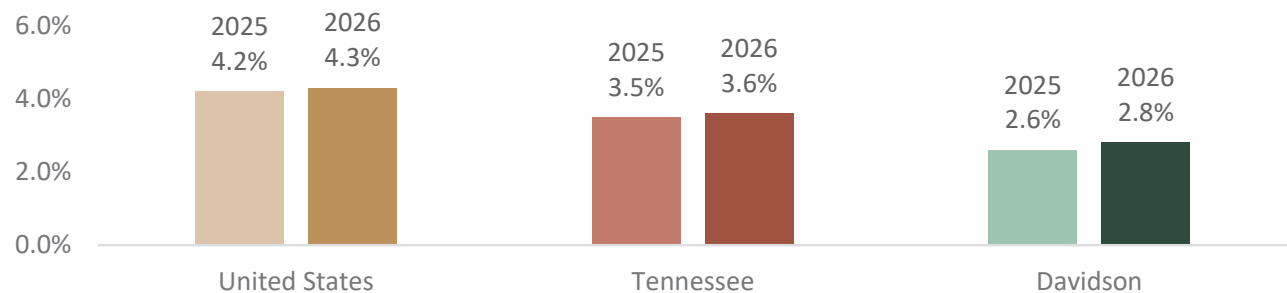
County Poverty Gap in the Last 12 Months by Family Household Type (2020-2024 5-Year Estimates)

All Families:	\$213,591,600
Married-Couple:	\$64,484,300
Male Householder, No Spouse Present:	\$24,840,000
Female Householder, No Spouse Present:	\$124,267,200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025). Aggregate Income Deficit (Dollars) in the Past 12 Months for Families by Family Type. *American Community Survey, ACS 2020-2024 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B17011*. Note: Census Bureau defines family as “two or more people (not necessarily including a householder) residing together, and related by birth, marriage, or adoption.” Families in these data may or may not include children.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Rates
April 2026 compared to April 2025



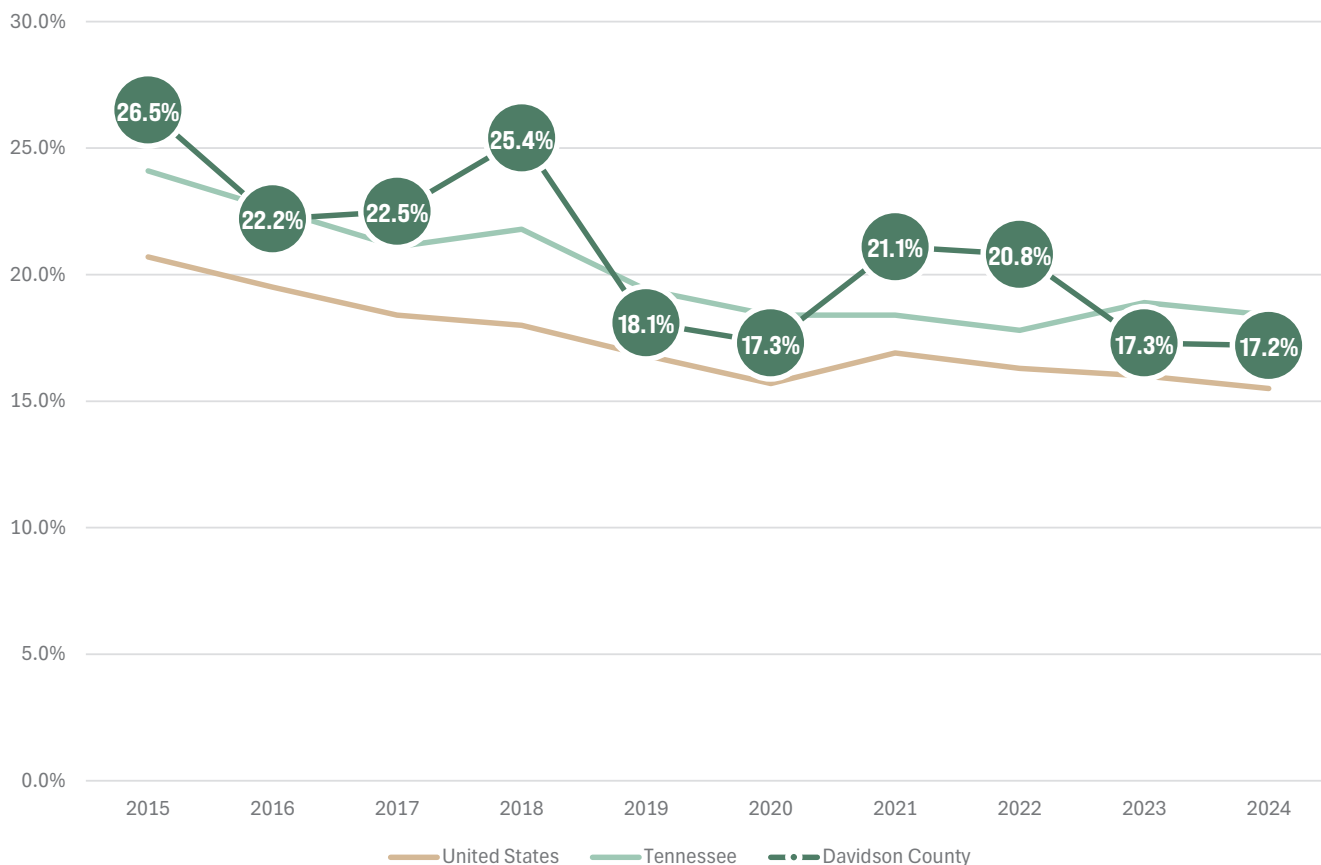
Source: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. (May 2026). April 2026 County Unemployment Data.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

Davidson	Tennessee	United States	2025 Q3
2025 Q3	2025 Q3	2025 Q3	
\$1,610	\$1,327	\$1,459	Tennessee Highest Weekly Wages: Roane County: \$1,663
2024 Q3	2024 Q3	2024 Q3	Tennessee Lowest Weekly Wages: Hancock County: \$696
\$1,520	\$1,256	\$1,394	

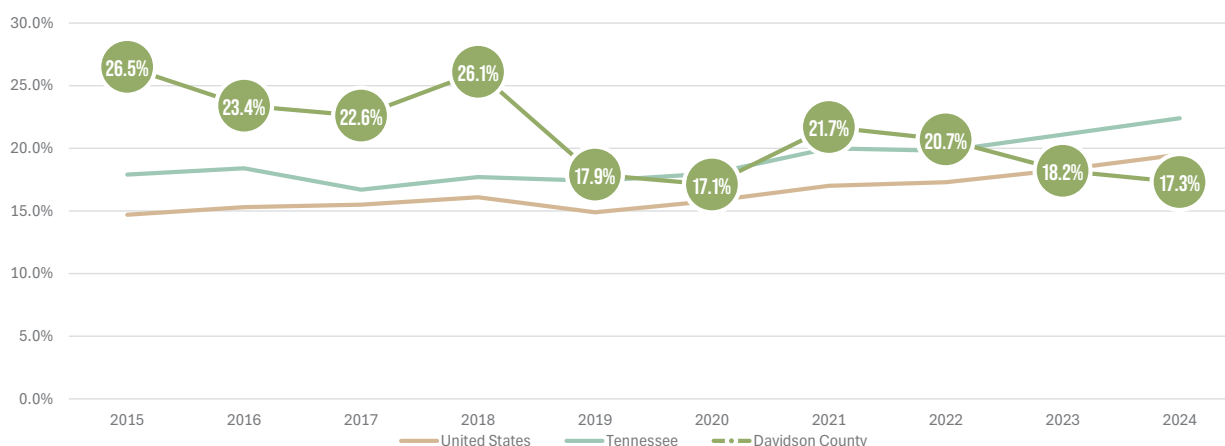
Source: United States Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (March 2026). *County Employment and Wages in Tennessee — Third Quarter 2025* & United States Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (March 2025). *County Employment and Wages in Tennessee — Third Quarter 2024*

PERCENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2026). Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) program: 2024 -2015 Estimates Under Age 18 Estimates. U.S. Department of Commerce.

PERCENT OF CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 17 BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

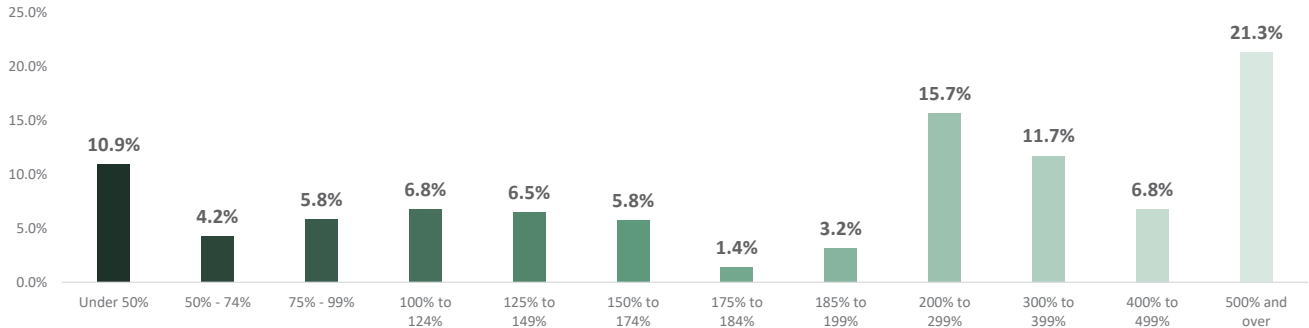


Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2026). Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) program: 2024 -2015 Estimates Age 5 to 17 Estimates. U.S. Department of Commerce.

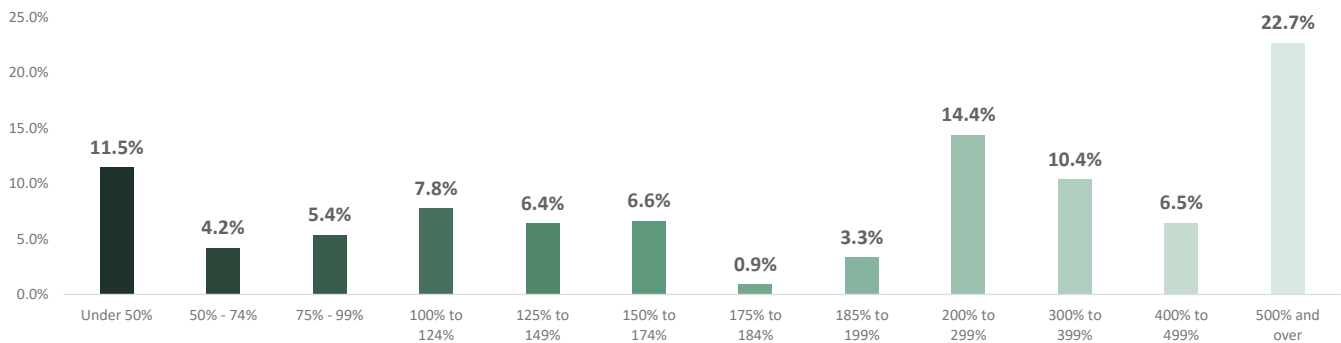
PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN DAVIDSON COUNTY BY POVERTY LEVEL & AGE

2020-2024 5 Year Estimates

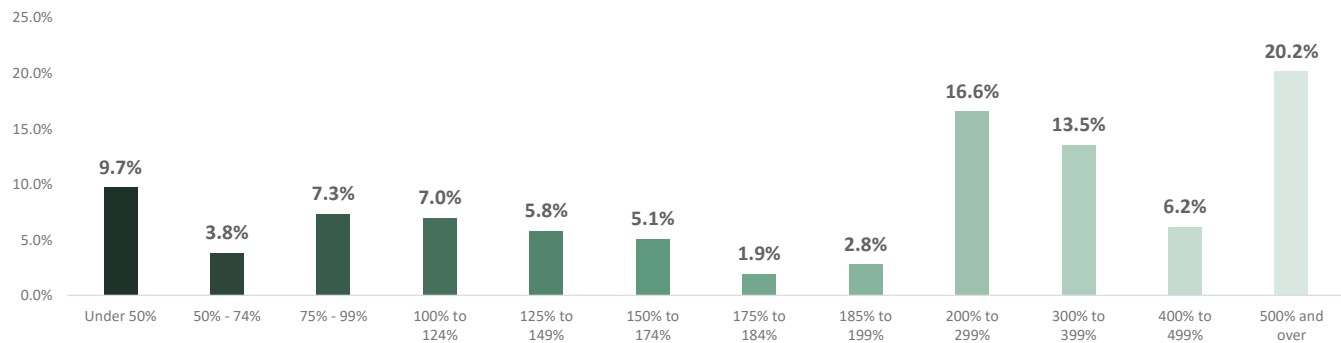
Under 18



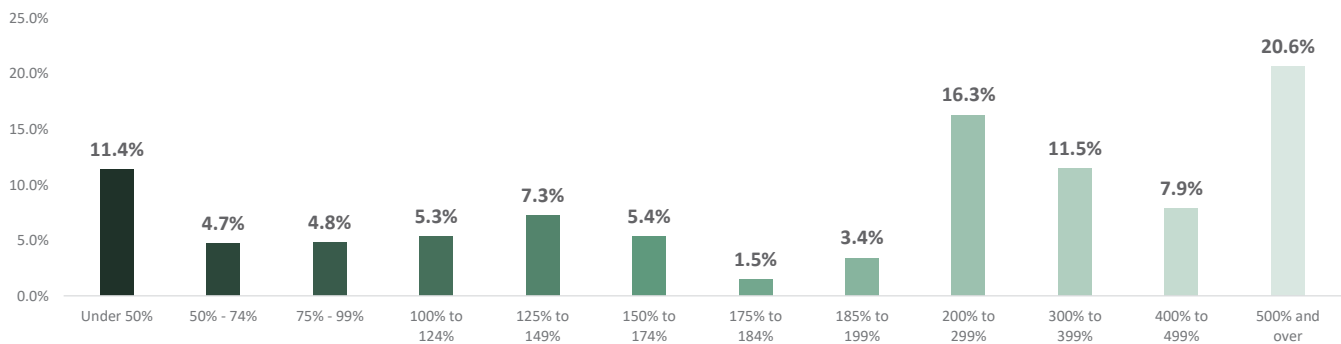
Under 6



Age 6 to 11



Age 12 to 17



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025). Age by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months. American Community Survey, ACS 2020-2024 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B17024.



Affordability & Housing

CHILD CARE COST BURDEN

Child care cost burden reflects the average estimate market-rate price for care for full-time care of an infant and 2+ year old but less than school age child as a percentage of the county's estimated median household income. The market-rate is calculated by taking an average of the median market-rate fee for licensed providers in the county. When available, this includes Child Care Centers, Group Homes, and Family Homes. In instances where the county does not have all three, the existing providers in the county are averaged. In instances where there are no licensed providers providing care to that age group in the county, the statewide average of Tier 2 market-rates are used. This average rate for infant care and 2+ care is then combined to get the total cost of care which is then reported as a percent of that county's Median Household Income.

Based on FY2024-25 Market Rate:

Center- Based
Infant

\$17,914

2+ Years

\$14,377

Group Home
Infant

\$14,430

2+ Years

\$11,700

Family Homes
Infant

\$9,360

2+ Years

\$8,840

**Average of Available
Providers**
Infant

\$13,901

2+ Years

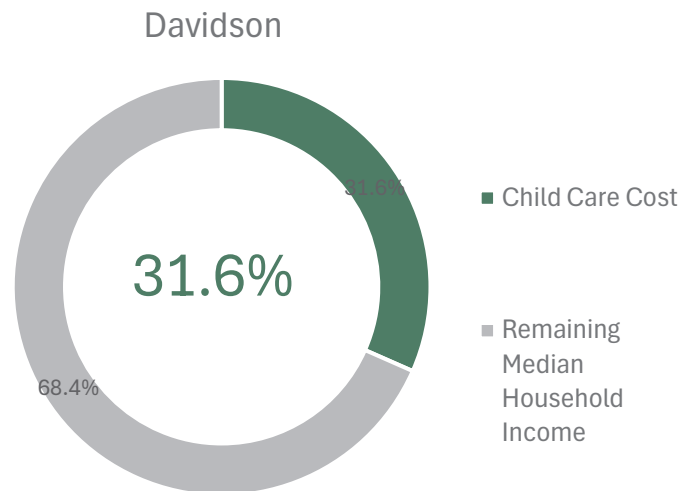
\$11,639

**Average Market Rate for Infant
and 2+ Year Old**

\$25,540

2024 Median Household Income

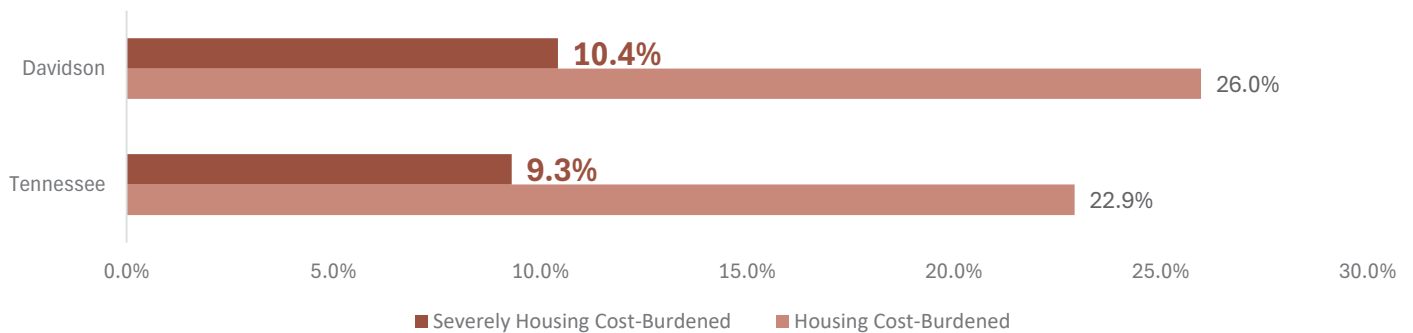
\$80,803



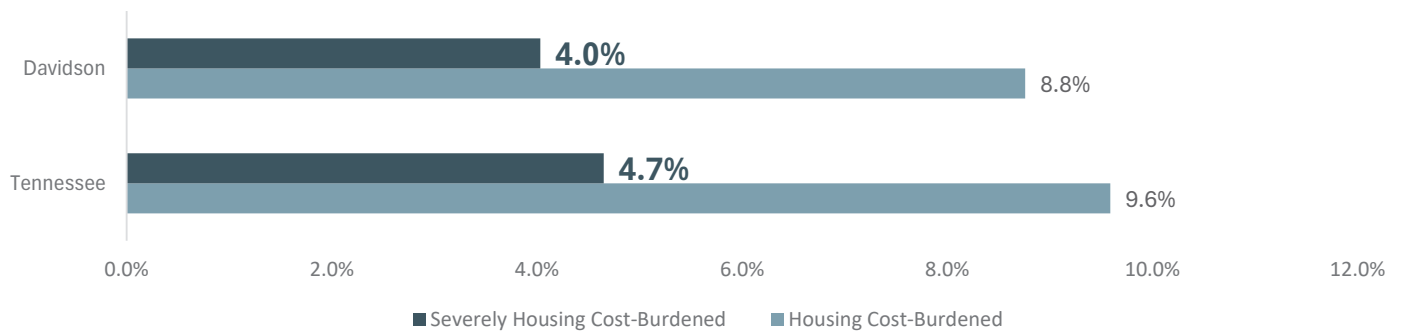
HOUSING COST BURDEN

Housing Cost Burden reflects the percent household income that is being spent on housing costs. Individuals are considered **housing cost-burdened** when they are spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing and **severely housing cost-burdened** when they are spending more than 50 percent.

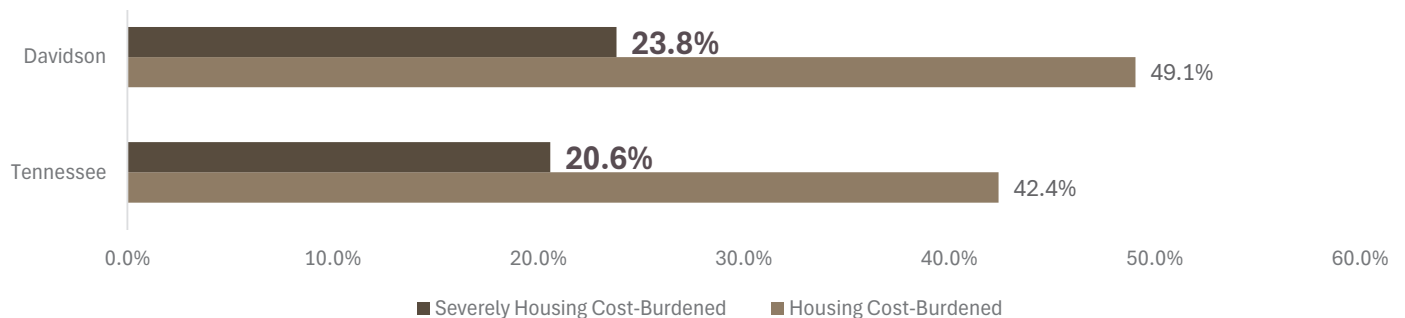
Owned Units with a Mortgage



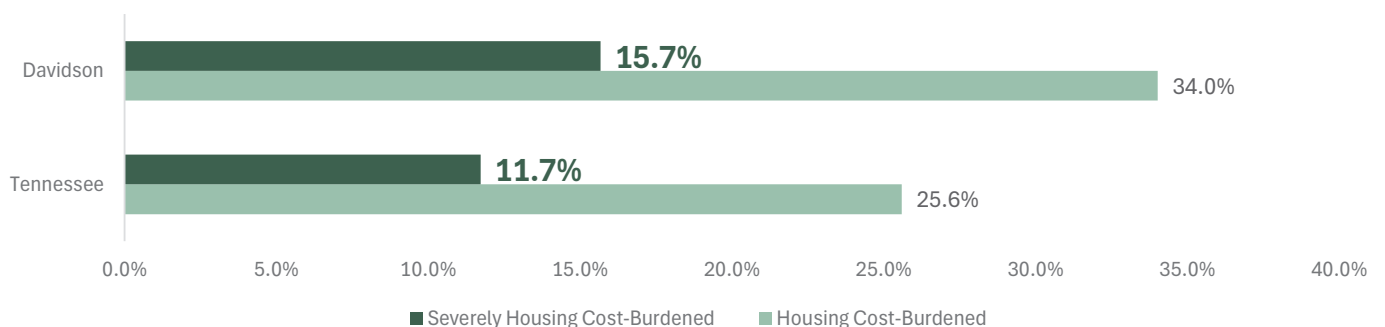
Owned Units Without a Mortgage



Rented

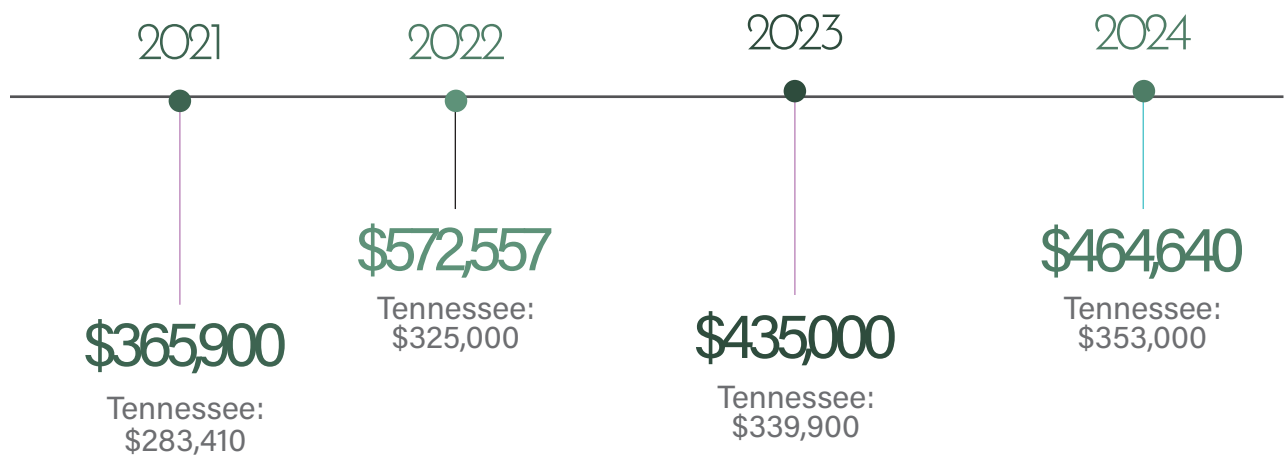


All Housing (Rented, Owned and Mortgaged)



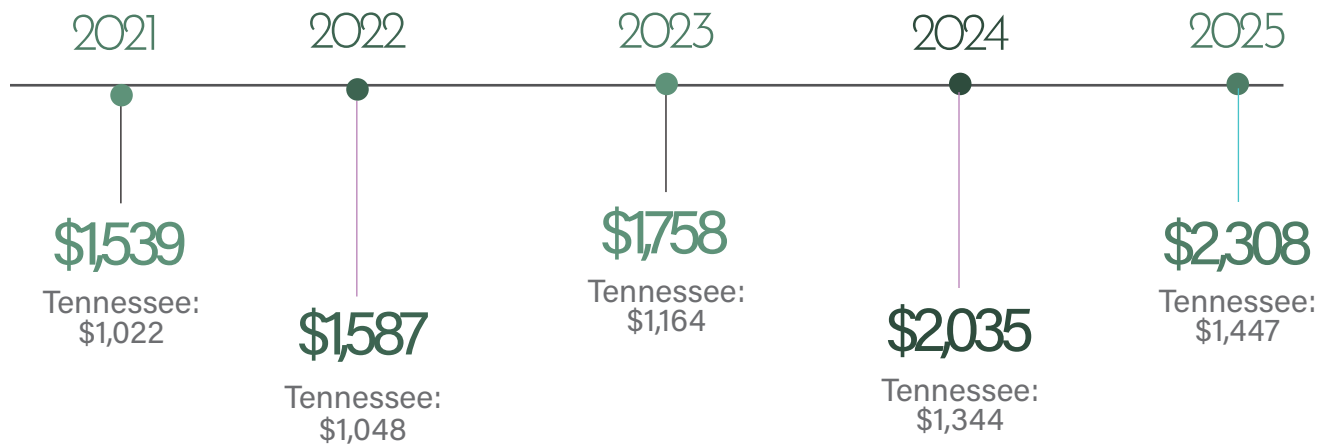
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025). Housing Costs as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months. American Community Survey, ACS 2020-2024 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B25140.

MEDIAN HOME SALES PRICE



Source: Tennessee Housing Development Agency. (2021-2024). Note: The median sales price of all homes the listed calendar year. All homes include both new and existing structures.

FAIR MARKET RENT (3 BEDROOM)



The U.S. Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). *Fair Market Rent FY2021-FY2025*. Note: Listed Fair Market Rent is for a 3 bedroom unit.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY INDEX

21.7%

The percent of homes sold/purchased in 2024 that are “affordable” for someone who is earning the median family income in Davidson County.

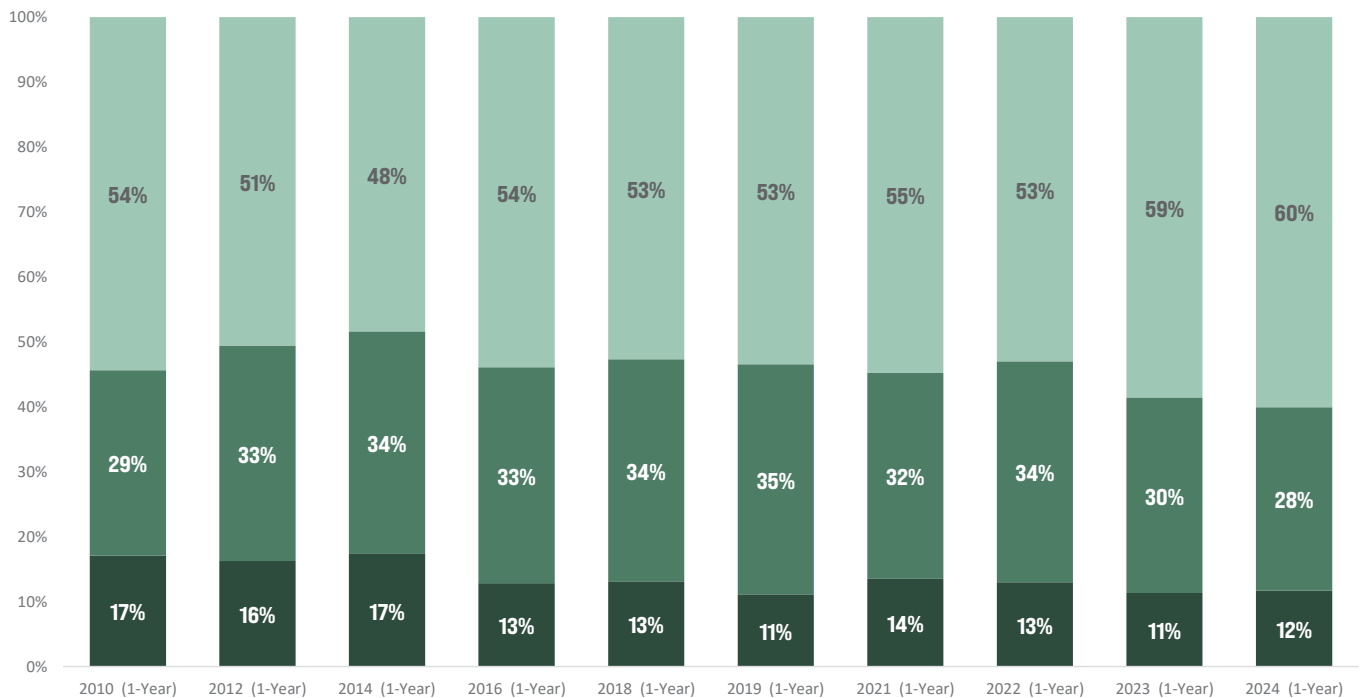
In Tennessee, the Housing Affordability Index by county ranges from a low of 2.9% in Williamson County to a high of 82.2% in Lake County.

Source: Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) . (2026). Tennessee Housing Indicators. Housing Affordability Index is calculated by THDA for methodology details visit: <https://dogvxws799i6n.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/TN-Housing-Indicators-Dashboard-Methodology-and-Data-Sources-2026.pdf>

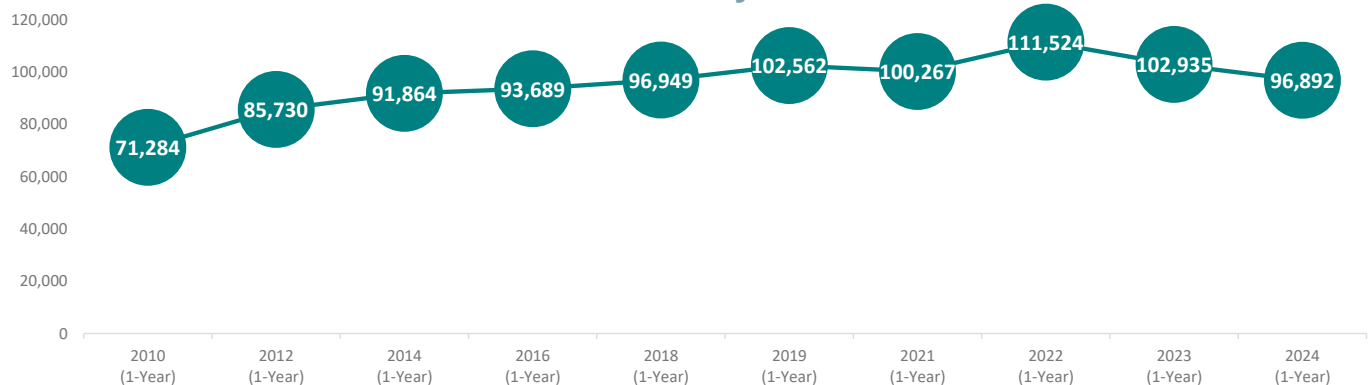
ALICE (ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED AND EMPLOYED) HOUSEHOLDS

ALICE refers to those making higher than the Federal Poverty Level, yet are still experiencing financial hardship. The data contained on this page is from the research and reports by United for ALICE to learn more visit: www.unitedforalice.org/introducing-ALICE/tennessee

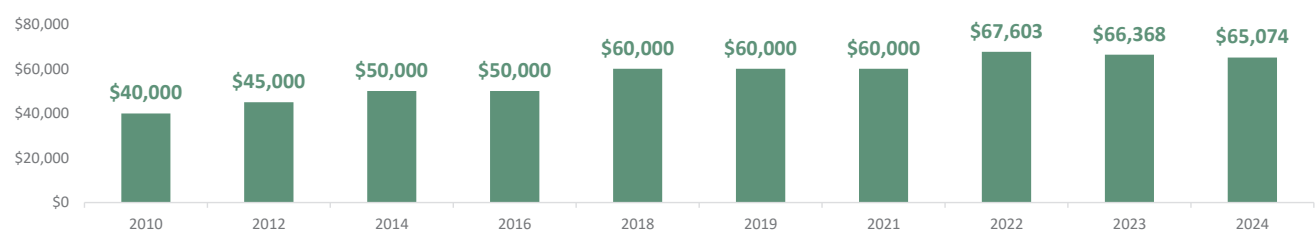
Percent of ALICE Households in Davidson County



Number of Households in Davidson County Below the ALICE threshold



Davidson County ALICE Threshold for Household Under 65

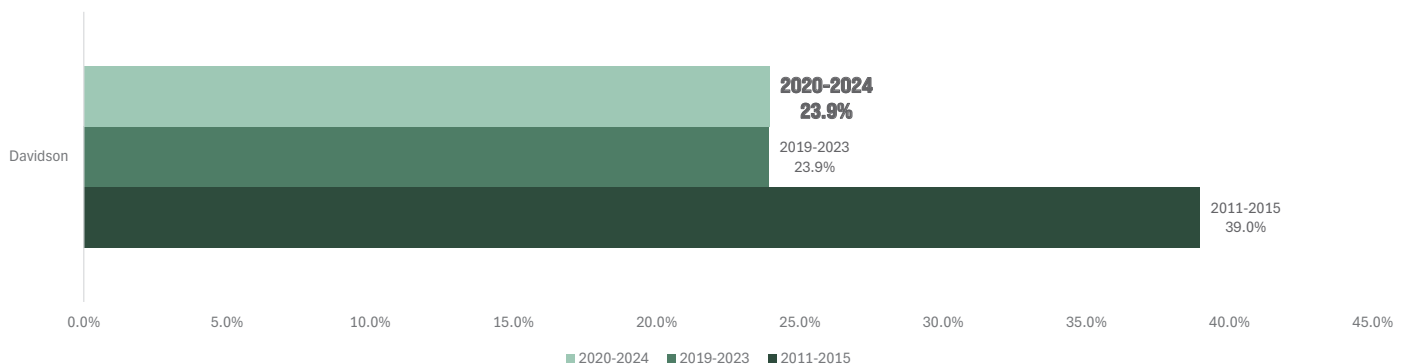




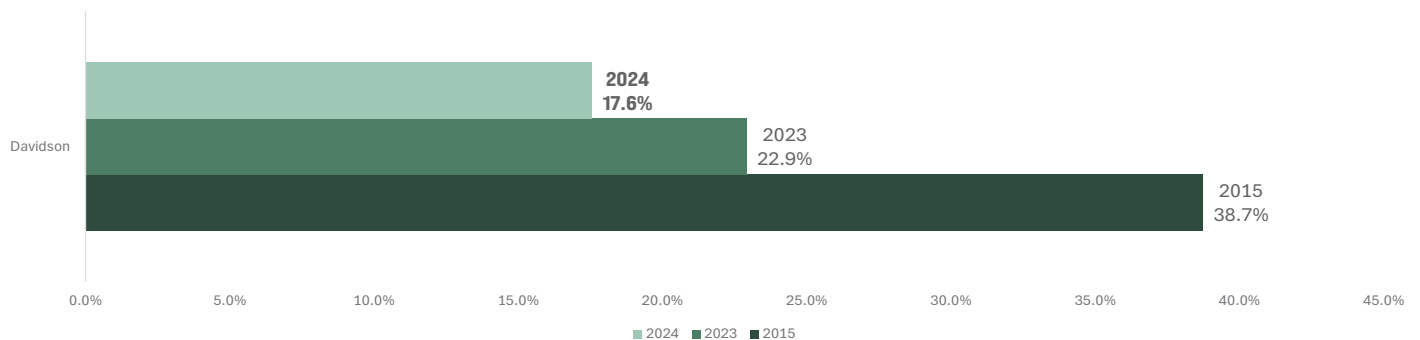
Public Benefits

PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PAST 12 MONTHS)

Five-Year Estimates



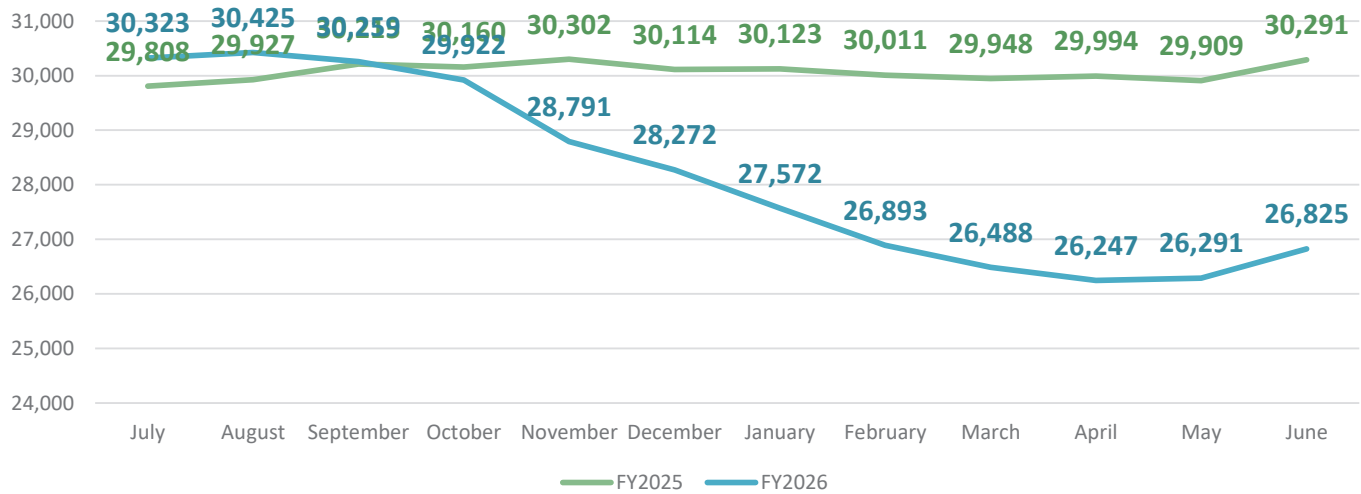
One-Year Estimates



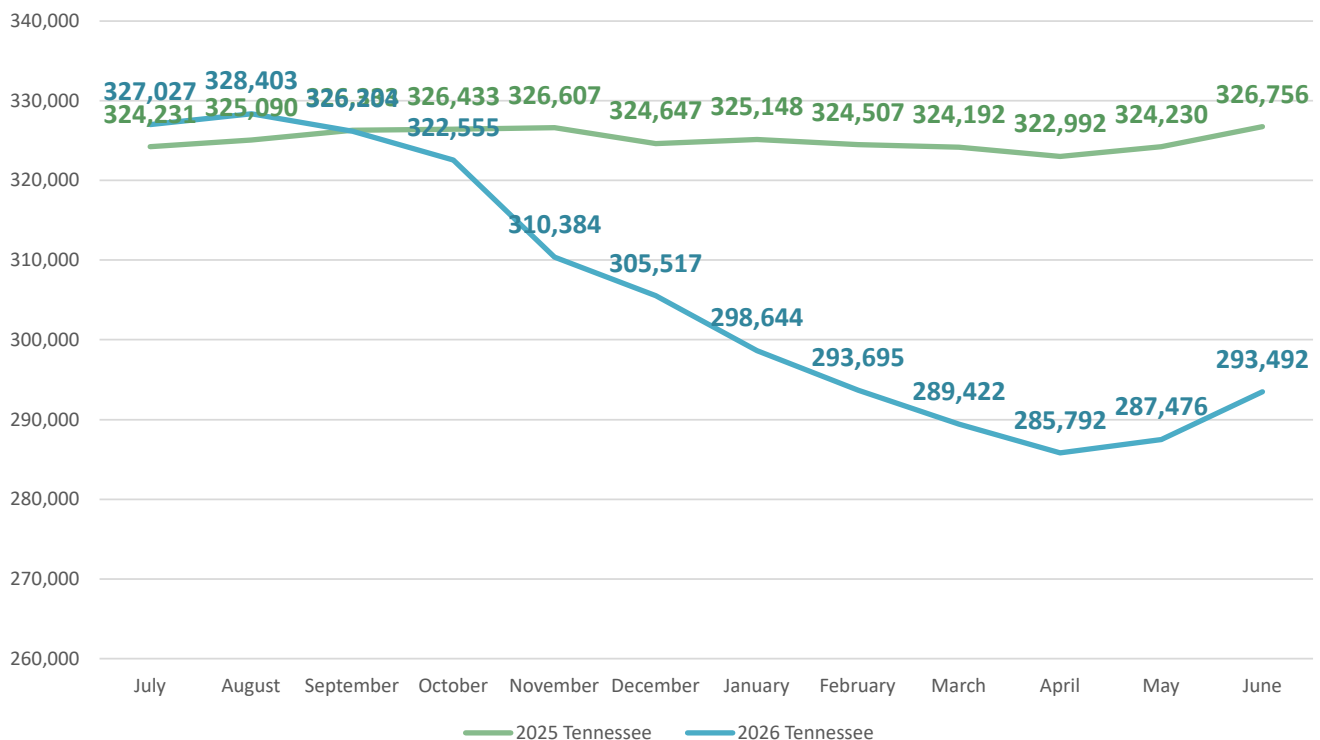
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025). *Receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash Public Assistance Income, or Food Stamps/SNAP in the Past 12 Months by Household Type for Children Under 18 Years in Households*. American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B09010. Note: For counties in which ACS 1-Year Estimates were available, one year data is provided as well.

CHILDREN RECEIVING SNAP

Number of Children in Davidson County Receiving SNAP by Month



Number of Children in Tennessee Receiving SNAP by Month

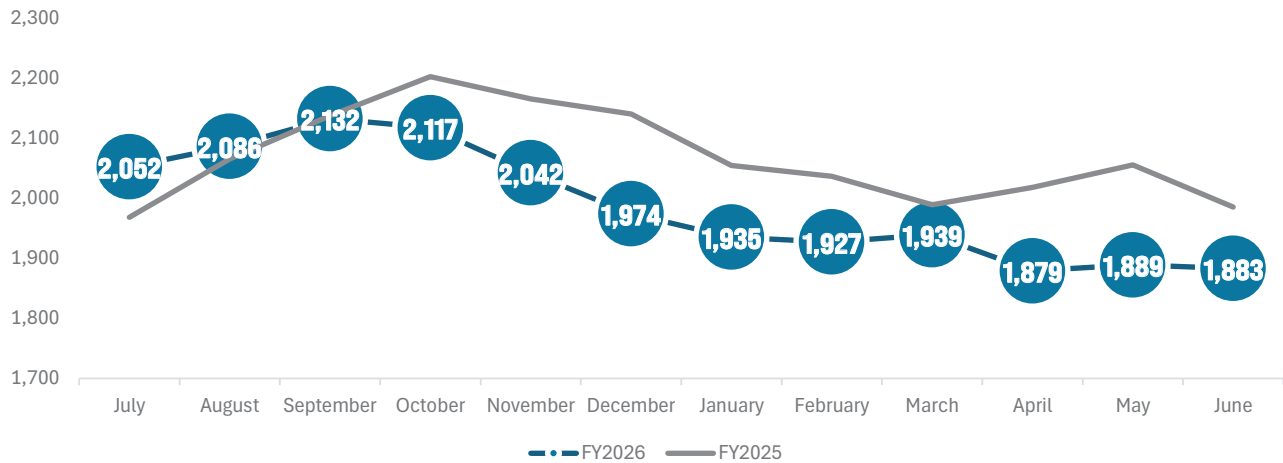


In SFY2026, an estimated 18.8% of children in Davidson County were enrolled in SNAP benefits. In SFY2025, an estimated 20.2% were enrolled SNAP. Statewide, the percentages were 19.5% and 20.6% respectively.

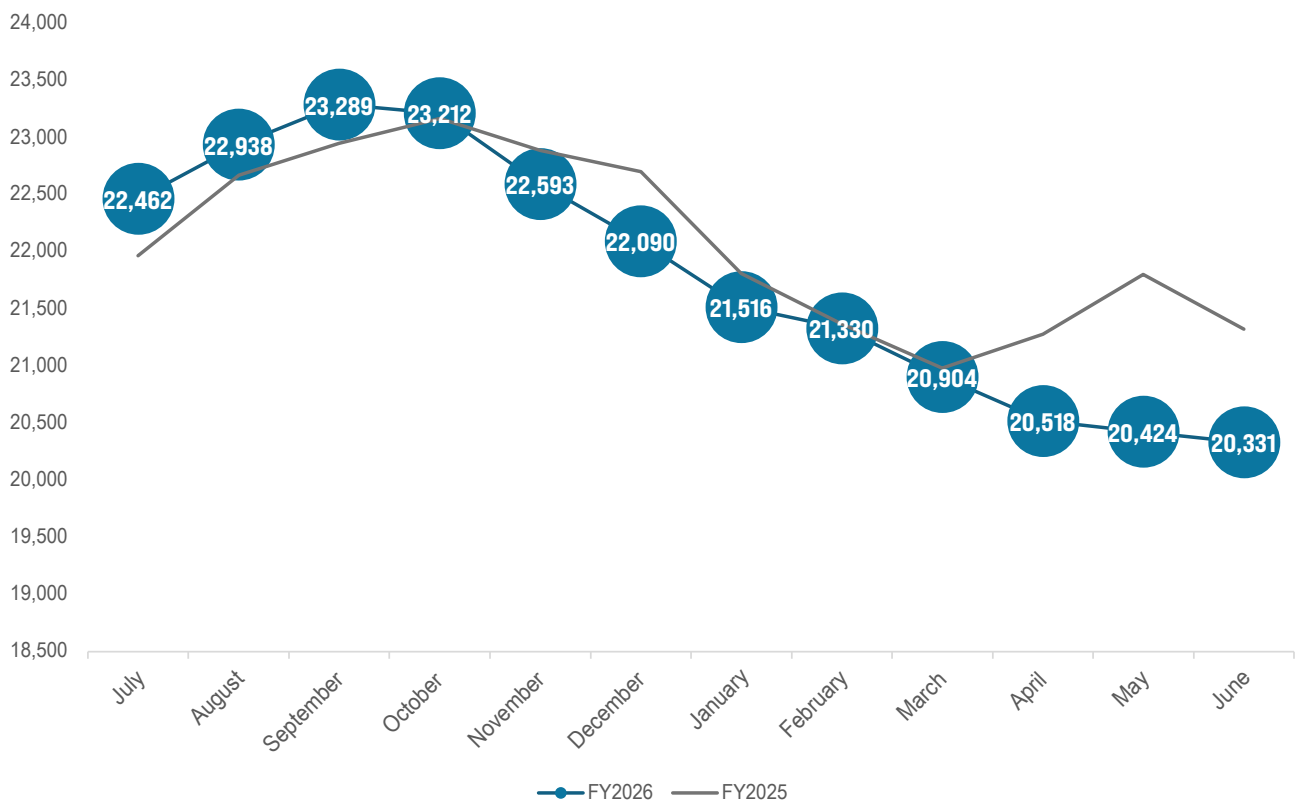
Source: Tennessee Department of Human Services. (2026). EBMS Monthly Case and Recipient Count SFY2025 & SFY2026. Note: Estimated percent of children enrolled is based on annual average of monthly enrollment totals.

CHILDREN RECEIVING TANF

Number of Children in Davidson County Receiving TANF Families First by Month



Number of Children in Tennessee Receiving TANF Families First by Month



In SFY2026, an estimated 13.3 children per 1,000 in Davidson County received TANF Families First benefits. In SFY2025, an estimated 13.9 per 1,000 received Families First. Statewide, the rates were 13.9 and 14.0 respectively.

Source: Tennessee Department of Human Services. (2026). Monthly Federal Families First Statistical Summary Report SFY2025 & SFY2026. Note: Estimated rate of children enrolled is based on annual average of monthly enrollment totals.

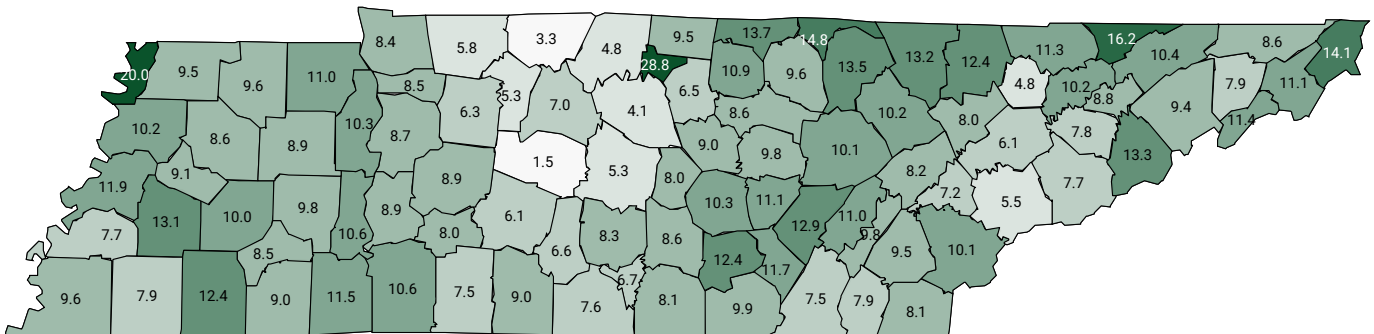
BENEFITS CLIFF

Benefits Cliff: When a Small Raise Costs More Than It Pays:

A benefits cliff is the point at which a family's pay raise costs them more in lost benefits than the raise itself is worth. The maps below show where in Tennessee that risk concentrates — but measured two different ways. The prevalence map shows how widespread the exposure is in each county; the severity map shows how deep the value at risk runs per affected family. The two patterns are different, and that difference is the story.

Share of children near a benefits cliff, by county

% of the county's children in a benefit-receiving household within a \$5,000 raise of losing that benefit.





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EDUCATION & EARLY LEARNING





Early Childhood

TENNESSEE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Children under 5 are eligible for Tennessee Early Intervention Services (TEIS) if they have certain diagnosis, meet certain prematurity guidelines outlined below, or children who after evaluation show a 25% delay in two developmental areas or a 40% delay in one area.

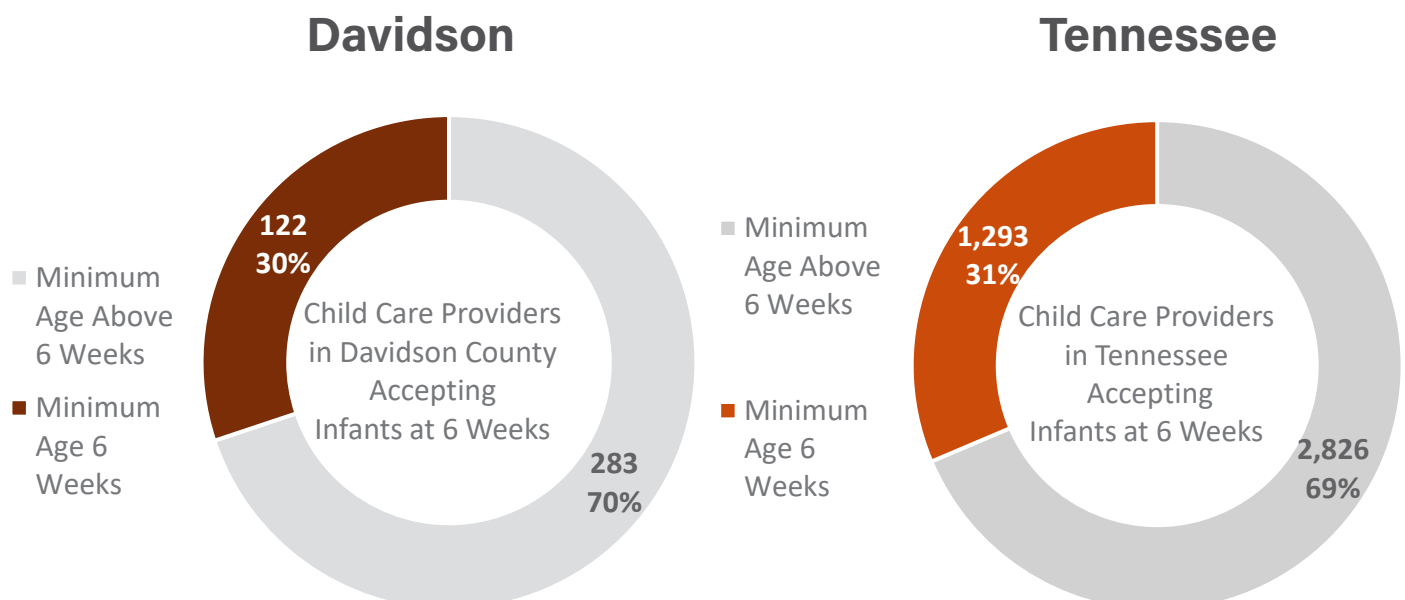
In FY2025, Davidson county had **1,950 children** under 6 participate in TEIS representing **3.5%** of the under 6 population.

Source: Department of Disability and Aging, 2024-25 TEIS Participation. Population under 6 data : Tennessee Department of Health. Division of Population Health Assessment.

INFANT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Finding care for the youngest Tennesseans can be a challenge for many families. Not all child care provide infant care, particularly for those at 6 weeks old. In Davidson County, there are **405 reported child care providers**. Of those, **122** list 6 weeks as the minimum age accepted. More broadly, **139** reported providing any infant care.

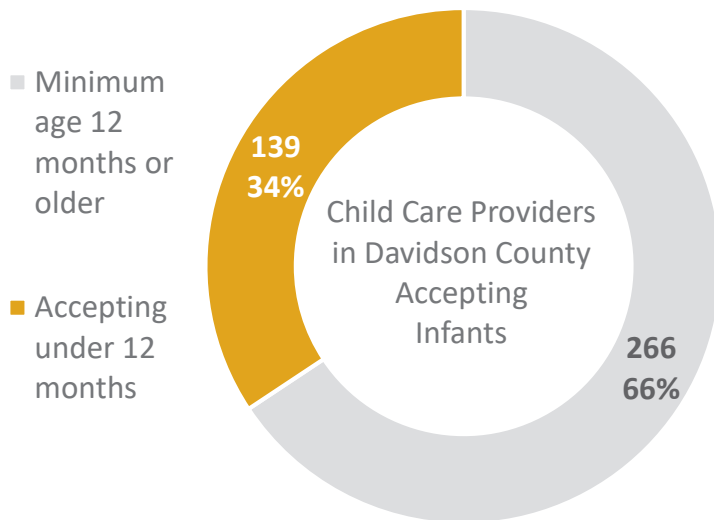
Number and Percent of Regulated Child Care Providers Accepting Infants at Six Weeks



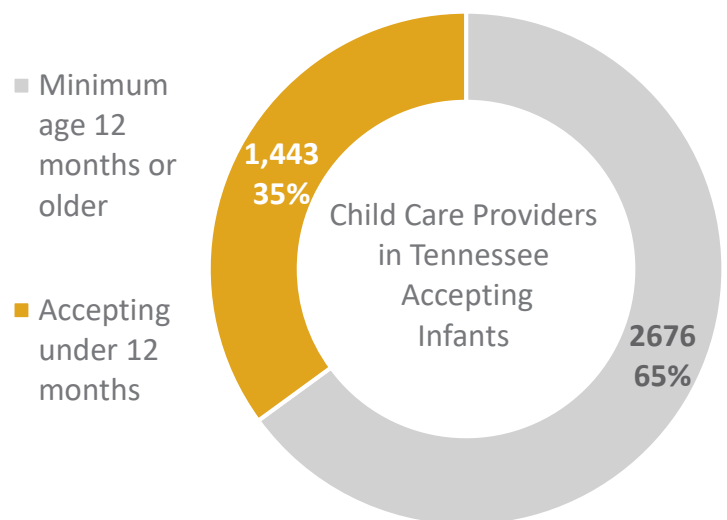
Source: Tennessee Department of Human Services. (May 2026). *Child Care Web Provider List May 15, 2026*. Note: This list of regulated child care providers includes those licensed by the Department of Human Services (TDHS) or approved by the Department of Education, as well as license-exempt Boys and Girls Clubs.

Number and Percent of Regulated Child Care Providers Accepting Infants (Under 12 Months)

Davidson



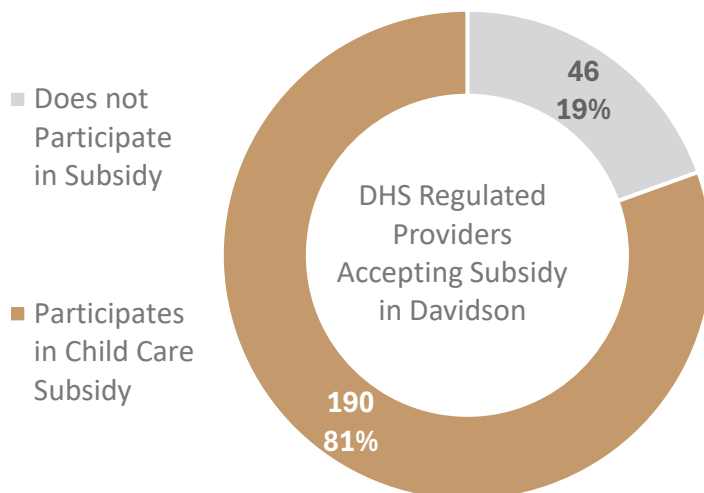
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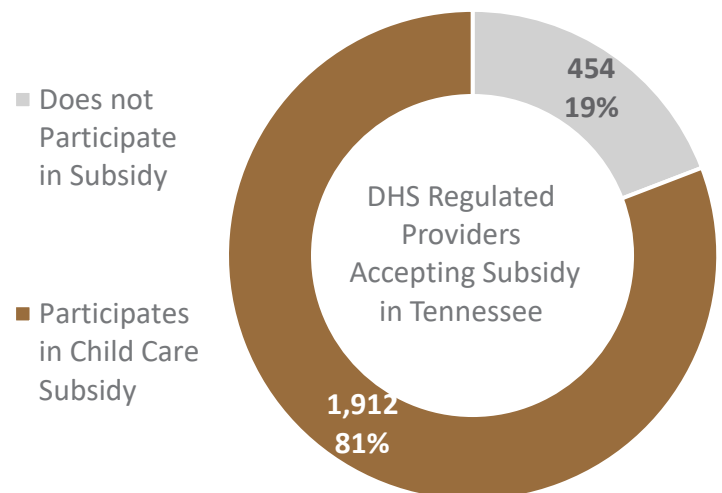
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Number and Percent of DHS Regulated Child Care Providers Accepting the Child Care Subsidy (SmartSteps)

Davidson



Tennessee



Source: Tennessee Department of Human Services. (May 2026). Child Care Web Provider List May 15, 2026.

NUMBER OF REGULATED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Tennessee Department of
Human Services Providers:
236

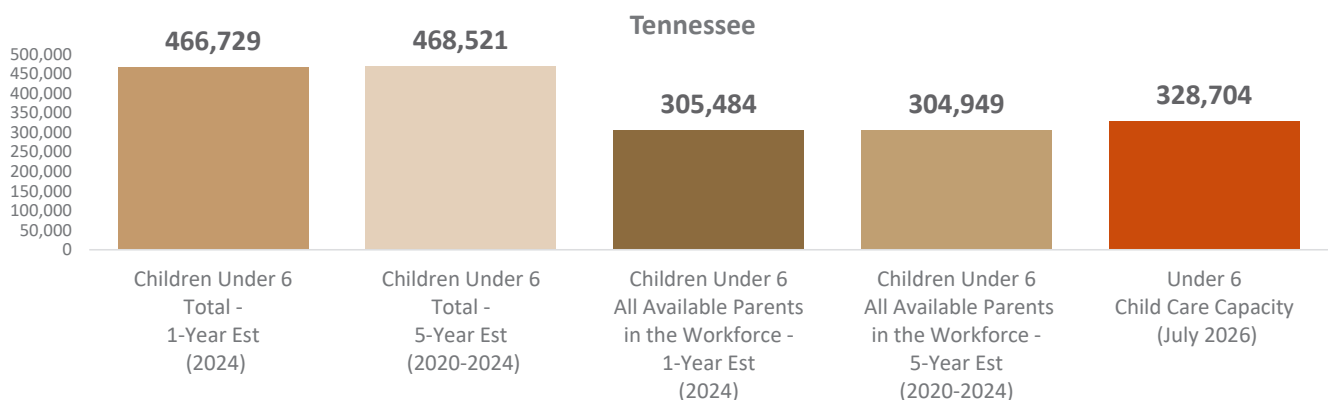
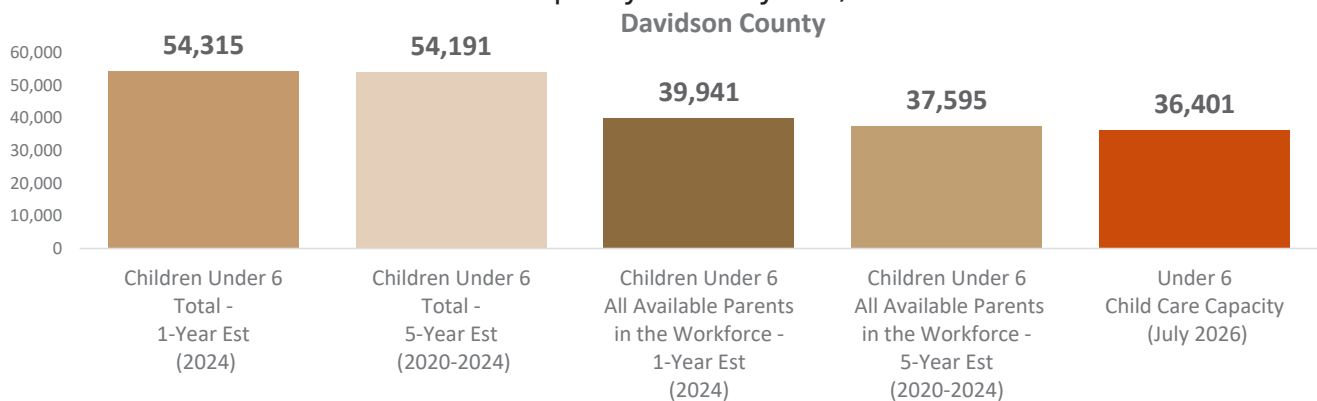
Tennessee Department of
Education Providers:
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**Total Number of Regulated Child Care Providers in
Davidson County
405**

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CHILD CARE CAPACITY

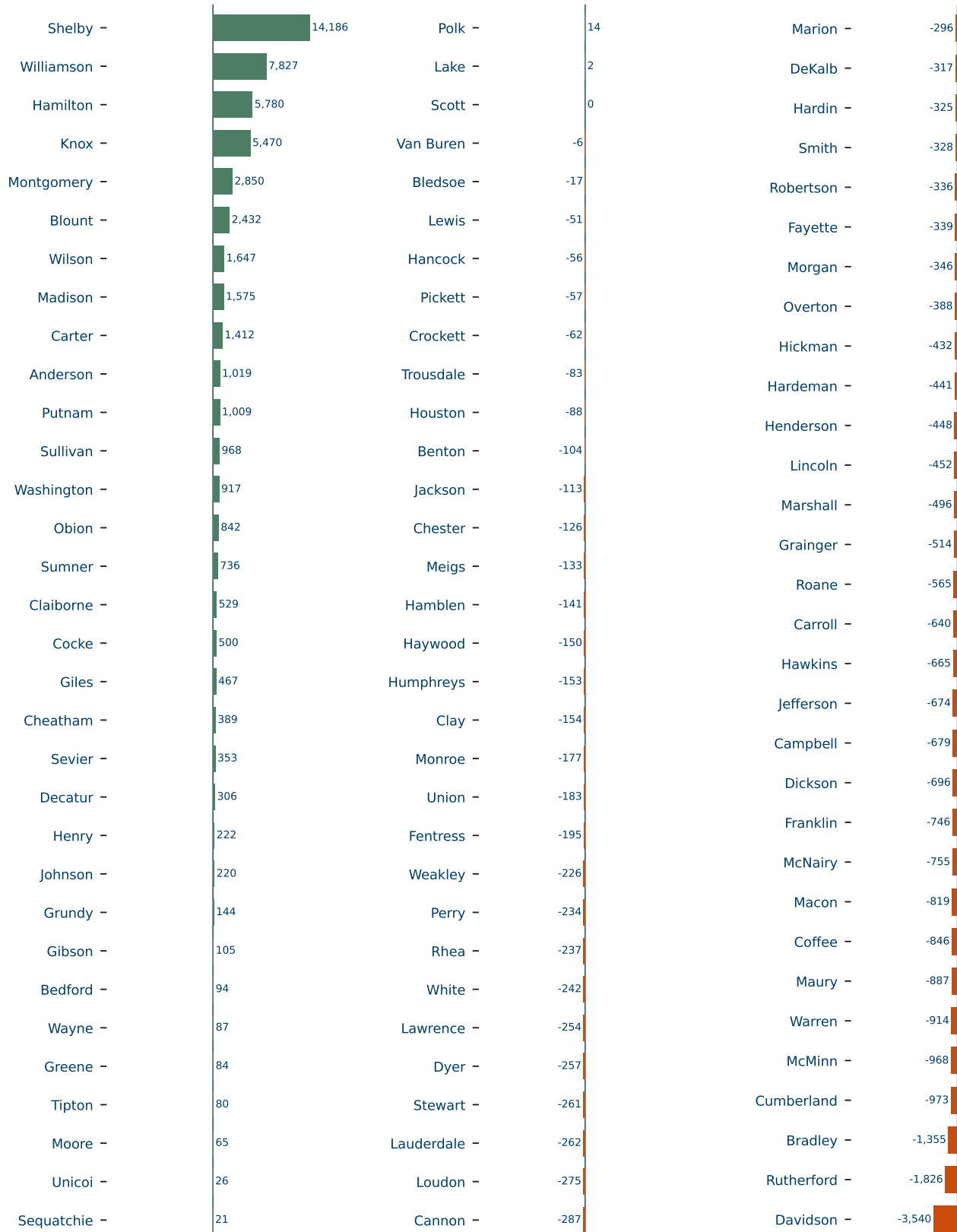
The chart below compares the total number of children under 6 in a county, children under 6 in the county with all available parents in the workforce and the number of licensed/regulated child care spots serving children under 6 reported in the county. When available, one-year 2024 ACS estimates are shown (16 counties) alongside the five-year (2020-2024) estimates shown for all counties. All counties use child care capacity as of July 15th, 2026.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce. (2024). Age of Own Children in Families and Subfamilies by Living Arrangements by Employment Status of Parents. American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B2300 & Tennessee Department of Human Services. (July 2026). Child Care Web Provider List July 15, 2026. Note: This list of regulated child care providers includes those licensed by the Department of Human Services (TDHS) or approved by the Department of Education, as well as license-exempt Boys and Girls Clubs. Providers that listed a minimum age above 6 years were excluded. Those that provided no minimum age were included.

CHILD CARE CAPACITY GAP OR SURPLUS

Available licensed/regulated under 6 child care capacity minus children under 6 with all available parents in the workforce, sorted from largest surplus to largest gap



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce. (2024). Age of Own Children in Families and Subfamilies by Living Arrangements by Employment Status of Parents. American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year & 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B2300. Note; 2024 1-Year Estimates were used for Anderson, Blount, Bradley, Cumberland, Davidson, Greene, Hamilton Knox, Montgomery, Rutherford, Sevier, Shelby, Sullivan, Sumner, Washington, & Williamson Counties. Tennessee Department of Human Services. (July 2026). Child Care Web Provider List July 15, 2026. Note: This list of regulated child care providers includes those licensed by the Department of Human Services (TDHS) or approved by the Department of Education, as well as license-exempt Boys and Girls Clubs. Providers that listed a minimum age above 6 years were excluded. Those that provided no minimum age were included.

SMARTSTEPS WAITLIST

On August 26, 2025 Tennessee's child care tuition assistance, SmartSteps, implemented a waitlist due to a loss of federal funds. The data on this page reflects waitlist totals as of September 1, 2026. Eligibility for SmartSteps is determined once the child receives a spot from the waitlist. Children/families currently on the waitlist may or may not be eligible for SmartSteps. Families may add their names to the waitlist at any time and are routinely sent notifications on a two-month cycle allowing them the opportunity to remain on the waitlist or be removed.

This waitlist is solely for the SmartSteps program and is separate from waitlist families may be on for a specific child care provider or slot.

As part of a data quality review of the SmartSteps waitlist data provided by DHS, TCCY identified 1,036 potential duplicate entries across the state (34 involve children who have already been accepted off the waitlist, and 1,002 remain in submitted/pending status.) These include cases where the same waitlist application number, county, and age (year only, no DOB included in data set) appear more than once with no middle initial on file, or with a matching middle initial, suggesting the same child may have been entered more than once or a family with two children of the same age. Most of these incidents involve a single child entered twice, though 52 involve a child appearing three to six times. This represents roughly 6.5% of the 15,329 total pending waitlist applications reviewed and 2.2% of accepted applications.

Statewide there were 15,329 children on the SmartSteps waitlist. All of Tennessee's 95 counties had children on the waitlist.

In Davidson, there were 1,508 children on the waitlist.

Children on the waitlist by age:

	Statewide	Davidson
Under 1 or not yet born:	18.0%	22.5%
1 or 2 years old:	35.8%	34.2%
3 to 5 years old:	29.6%	29.9%
6 to 10 years old:	12.7%	9.4%
11 to 17 years old:	3.2%	3.1%

In Davidson, 105 potential duplicates involving submitted applications and 5 involving applications that have already been accepted were identified.

*Indicates total waitlist population of less than 20, interpret with caution. Counts of less than 10 are suppressed and percentages were not calculated. Suppression decision was made by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Statewide 0.6% were reported being over 18.

Source: Tennessee Department of Human Services data obtained through public records request by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Data above refers to children on the waitlist with a status of "Submitted" and age as of 9/1/2026. Eligibility for SmartSteps is determined once the child receives a spot from the waitlist. Children/families currently on the waitlist may or may not be eligible for SmartSteps.

Statewide, 1,506 children were on the SmartSteps waitlist and later began receiving benefits. In Davidson, there were 147 children.

Source: Tennessee Department of Human Services data obtained through public records request by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Data above refers to children on the waitlist with a status of "Accepted."

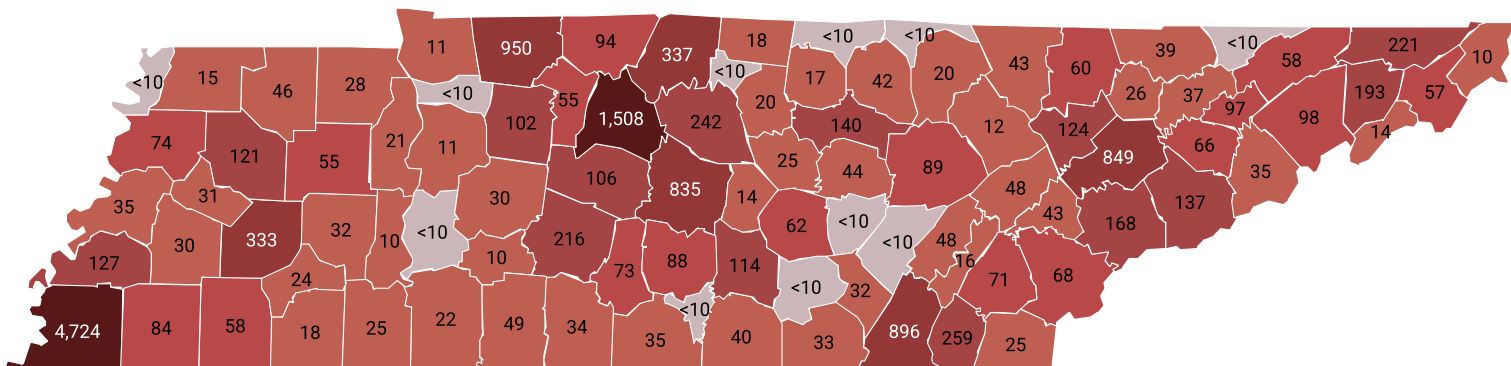
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON SMARTSTEPS WAITLIST BY COUNTY

124	Anderson	10	Decatur	32	Henderson	216	Maury	32	Sequatchie
88	Bedford	25	DeKalb	28	Henry	71	McMinn	137	Sevier
21	Benton	102	Dickson	30	Hickman	18	McNairy	4,724	Shelby
< 10	Bledsoe	74	Dyer	< 10	Houston	16	Meigs	20	Smith
168	Blount	84	Fayette	11	Humphreys	68	Monroe	11	Stewart
259	Bradley	20	Fentress	17	Jackson	950	Montgomery	221	Sullivan
60	Campbell	40	Franklin	66	Jefferson	< 10	Moore	337	Sumner
14	Cannon	121	Gibson	10	Johnson	12	Morgan	127	Tipton
55	Carroll	34	Giles	849	Knox	15	Obion	< 10	Trousdale
57	Carter	37	Grainger	< 10	Lake	42	Overton	14	Unicoi
55	Cheatham	98	Greene	35	Lauderdale	< 10	Perry	26	Union
24	Chester	< 10	Grundy	49	Lawrence	< 10	Pickett	< 10	Van Buren
39	Claiborne	97	Hamblen	10	Lewis	25	Polk	62	Warren
< 10	Clay	896	Hamilton	35	Lincoln	140	Putnam	193	Washington
35	Cocke	< 10	Hancock	43	Loudon	48	Rhea	22	Wayne
114	Coffee	58	Hardeman	18	Macon	48	Roane	46	Weakley
31	Crockett	25	Hardin	333	Madison	94	Robertson	44	White
89	Cumberland	58	Hawkins	33	Marion	835	Rutherford	106	Williamson
1,508	Davidson	30	Haywood	73	Marshall	43	Scott	242	Wilson

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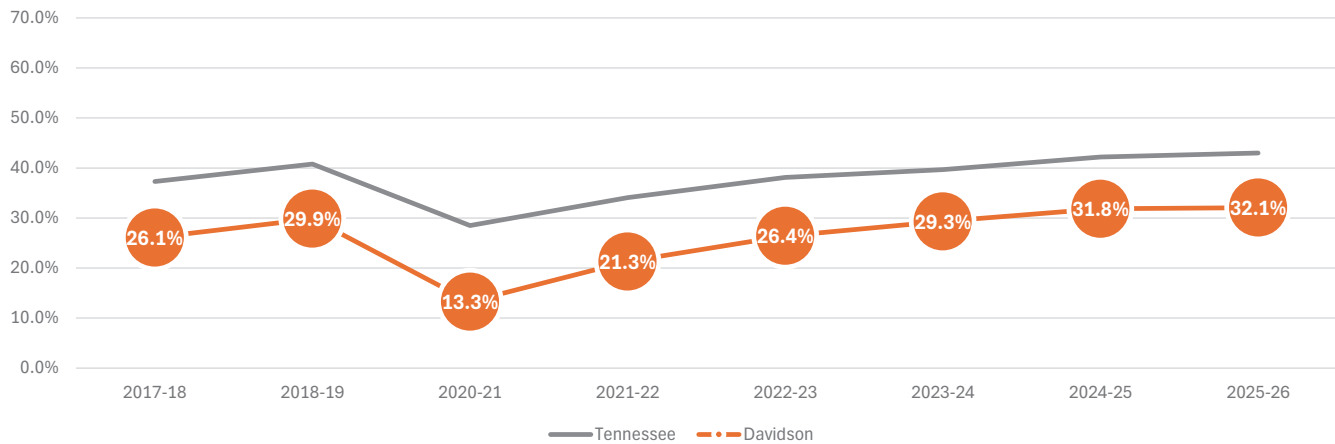
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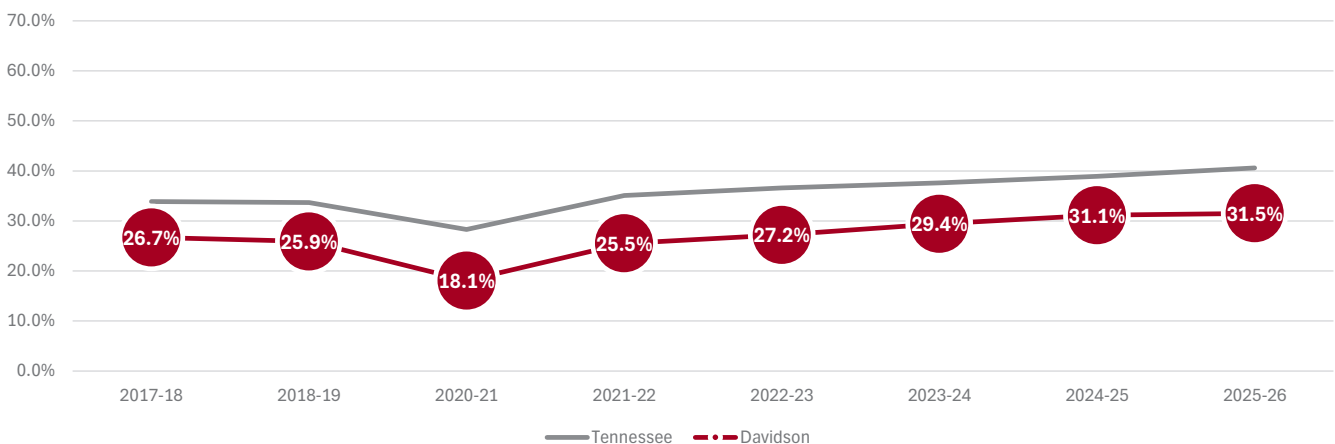
Academic Achievement

PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO SCORED “MET EXPECTATIONS” OR “EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS” ON TCAP MATH



Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2025). *State Assessment Files*. District level data were obtained from Department of Education and converted to county-level by TCCY. For counties with more than one school district the rate is based on weighted average (number of students and suspension rate). Tennessee Public Charter School students are allocated to three counties: Davidson (55.1%), Rutherford (6.4%) and Shelby (38.5%) based on 2024-25 enrollments.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO SCORED “MET EXPECTATIONS” OR “EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS” ON TCAP ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



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Student Growth

The next four pages look at student growth in 4th Grade TCAP English Language Arts and 8th Grade TCAP Math by District. To provide more information on student growth versus achievement, here is an explanation from Department of Education:

In Tennessee, student growth is measured by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS). This measure is different from student proficiency that is scored on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP).

TVAAS demonstrates where students performed academically at a single point in time. On the other hand, growth represents that not all students start at the same place with their learning, but every student should learn and grow throughout the school year. In calculating a TVAAS score, a student's performance is compared relative to the performance of his or her peers who have performed similarly on past assessments.

To help illustrate the difference between achievement and growth, consider an analogy of measuring a child's height. Every year, during a child's wellness check, the pediatrician measures the child's height. This measurement captures a moment in time, similar to achievement. We can compare that child's single height measurement against a benchmark, or against their peers, to put their current height into context. However, if we want to measure the child's growth, we have to compare that measurement against the child's own prior history. By looking across years, we can identify patterns of growth for that particular child and understand if the child is growing as expected. Both measures provide valuable information about a child's holistic physical development.

Similarly, by measuring students' academic achievement and growth, educators and families can have a more comprehensive picture of students' progress toward academic success.

Note: Growth index was available for 143 districts for 4th grade ELA and 139 Districts for 8th Grade Math.

STUDENT GROWTH INDEX BY DISTRICT

4TH GRADE TCAP ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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8TH GRADE TCAP MATH

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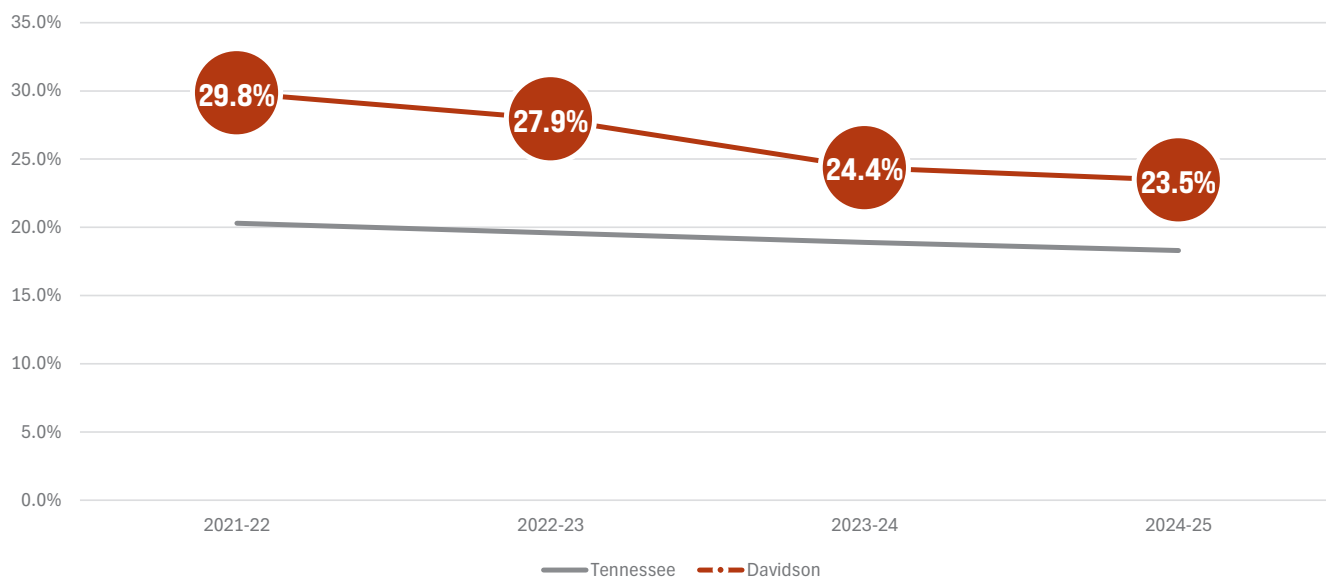
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School Completion and Engagement

PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO WERE CHRONICALLY ABSENT



Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2025). *Chronic Absenteeism*. District level data were obtained from Department of Education and converted to county-level by TCCY. Note: Number and percentage of students who are chronically absent 10 percent or more of the days for any reason. For counties with more than one school district the rate is calculated based on weighted average (number of students and chronically absent rate). Number of chronically absent students from Tennessee Public Charter Schools are computed from the school level data and distributed across three counties: Davidson, Rutherford and Shelby.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

In 2024-25, Davidson County had an on-time **high school graduation rate of 83.6%** compared to Tennessee's 92.3%. Since 2018, Davidson County's graduation rate has fluctuated from a high of 85.7% in 2023-24 to a low of 80.0% in 2017-18.

Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2025). Graduation Cohort Data. Correction: In the 2023, 2024 and 2025 County Profiles, a federal graduation rate was used when the state rate was suppressed for counties with a graduation rate of 99% or suppressed district data was not factored into the county calculation. This resulted in several counties receiving a lower graduation percent/ranking. The following counties were impacted by this error: 2023-24- Blount, Carroll, Clay, Henderson, & White. 2022-23- Blount, Clay, Fentress, Haywood, & Shelby. 2021-22- Carroll, Clay, Gibson, & Scott. This has been corrected and those years have been re-run with a 99 percent graduation rate reflected in this data. Note: Number and percent of a 9th-grade cohort that graduated in four years. For counties with more than one school district the rate is calculated based on weighted average (graduation cohort and state graduation rate). Schools or districts with a graduation rate above 99% are suppressed per DOE standards and calculated as 99% for the purpose of this report.

AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT) PERFORMANCE

In the 2024-2025 school year, **24.6% of Davidson County graduating public school students scored 21 or higher on their ACT**, representing 1280 students. Since 2016, Davidson County's percent has fluctuated from a high of 32.3% in 2018 to a low of 24.4% in 2022.

Source: Tennessee Department of Education, (2026). *Discipline Data File 2024-25*. Note: Percent is based on net enrollment. For counties with more than one school district the rate is based on weighted average (number of students and suspension rate). Tennessee Public Charter School students are allocated to three counties: Davidson (55.1%), Rutherford (6.4%) and Shelby (38.5%) based on 2024-25 enrollments.

SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

In 2025, **7.1% of Davidson County public school students received an Out of School Suspension**, representing 6,269 students. Across all of Tennessee's public schools, 53,367 students or 5.3% received an Out of School Suspension.

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Student Population & Resources

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

In the 2024-2025 school year, **33.4% of Davidson County public school students were considered Economically Disadvantaged**, representing 27,230 students. Across all of Tennessee's public schools, 281,388 students or 29.0% were Economically Disadvantaged. The percent of Economically Disadvantaged students by county ranged from a high of 62.0% in Lake County to a low of 3.5% in Williamson County.

Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2026). *District Profile*. Note: Tennessee Public Charter School funds are allocated to three counties: Davidson (55.1%), Rutherford (6.4%) and Shelby (38.5%) based on 2024-25 enrollments. For counties with more than one school district the rate is based on a weighted average (number of enrolled students and number of economically disadvantaged students).

PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE

Across the state, the per pupil expenditure was \$13,866 - ranging from a high of \$18,375 in Davidson County to a low of \$8,481 in Lewis County.

\$18,375

Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2026). *2024-25 Annual Statistical Report - Table 51*. Note: Tennessee Public Charter School funds are allocated to three counties: Davidson (55.1%), Rutherford (6.4%) and Shelby (38.5%) based on 2024-25 enrollments. For counties with more than one school district the rate is based on weighted average

FEDERAL DOLLARS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

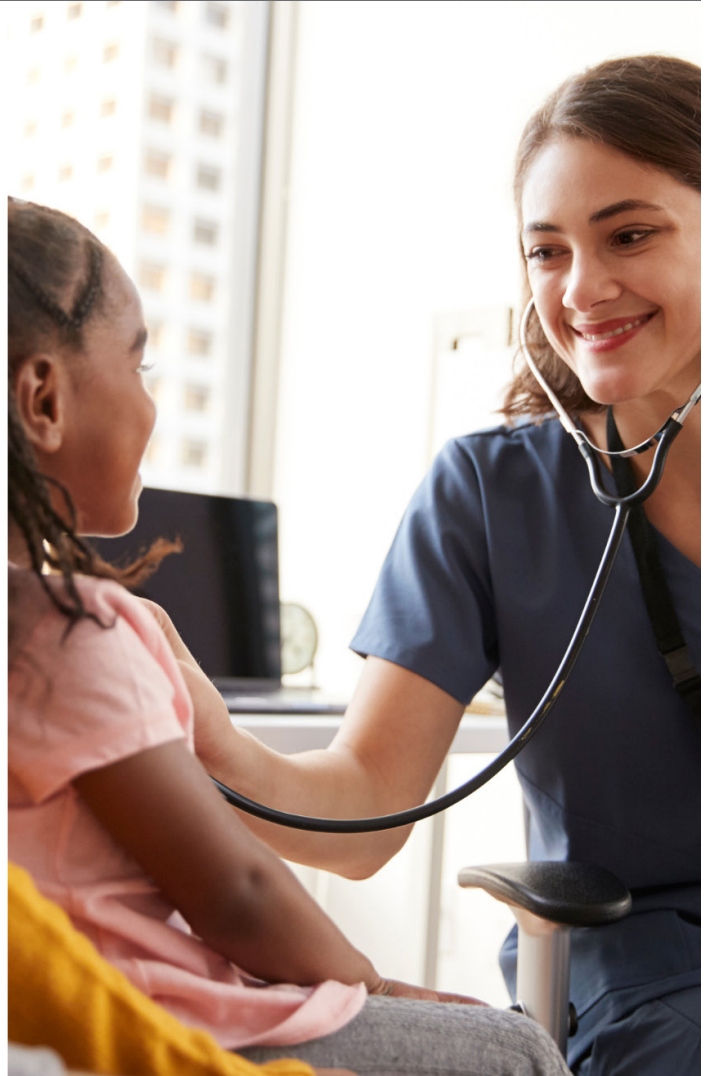
Across the state, 12% of public school revenues were federal dollars totalling 1.76 billion. In Davidson County, **\$192.2 million** or 11.4% of revenues were federal dollars.

Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2026). *2024-25 Annual Statistical Report - Table 19*. Note: Tennessee Public Charter School funds are allocated to three counties: Davidson (55.1%), Rutherford (6.4%) and Shelby (38.5%) based on 2024-25 enrollments. For counties with more than one school district the rate is based on weighted average



Davidson

Health & Development



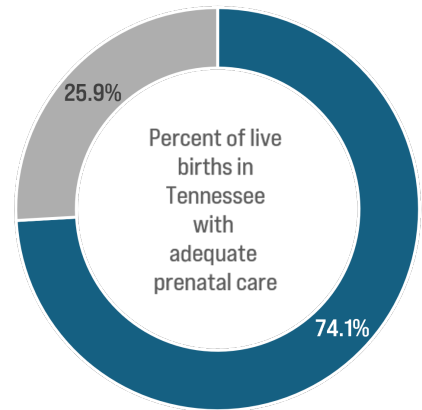
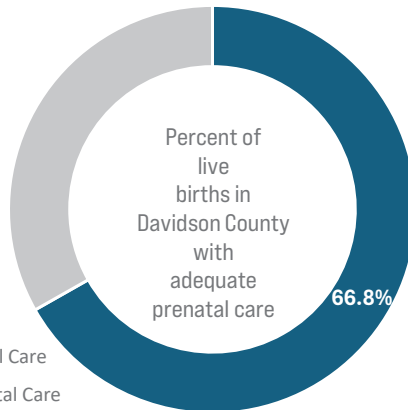


Infant & Maternal Health

ADEQUATE PRENATAL CARE

Source: Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Vital Records and Statistics (2024)., Note: Percent of live births in 2024 calendar year where mothers received adequate prenatal care. Adequacy of care is based on Kessner Index.

■ Adequate Prenatal Care
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BIRTH RATE

Davidson
2024

14.6 per 1,000 residents

10,645 Live Births

Tennessee
2024

11.6 per 1,000 residents

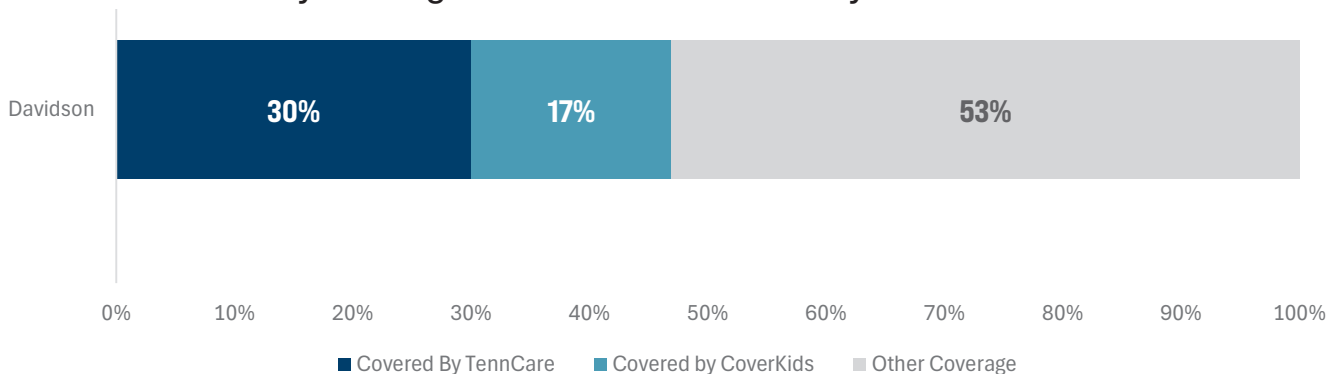
83,832 Live Births

Source: Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Vital Records and Statistics (2024)., Note: Rate based upon total population

PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS COVERED BY TENNCARE & COVERKIDS

In Davidson, **46.9% of live births were covered by TennCare or CoverKids in 2024**

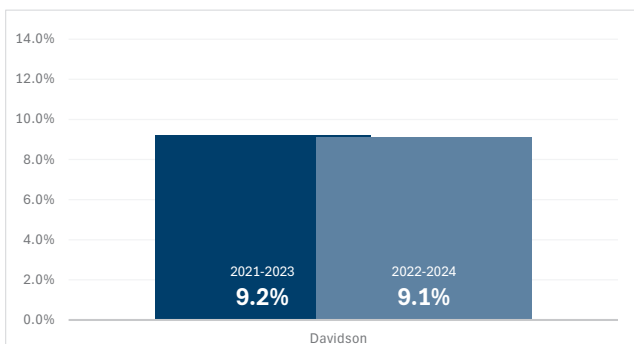
- Across Tennessee 54.5% of births were covered, ranging from a low of 15.2% in Williamson County to a high of 91.7% in Lake County.



Source; Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Division of TennCare. (2025). Note: Mothers in 2024 who were enrolled to TennCare or Medicaid insurance at the time of birth. Rate is the percentage of live births.

BIRTH OUTCOMES

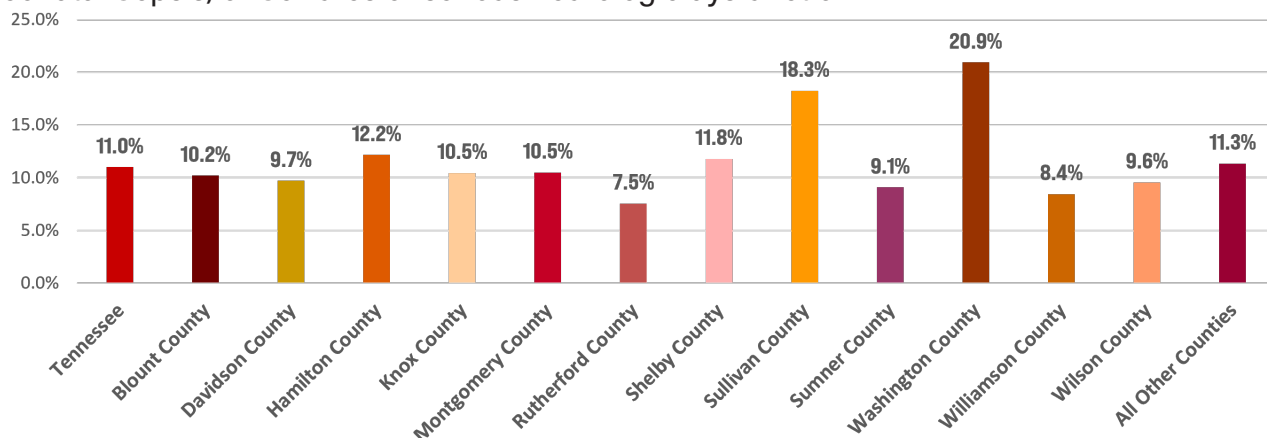
Percent of babies born at a low birth weight



Source: Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Vital Records and Statistics. (2025). *Low Birth Weight 2022-2024*. Note: Number of live born babies in three years weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds or 5 lbs., 8 oz.). Rate is percent of total live births.

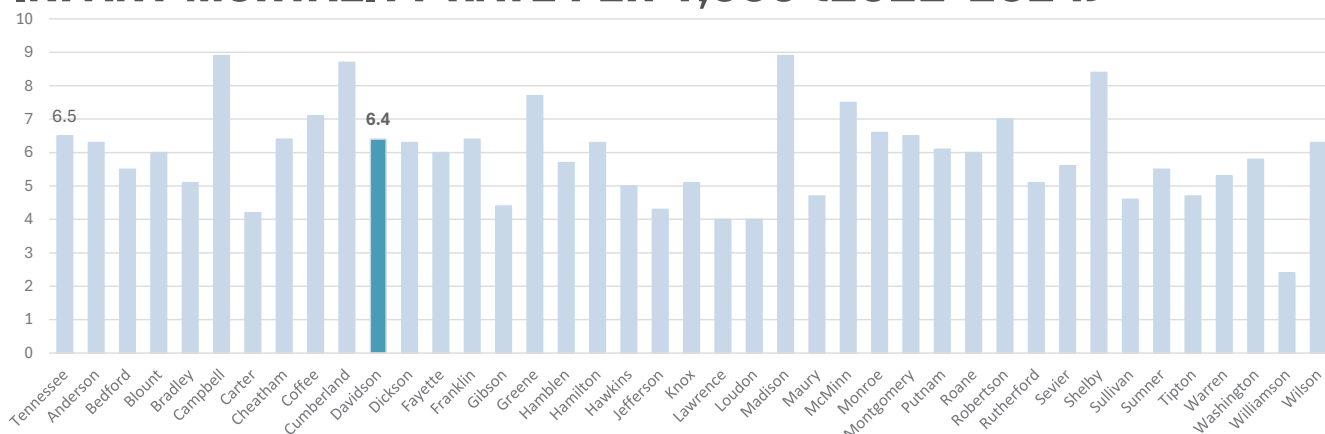
Babies born with abnormal conditions

Includes whether any abnormal conditions were reported for the newborn for including Assisted Ventilation, NICU Admission, Surfactant Replacement Therapy, Antibiotics for Suspected Neonatal Sepsis, or Seizures or serious neurologic dysfunction.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Vital Statistics System, Natality on CDC WONDER Online Database. Data are from the Natality Records 2023-2024, Abnormal Conditions Checked. Counties with lower counts are suppressed and included in the "All Other Counties" category.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 (2022-2024)

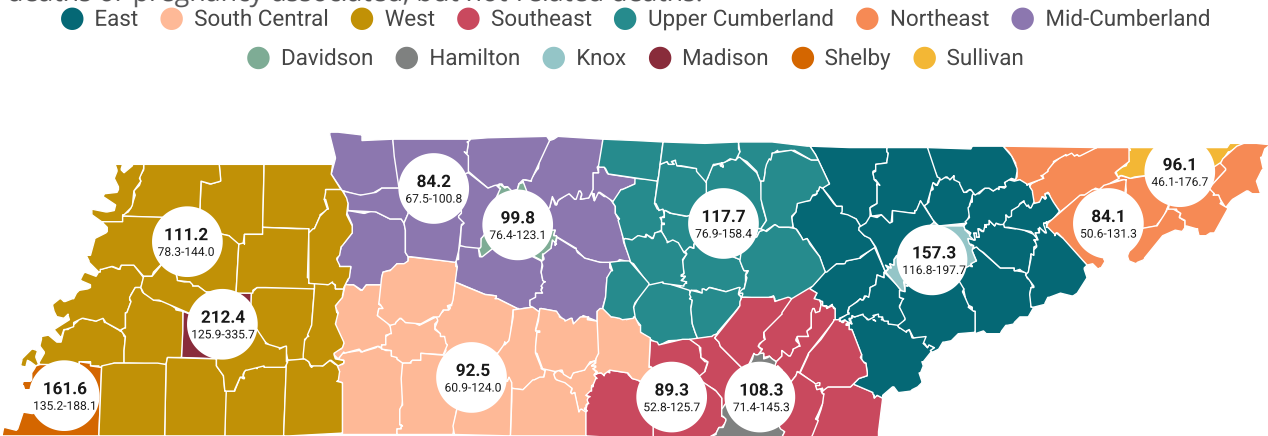


Source: Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Vital Records and Statistics. Infant Mortality 2022-2024. Rate is per 1,000 live births.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

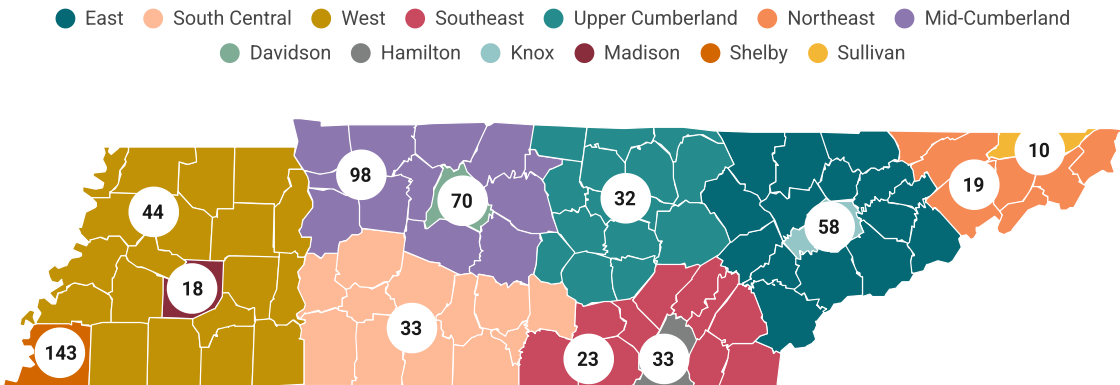
Pregnancy Associated Maternal Mortality Rate 2017-2023 (per 100,000 live births)

Pregnancy Associated Death - The death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy from any cause. This definition encompasses all qualifying deaths the Maternal Mortality Review Commission reviews. Pregnancy-associated deaths can be further classified as pregnancy-related deaths or pregnancy-associated, but not-related deaths.



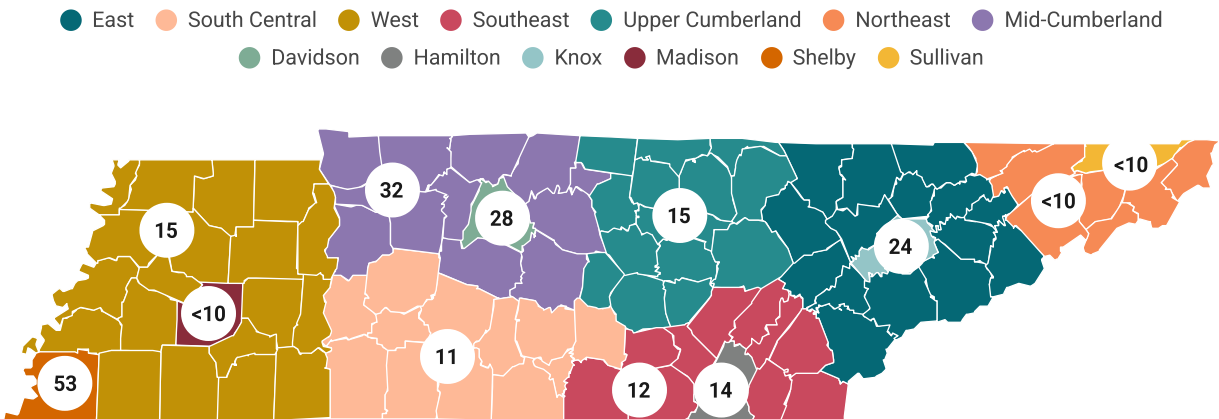
When rates are based on small counts, they are statistically unstable, meaning small changes in the numerator can have large effects on the rate, causing wide variation in estimates. We have included the lower and upper confidence intervals (CIs) for each rate; these represent the range of values likely to contain the true rate. For these reasons, please use caution when interpreting differences across regions, as most differences are not statistically significant.

Number of Pregnancy Associated Deaths 2017-2023



Number of Pregnancy Related Deaths 2017-2023

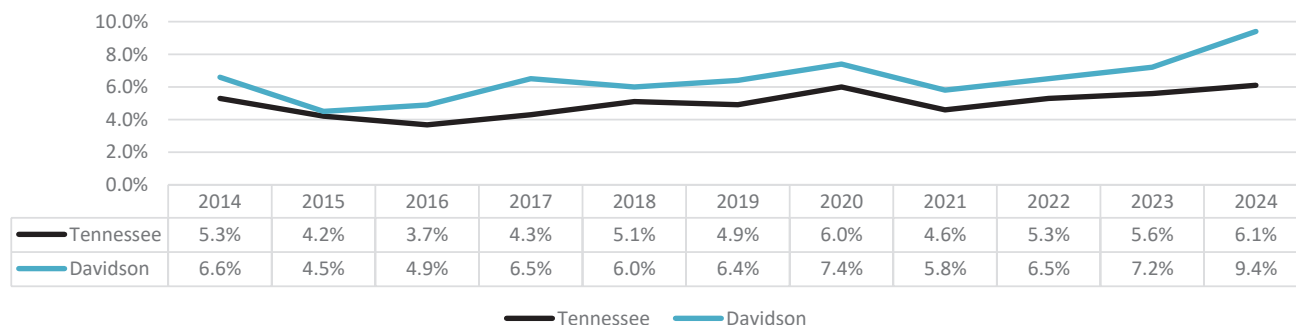
Pregnancy Related Death- Pregnancy-related deaths are a subset of pregnancy-associated deaths. They are caused by or related to the pregnancy, or due to an unrelated condition that was aggravated by the pregnancy.



Counts were suppressed for regions with fewer than 10 deaths.

Health Insurance & Access

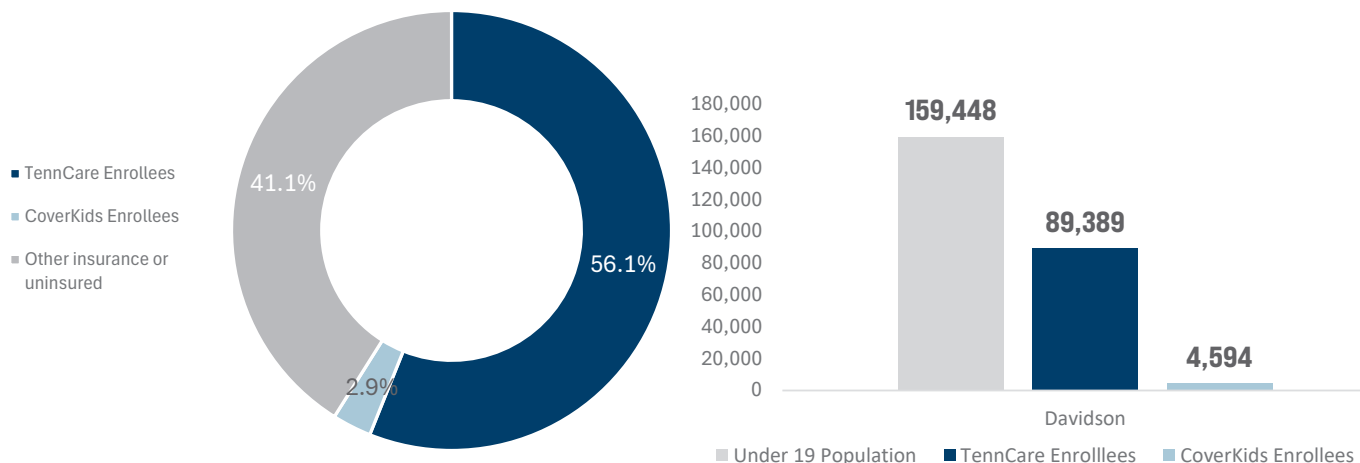
PERCENT OF CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (2015-2026). *Uninsured, Under 19 - All Incomes* 2014-2024

CHILDREN ENROLLED IN TENNCARE OR COVERKIDS

Percent and count of Davidson County children (under 19) enrolled in TennCare and CoverKids in 2025.



Source: Tennessee Department Finance and Administration, Division of TennCare. (2026) . Calendar Year 2025 Unduplicated TennCare or CoverKids Enrollment by County. Note: Enrollment count includes an unduplicated count of those under 19 who were enrolled at any point over the calendar year, TennCare and CoverKids enrollment are not mutually exclusive in these data.

PERCENT OF UNINSURED CHILDREN IN DAVIDSON COUNTY WHO ARE FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR TENNCARE/COVERKIDS

75.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (2026). *Uninsured, Under 19 - ≤250% Poverty-* 2024

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Coverage type includes alone or in combination	Davidson 2020-2024	Tennessee 2020-2024	Davidson 2024	Tennessee 2024
Employer-based health insurance	48.6%	50.2%	47.9%	49.9%
Direct purchase health insurance:	10.8%	8.0%	11.1%	9.1%
TriCare/military health insurance:	1.4%	3.3%	0.8%	3.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025). *Private Health Insurance Coverage by Type and Selected Characteristics*. American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S2703. Note: For counties in which ACS 1-Year Estimates were available, one year data is provided as well.

RATE OF PEDIATRICIANS

In 2025, Davidson county had **299 pediatricians** currently certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. This equates to **497 children per pediatrician**. Across Tennessee, there are 1,214 children per pediatrician. The number of children to pediatricians ranges by county from 497 children in Davidson County to 14,344 in Tipton County.

Source: The American Board of Pediatrics. 2025 Pediatric State and County Distributions Data. December 2025 Chapel Hill, NC | Under 18 population data from: 2025 Census Data. Note: Includes the combination of those certified in General Pediatrics (alone) and those certified in both General Pediatrics and in another ABMS specialty. County and State location is determined using the latest mailing address on file.

Pediatricians	Davidson	Tennessee
Combined: All ABP Subspecialties	236	771
Adolescent Medicine	3	11
Child Abuse Pediatrics	3	10
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics	4	11
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	3	17
Medical Toxicology	0	0
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine	25	102
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	0	0
Pediatric Cardiology	34	84
Pediatric Critical Care Medicine	26	77
Pediatric EmergencyMedicine	21	93
Pediatric Endocrinology	13	43
Pediatric Gastroenterology	21	48
Pediatric Hematology-Oncology	17	123
Pediatric Hospital Medicine	26	66
Pediatric Infectious Diseases	18	46
Pediatric Nephrology	4	13
Pediatric Pulmonology	9	22
Pediatric Rheumatology	6	8
Sleep Medicine	2	8
Sports Medicine	5	10
Transplant Hepatology	2	3

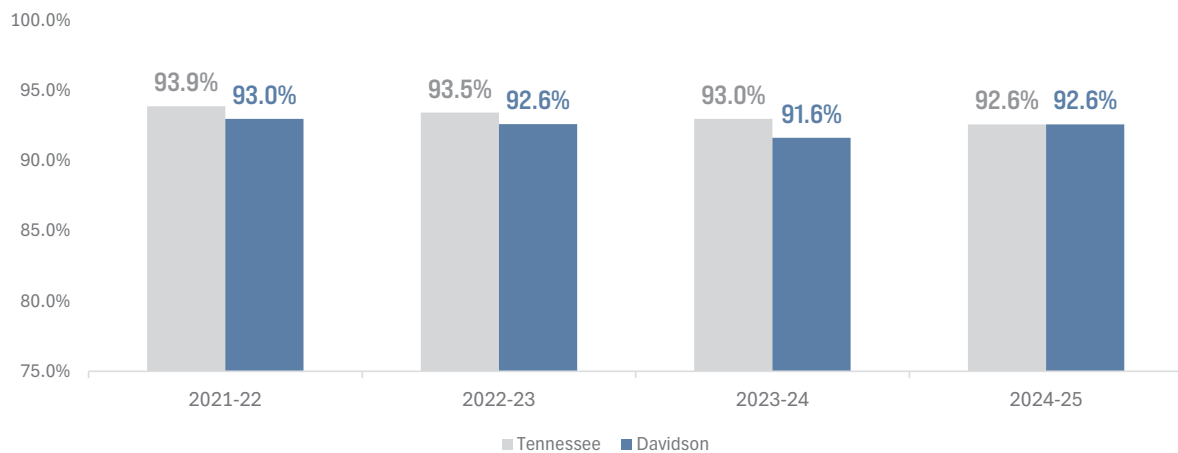
NUMBER OF PEDIATRICIANS WITH AMERICAN BOARD OF PEDIATRICS SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION

Source: The American Board of Pediatrics. 2025 Pediatric State and County Distributions Data. December 2025 Chapel Hill, NC Note: Pediatricians may become certified in one or more areas and are represented for each of their respective subspecialties here County and State location is determined using the latest mailing address on file.

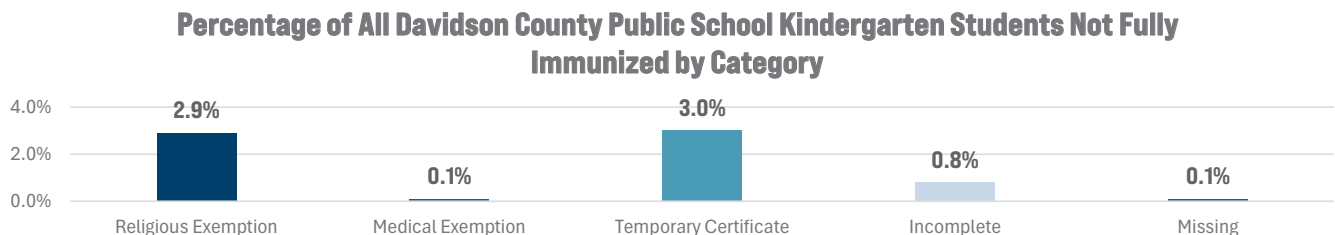


Child & Teen Health

PERCENT OF FULLY-IMMUNIZED PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS



Source: Tennessee Department of Health. (2025). *Kindergarten Immunization Compliance Assessment Report*. Required vaccines include: Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccine (DTaP), Hepatitis B Virus vaccine (HBV), Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine (MMR), Poliomyelitis vaccine (IPV or OPV), Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine/credible history of disease, and Hepatitis A Virus vaccine (HAV).



Source: Tennessee Department of Health. (2025). *Kindergarten Immunization Compliance Assessment Report 2024-25*.

PERCENT OF SCREENED PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH BODY MASS INDEX CLASSIFICATIONS OF OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE

During the 2023-24 school year,

36.5% of Davidson public school students screened had a Body Mass Index classified as Overweight or Obese.

Source: Tennessee Department of Education, Coordinated School Health (2025). Tennessee Public Schools: A Summary of Student Body Mass Index Data 2023-24. Note: 2024-25 data were available but not included due to only 15% of students being assessed and only two counties meeting a 50% or greater response rate.

ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL IN CHILDREN UNDER 6

In 2025, **18.1% of Davidson County children under 6 were screened for an elevated blood lead level.** Statewide 16.5% of children were screened. Between 2021-2025, **316 children in Davidson County were confirmed to have an elevated blood lead level** representing a rate of 6.3 per 1,000 children screened. Across the state 2,266 children had a confirmed elevated blood lead level for a rate of 5.4 per 1,000 screened.

Source: Tennessee Department of Health. Division of Family and Wellness, LeadTRK Database, 2021-2025 Note: Number of children age less than 6 years who had confirmed elevated blood lead level (EBLL) $\geq 5\mu\text{g/dL}$. These children were confirmed in the year of screening based on CDC definition that a child has one venous blood specimen $\geq 5\mu\text{g/dL}$ As of October 1, 2022, the confirmed reference level was lowered to $3.5\mu\text{g/dL}$. EBLL total includes single blood lead tests (capillary or venous) drawn on or after October 1, 2022. Confirmed rates are expressed per 1,000 children screened and rounded to 1 decimal point.

DISABILITY STATUS

Percent of Davidson County children who were reported to have a disability.

2015–2019

2020–2024

3.7%

4.4%

Disability includes: hearing difficulty, vision difficulty, cognitive difficulty, ambulatory difficulty, self-care difficulty, independent living difficulty.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Children Characteristics. American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, 2015-2019 & 2020-2024. Table S0901.



Child, Teen, & Young Adult Mortality

NUMBER OF DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AGES 1-17 BY INJURY INTENT (2020-2024)

All Manners of Death	Unintentional	Non-Injury, no intent classified
235	66	85
Tennessee: 2,118	Tennessee: 683	Tennessee: 859
Homicide	Suicide	Undetermined
60	13	11
Tennessee: 323	Tennessee: 202	Tennessee: 50

Suppressed indicates greater than 0 but fewer than 10 deaths. Source details on next page.

NUMBER DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN AGES 1 - 17 BY INJURY MECHANISM & ALL OTHER LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH (2020-2024)

	Davidson	TN
Firearm:	66	411
Motor Vehicle Traffic:	25	316
All other diseases (Residual):	16	171
Malignant neoplasms (Cancers):	14	137
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities:	13	128
Drowning:	12	118
Suffocation:	11	114
Poisoning:	21	108
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified:	Suppressed	73
Diseases of Heart	12	71

Suppressed indicates greater than 0 but fewer than 10 deaths. Source details on next page.

NUMBER OF DEATHS AMONG YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-24 BY INJURY INTENT (2020-2024)

All Manners of Death	Unintentional	Non-Injury, no intent classified
499	243	76
Tennessee: 4,394	Tennessee: 2,080	Tennessee: 850
Homicide	Suicide	Undetermined
116	54	10
Tennessee: 830	Tennessee: 580	Tennessee: 49

NUMBER DEATHS AMONG YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 - 24 BY INJURY MECHANISM & ALL OTHER LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH (2020-2024)

	Davidson	TN
Firearm:	155	1,239
Poisoning:	151	1,018
Motor Vehicle Traffic:	81	944
All other diseases (Residual):	20	229
Suffocation:	12	133
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancers):	12	109
Diseases of Heart:	Suppressed	105
Other and unspecified infectious and parasitic diseases and their sequelae:	Suppressed	66
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified:	Suppressed	66
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities:	Suppressed	56

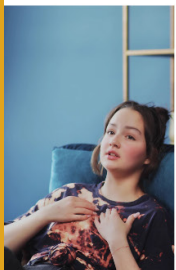
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Vital Statistics System, Mortality 2018-2024 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2026. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2020-2024, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Accessed at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10-expanded.html> on Jul 10, 2026 2:07:11 PM

Note: Suppressed indicates greater than 0 but fewer than 10 deaths. Legal Intervention/Act of War was not included in the Injury Intent categories due to fewer than 10 for both age groups. Injury Mechanism and Leading Causes of Death were selected and ordered based upon the state wide top 10 causes/mechanisms for each age group.



Davidson

MENTAL HEALTH

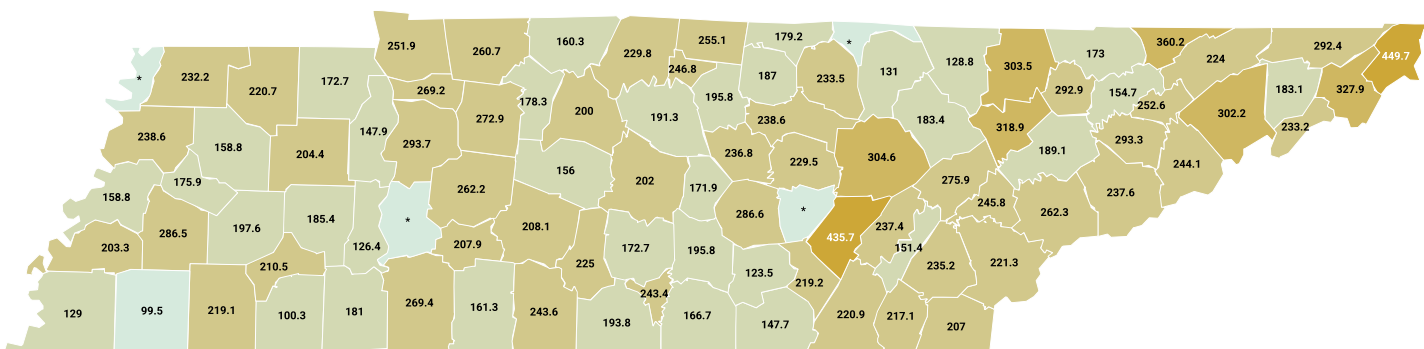


Self-Harm and Suicidal Ideation

For more detailed information on youth suicide including risk factors, protective factors and who is at risk visit our **FUTURE Data Dashboard** at www.tn.gov/tccy-future/youth-suicide

HOSPITAL ENCOUNTERS FOR SELF-HARM AMONG YOUTH AGES 0-24: 2022-2024 POOLED RATES PER 100K

In Davidson County between 2022-2024, there were 200 hospital encounters for self-harm per 100,000 youth and young adults.



estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau (CC-EST). County-level rates calculated by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Note: Intentional self-harm. Nonfatal hospital and emergency-department encounters among Tennessee residents ages 0–24, by county of residence. These data do not distinguish self-harm with suicidal intent from self-harm without. Rate is per 100,000, based on pooled 2022–2024 encounters and county population ages 0–24. Self-harm and suicidal ideation are not mutually exclusive, and counts reflect encounters rather than unique individuals. * Indicates data are suppressed (non-zero counts under 11). Rates based on fewer than 20 encounters are less stable and should be interpreted with caution.

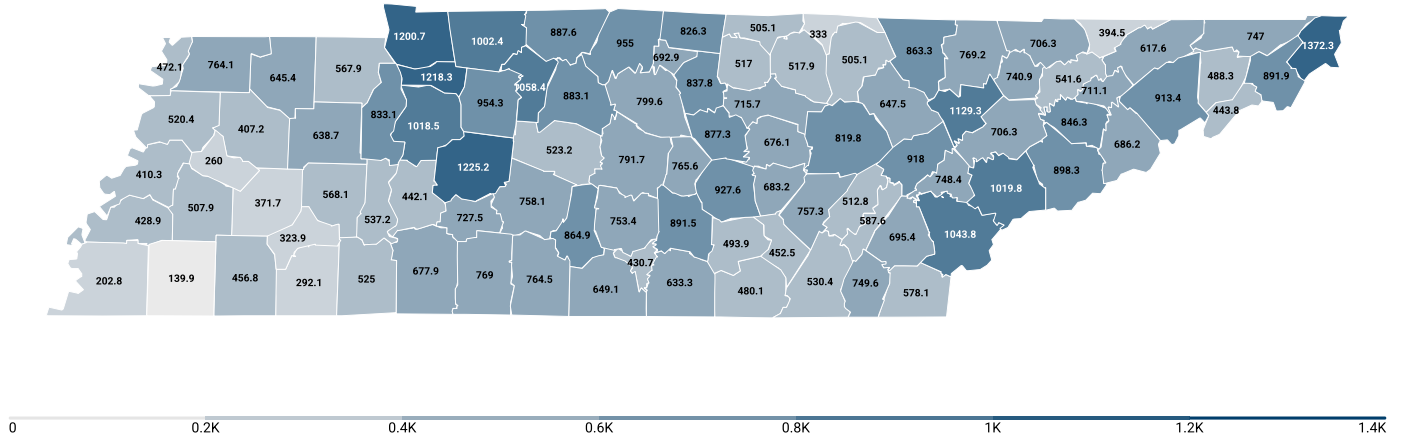
If you or someone you know is struggling or having thoughts of suicide, help is available right now — and reaching out is a sign of strength.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline — Call or text 988, or chat at 988lifeline.org. Free, confidential, 24/7. In Tennessee, you can press 0 to reach a local, in-state crisis counselor.

Tennessee Statewide Crisis Line — 855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471), 24/7.

HOSPITAL ENCOUNTERS FOR SUICIDAL IDEATION AMONG YOUTH AGES 0-24: 2022-2024 POOLED RATES PER 100K

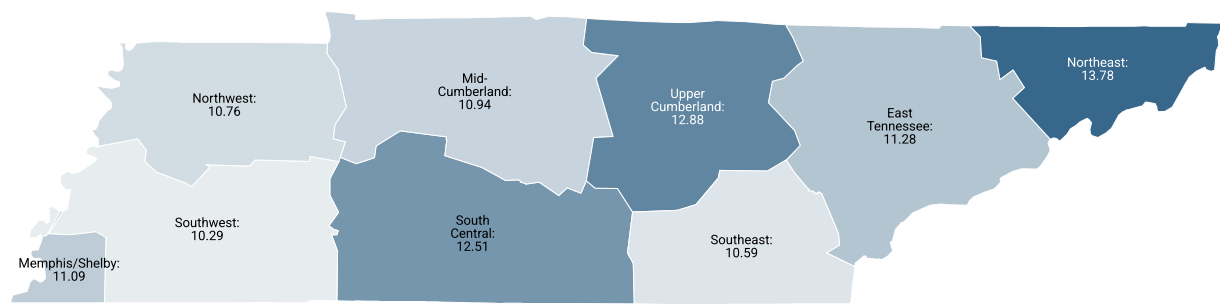
In Davidson County between 2022-2024, there were 883 hospital encounters for suicidal ideation per 100,000 youth and young adults.



Source: Tennessee Department of Health, Hospital Discharge Data System (HDDS), 2016–2024. County population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau (CC-EST). County-level rates calculated by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Note: Suicide ideation. Nonfatal hospital and emergency-department encounters among Tennessee residents ages 0–24, by county of residence. Rate is per 100,000, based on pooled 2022–2024 encounters and county population ages 0–24. Suicidal ideation and self-harm are not mutually exclusive, and counts reflect encounters rather than unique individuals. * Indicates data are suppressed (non-zero counts under 11). Rates based on fewer than 20 encounters (Pickett County) should be interpreted with caution.

Suicide Deaths

SUICIDE DEATHS BY REGION: RATE PER 100K (2020-2024 POOLED ESTIMATES)



Source: Tennessee Department of Health resident mortality data with population denominators; validated against CDC WISQARS. Note: Rates per 100,000, ages 10–24, 2020–2024 pooled.

If you or someone you know is struggling or having thoughts of suicide, help is available right now — and reaching out is a sign of strength.

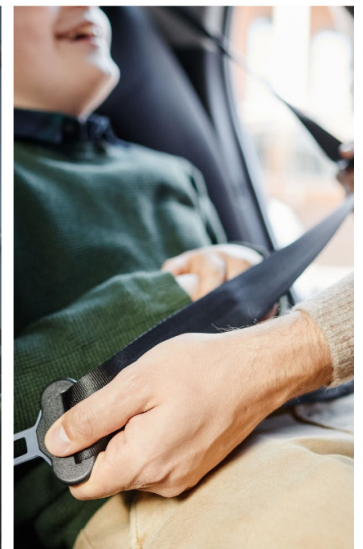
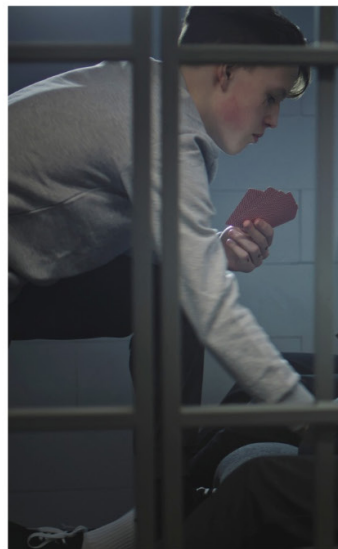
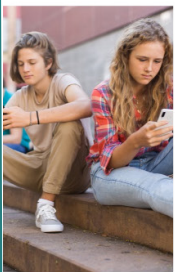
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Davidson

CHILD SAFETY & RISK BEHAVIORS





Abuse & Neglect

FINDINGS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT (COUNT OF ALLEGATIONS)

Findings of abuse or neglect include the following allegation classifications: Allegation Substantiated/Perpetrator Substantiated, Allegation Substantiated/Perpetrator Unknown, Allegation Substantiated/Perpetrator Unsubstantiated, Child with Sexual Behavior Problems, Services Needed, & Services Needed, Court Ordered

The data that are in this table reflect the count of allegations that meet the above description, not children. One child may have multiple substantiated allegations in a single abuse case.

Abuse Type	Davidson (FY2024)		Davidson (FY2025)		Statewide (FY2024)		Statewide (FY2025)	
	Abuse/ Neglect Finding (Allegation Count)	Rate Per 1,000 Children	Abuse/ Neglect Finding (Allegation Count)	Rate Per 1,000 Children	Abuse/ Neglect Finding (Allegation Count)	Rate Per 1,000 Children	Abuse/ Neglect Finding (Allegation Count)	Rate Per 1,000 Children
Abandonment	69	0.5	69	0.5	1,081	0.7	1,017	0.6
Abuse Death	<10	--	16	0.1*	55	0.0	133	0.1
Domestic Violence	57	0.4	87	0.6	2,705	1.7	3,069	2.0
Drug Exposed Child	480	3.2	597	4	11,706	7.4	11,072	7.0
Educational Neglect	25	0.2	52	0.3	912	0.6	917	0.6
Lack of Supervision	293	2	307	2	5,541	3.5	5,512	3.5
Medical Maltreatment	29	0.2	24	0.2	493	0.3	487	0.3
Nutritional Neglect	23	0.2	21	0.1	443	0.3	344	0.2
Physical Abuse	151	1	143	1	2,054	1.3	2,086	1.3
Psychological Harm	39	0.3	36	0.2	1,146	0.7	1,135	0.7
Sexual Abuse	305	2.1	323	2.2	3,299	2.1	3,201	2.0

Counts of less than 10 are suppressed | -- Rate suppressed (fewer than 10 events). *Indicates rate based on fewer than 20 events, interpret with caution. The decision to suppress data was made by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Source: Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Data obtained through request by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Rate calculated using 2024 and 2025 population data from Tennessee Department of Health.

FINDINGS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT - FY2025 (COUNT OF ALLEGATIONS)

Findings of abuse or neglect include the following allegation classifications: Allegation Substantiated/Perpetrator Substantiated, Allegation Substantiated/Perpetrator Unknown, Allegation Substantiated/Perpetrator Unsubstantiated, Child with Sexual Behavior Problems, Services Needed, & Services Needed, Court Ordered

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Drug Exposed Child- All Counties (sorted highest rate per 1,000 to lowest)

	Findings of Abuse/ Neglect (Rate per 1,000)		Findings of Abuse/ Neglect (Rate per 1,000)		Findings of Abuse/ Neglect (Rate per 1,000)		Findings of Abuse/ Neglect (Rate per 1,000)	
County		County		County		County		County
Clay	28.4	Carter	15.3	Bradley	11	Claiborne	8.2	Fentress
Hardin	26.3	Humphreys	15.3	Henderson	10.8	Washington	8.2	Cheatham
Rhea	25	Marshall	15.1	Cannon	10.6	Macon	8.1	Loudon
Lake	20.8	Coffee	14.8	Dyer	10.5	Obion	8.1	Sumner
Benton	20.3	Smith	14.4	Bedford	10.3	Tipton	7.8	Putnam
DeKalb	19.9	Lawrence	14	Lewis	10	Decatur	7.8*	Davidson
Houston	19.8	Union	14	Hawkins	9.9	Franklin	7.5	Maury
Sequatchie	19.1	Wayne	13.7	Grainger	9.5	Stewart	7.5	Montgomery
Meigs	18.3	Greene	13.5	Monroe	9.5	Perry	7.5*	Hardeman
White	18.2	Hickman	12.8	Roane	9.5	Lincoln	7.3	Scott
Cocke	18.1	Unicoi	12.8	Warren	9.5	Weakley	7.1	Shelby
Johnson	18	Anderson	12.7	Henry	9.4	McNairy	6.8	Wilson
Hancock	17.8	Overton	12.6	Hamilton	9	Blount	6.7	Rutherford
Bledsoe	17.5	Cumberland	12.4	Dickson	8.7	Campbell	6.2	Fayette
Marion	17.2	Gibson	12.4	Hamblen	8.7	Jackson	5.8*	Williamson
McMinn	16.7	Sullivan	12.1	Morgan	8.6	Robertson	5.6	Haywood
Polk	16.5	Grundy	11.8	Knox	8.5	Trousdale	5.6*	Moore
Giles	15.6	Carroll	11.6	Madison	8.4	Crockett	5.3*	Pickett
Jefferson	15.4	Sevier	11.1	Lauderdale	8.3	Chester	5.1	Van Buren
Statewide Rate: 7.0								

**FINDINGS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT - FY2025
(COUNT OF ALLEGATIONS) (CONTINUED)**

Physical Abuse- All Counties (sorted highest rate per 1,000 to lowest)

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Sexual Abuse- All Counties (sorted highest rate per 1,000 to lowest)

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Placement moves exclude temporary placements (hospitalization), missing child by caregiver, runaway, and trial home visit. This is not inclusive of all custodial youth. Placement data reported include placement changes to “DCS Office Overnight” but due to inconsistent reporting, every office and transitional home stay may not be reflected.

Juvenile Justice Youth

FY2025: 27.0%

FY2025: 45.7%

FY2025: 26%

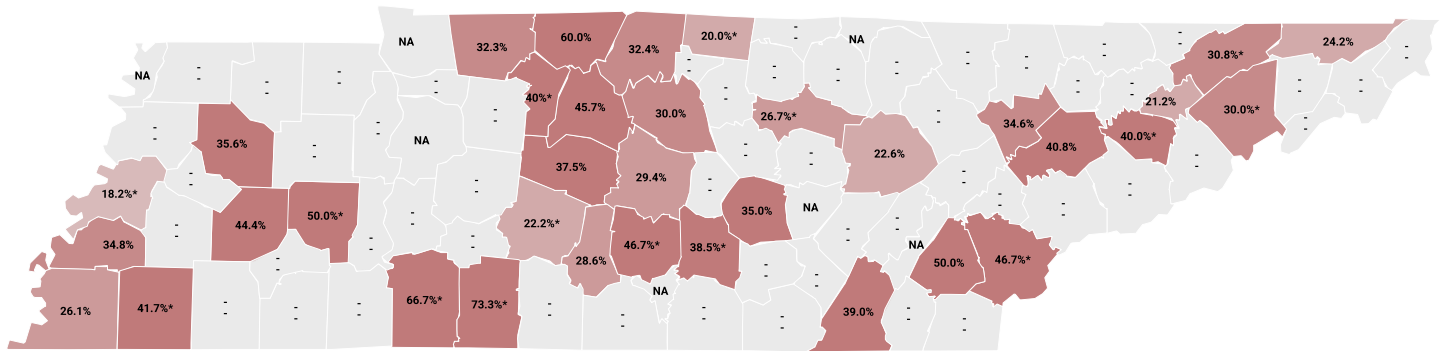
FY2025: 34%

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Juvenile Justice Youth – 3 or More Placement Moves



Response	Percentage
Yes	38%
No	2%

-- Percent suppressed due to a total custodial population of less than 10.

*Indicates percent based custodial population of 10 to 20, interpret with caution.

NA - No custodial population matching requested criteria.

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POINT IN TIME CASELOAD AVERAGE - JUNE 15, 2026

Data represents county caseload average on June 15, 2026. Data includes only DCS Case Management Staff 1 - 3 and does not include privatized Youth Villages Case Workers or the children on their cases (approximately 1,700 children). Social Services and Juvenile Justice caseloads are calculated by child whereas Child Protective Services caseloads are calculated by case and may represent multiple children per case.

Social Services

Davidson County

15.4

Statewide

15.2

Juvenile Justice

Davidson County

15.0

Statewide

16.6

Child Protective Services

Davidson County

35.8

Statewide

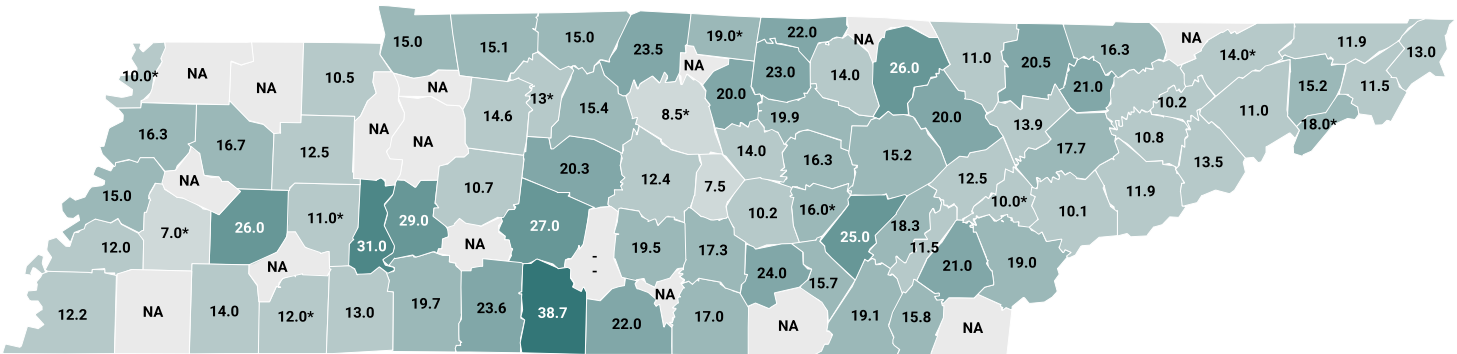
23.6

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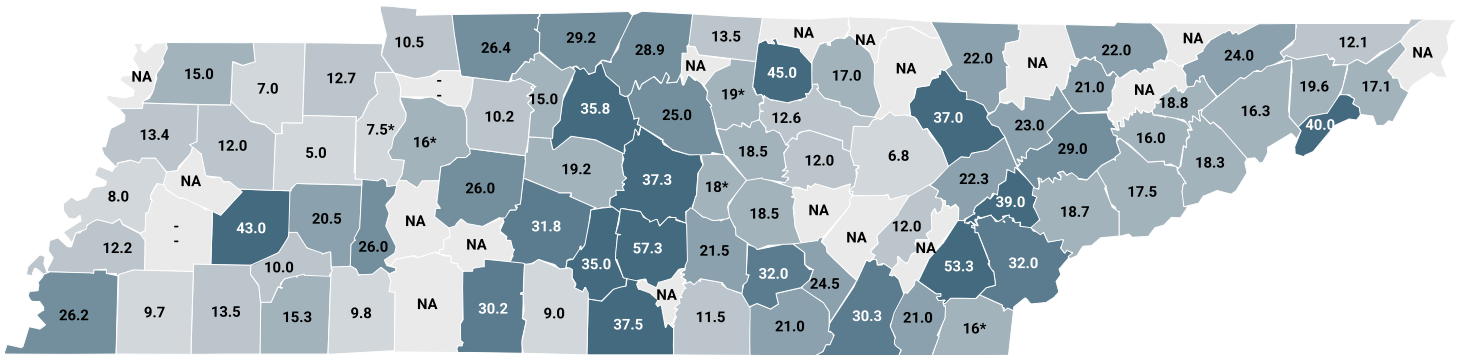
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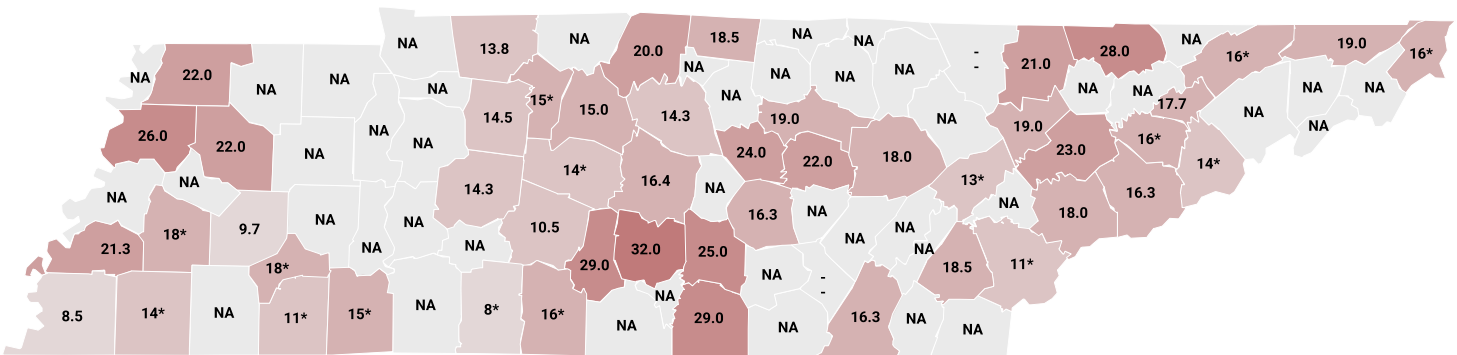
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Child Protective Services



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Juvenile Justice – Custodial & Non-Custodial



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VICTIMS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT PER 1,000

In FY2025, Davidson County had **947 victims** of abuse or neglect or **6.4 victims per 1,000 children under 18**. Statewide, there were 15,091 victims at a rate of 9.6 per 1,000. Rates varied across the state from a high of 27.7 per 1,000 in Unicoi County to a low of 2.6 in Fayette County.

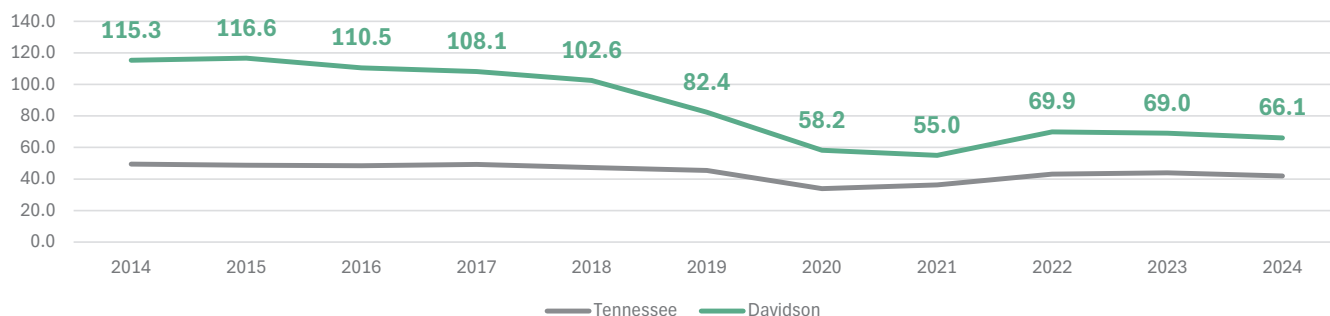
Tennessee Department of Children's Services (2025). *Individual Allegations By County of Individual Victims (Duplicates Removed) with a Substantiated Case of Severe Abuse or Services Court Ordered and Services Needed for Non-Severe FY2025*. Note: Counts show the number of individual children (ACV IDs) with at least one qualifying allegation in State Fiscal Year 2025. Each child is counted once and assigned to the county of their earliest qualifying allegation in the year. Qualifying allegations include substantiated severe abuse and non-severe cases where services were court ordered or services were needed.



Davidson

Youth Crime

YOUTH CRIME RATE OVER THE DECADE



Source: Crimes: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System. (2025). Crimes by Jurisdiction 2024. Accessed July 29, 2026. Population data from Tennessee Department of Health. Note: Rate of reported crimes alleged to have been committed by someone age 10 to 17 to county population of youth 10 to 17. County classification of crimes is based upon TBI classification. Crimes include Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society.

County	2014	2024	Change	County	2014	2024	Change
Tennessee	49.4	41.9	-7.5	Lake*	20.5	33.9	13.4
Anderson	25.0	32.2	7.2	Lauderdale	21.3	38.2	17.0
Bedford	26.3	48.6	22.2	Lawrence	38.5	12.6	-25.9
Benton*	8.1	9.5	1.4	Lewis	30.9	15.9	-14.9
Bledsoe*	12.2	2.0	-10.2	Lincoln	35.2	41.0	5.8
Blount	22.9	42.7	19.8	Loudon	25.3	32.2	6.9
Bradley	38.5	40.4	1.9	Macon	9.5	13.8	4.4
Campbell	11.9	10.1	-1.8	Madison	76.0	46.0	-30.0
Cannon*	13.3	5.6	-7.8	Marion	6.6	5.3	-1.3
Carroll	17.1	7.1	-10.0	Marshall	26.0	31.8	5.8
Carter	25.3	17.8	-7.4	Mauzy	70.9	67.5	-3.4
Cheatham	44.2	54.6	10.4	McMinn	26.0	15.0	-11.1
Chester	20.9	31.3	10.4	McNairy	17.4	21.0	3.7
Claiborne	6.7	10.6	3.9	Meigs*	7.3	3.1	-4.2
Clay*	18.0	0.0	-18.0	Monroe	12.7	30.7	18.0
Cocke	31.9	25.6	-6.2	Montgomery	61.9	62.2	0.3
Coffee	38.1	46.2	8.1	Moore*	17.6	20.1	2.5
Crockett	24.5	7.4	-17.1	Morgan*	2.8	13.3	10.5
Cumberland	18.4	30.2	11.8	Obion	32.4	39.3	7.0
Davidson	115.3	66.1	-49.2	Overton	9.0	9.4	0.4
Decatur*	20.2	13.4	-6.8	Perry*	16.2	4.6	-11.6
DeKalb	13.3	24.9	11.6	Pickett*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dickson	35.9	36.6	0.7	Polk	15.6	11.7	-3.9
Dyer	70.1	63.7	-6.4	Putnam	26.6	19.3	-7.2
Fayette	22.4	29.5	7.1	Rhea	16.1	16.0	-0.1
Fentress*	4.6	18.1	13.4	Roane	14.7	17.9	3.2
Franklin	22.9	18.4	-4.5	Robertson	33.2	20.7	-12.4
Gibson	35.0	23.2	-11.9	Rutherford	40.3	38.8	-1.5
Giles	28.1	27.6	-0.4	Scott	10.9	6.1	-4.8
Grainger	4.3	5.1	0.9	Sequatchie*	21.2	17.8	-3.3
Greene	21.3	45.0	23.7	Sevier	32.3	35.6	3.3
Grundy	6.3	9.2	2.9	Shelby	93.0	67.3	-25.7
Hamblen	35.9	78.9	43.0	Smith	11.1	13.8	2.7
Hamilton	42.4	45.1	2.7	Stewart	12.2	11.6	-0.7
Hancock*	1.5	9.1	7.6	Sullivan	51.3	47.6	-3.7
Hardeman	38.9	49.2	10.4	Sumner	39.8	31.8	-8.0
Hardin	24.3	41.6	17.3	Tipton	57.6	42.5	-15.1
Hawkins	14.3	10.1	-4.2	Trousdale	39.1	18.0	-21.0
Haywood	70.0	35.4	-34.7	Unicoi	18.6	18.1	-0.6
Henderson	33.0	42.5	9.5	Union	21.2	19.3	-1.9
Henry	19.1	17.6	-1.5	Van Buren*	3.9	5.1	1.1
Hickman	23.9	17.2	-6.7	Warren	25.5	34.1	8.7
Houston*	13.1	8.4	-4.6	Washington	38.6	36.2	-2.4
Humphreys	17.0	23.4	6.4	Wayne*	6.0	9.8	3.8
Jackson*	8.7	15.7	7.0	Weakley	16.1	16.8	0.7
Jefferson	23.9	26.4	2.5	White	24.7	7.5	-17.2
Johnson	16.6	17.7	1.2	Williamson	16.2	30.9	14.7
Knox	38.2	33.9	-4.3	Wilson	35.2	28.3	-7.0

YOUTH CRIME RATE PER 1,000 CHANGES OVER THE DECADE



Traffic and Physical Safety

CHILD RESTRAINT USE IN CRASHES (AGES 0 - 12)

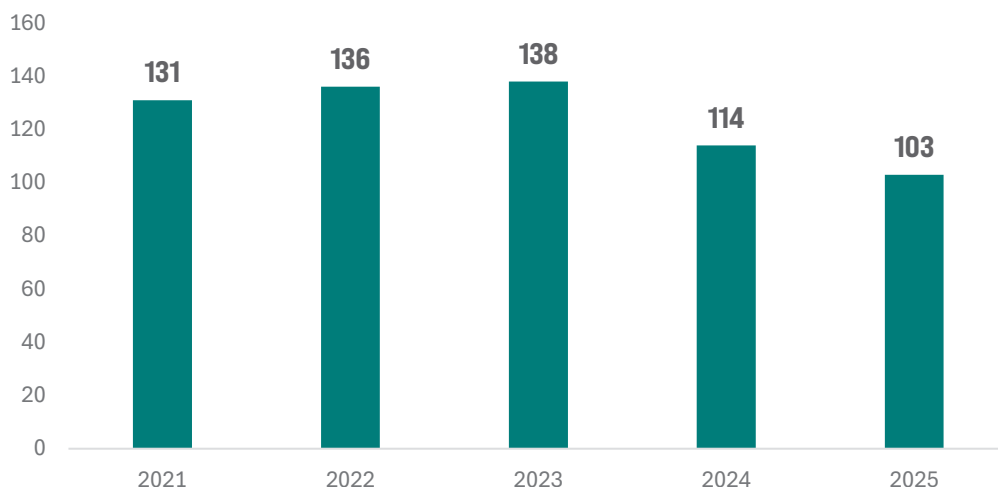
In 2025, 99.5% of children involved in crashes in Davidson County were restrained. Across Tennessee, 97.6 percent of children were restrained.

Tennessee Highway Safety Office. (2025). *Percent of Children Restrained in Crashes: 2021-2025* Note: This includes any restraint use and is not limited to children who were properly restrained.

TEEN DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CRASHES

	Licensed Drivers Age 15 to 19	Teen Drivers 15 to 17 Involved in Crashes	Crash Rate per 1,000 Drivers
2023:	17,603	2,879	163.6
2024:	17,613	2,810	159.5
2025:	18,044	2,780	154.1

Tennessee Highway Safety Office. (2025). *Total Crash Rate per 1000 Licensed Drivers: 2021 - 2025 & Teen Drivers Involved in Crashes: 2021-2025*



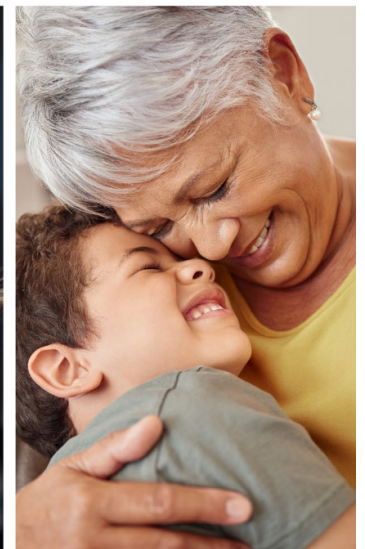
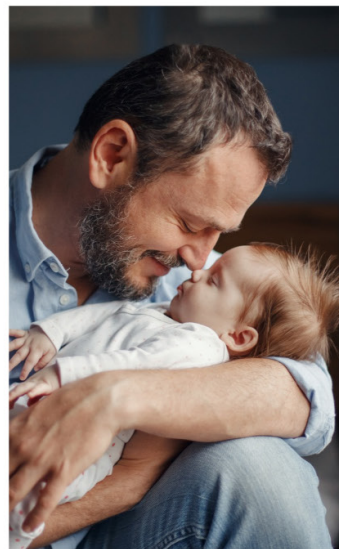
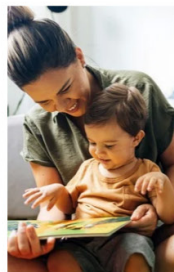
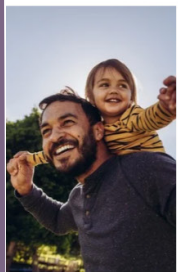
NUMBER OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES BY YEAR (ALL AGES)

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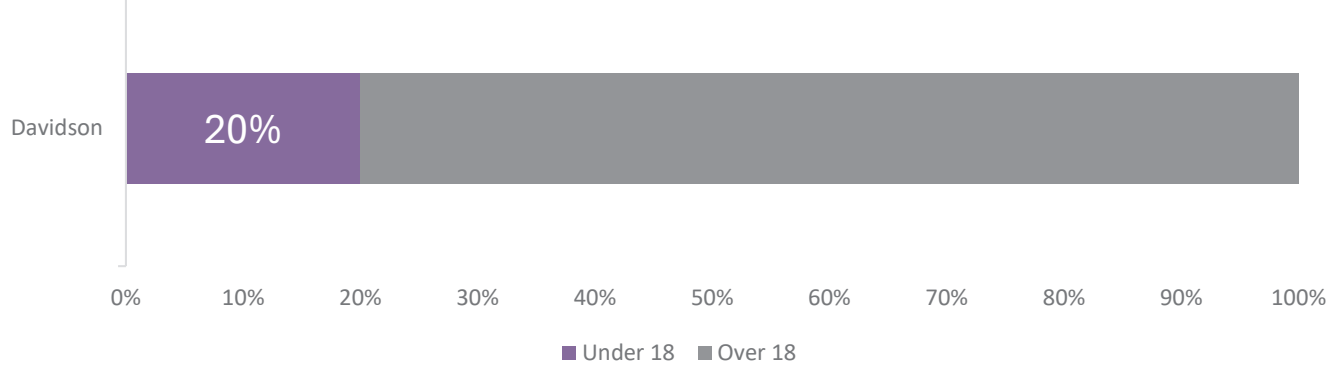
Demographics, Family Structure & Supports





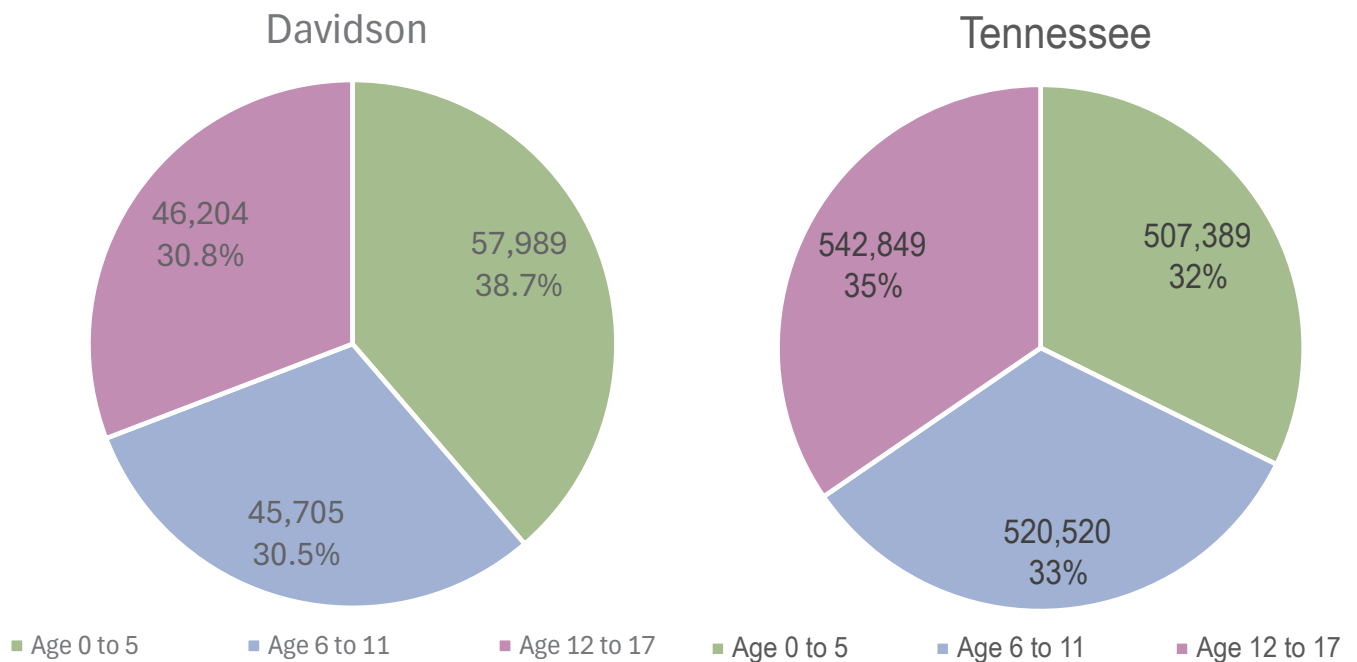
Demographics

PERCENT OF POPULATION UNDER 18



Source: Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Population Health Assessment, 2025 Population Data by Age.

CHILD POPULATION BY AGE GROUP



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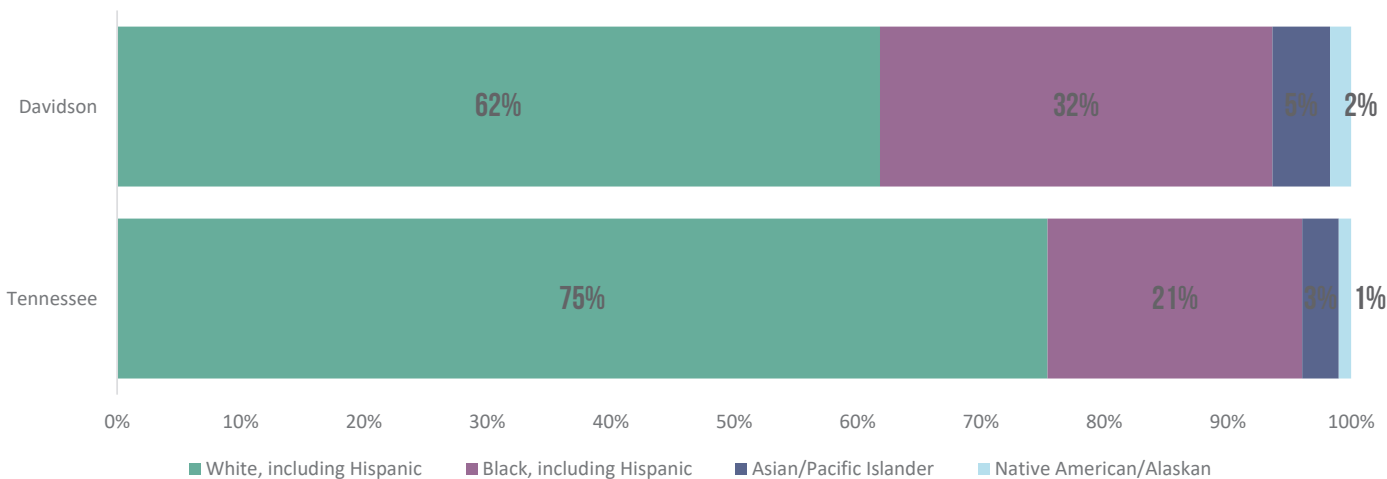
CHILD POPULATION BY HISPANIC ETHNICITY

In 2024,
26% of Davidson
County children were
Hispanic.

Statewide,
14% of
children were
Hispanic in 2024.

Source: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. (2026). Easy Access to Juvenile Populations (EZAPOP) *Population Profile 2024*.

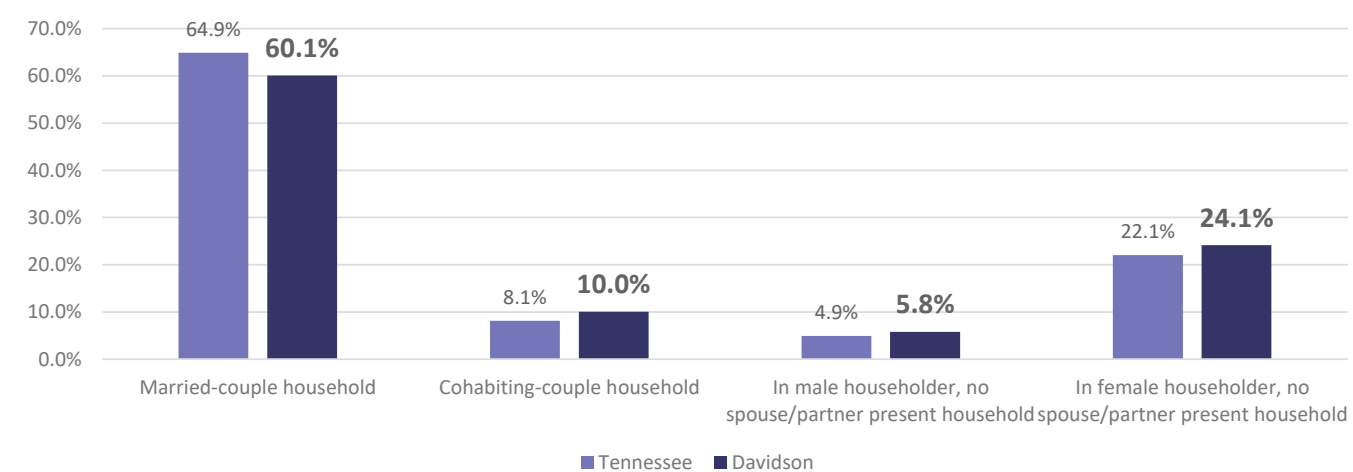
CHILD POPULATION BY RACE



Source: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. (2026). Easy Access to Juvenile Populations (EZAPOP) *Population Profile 2024*.

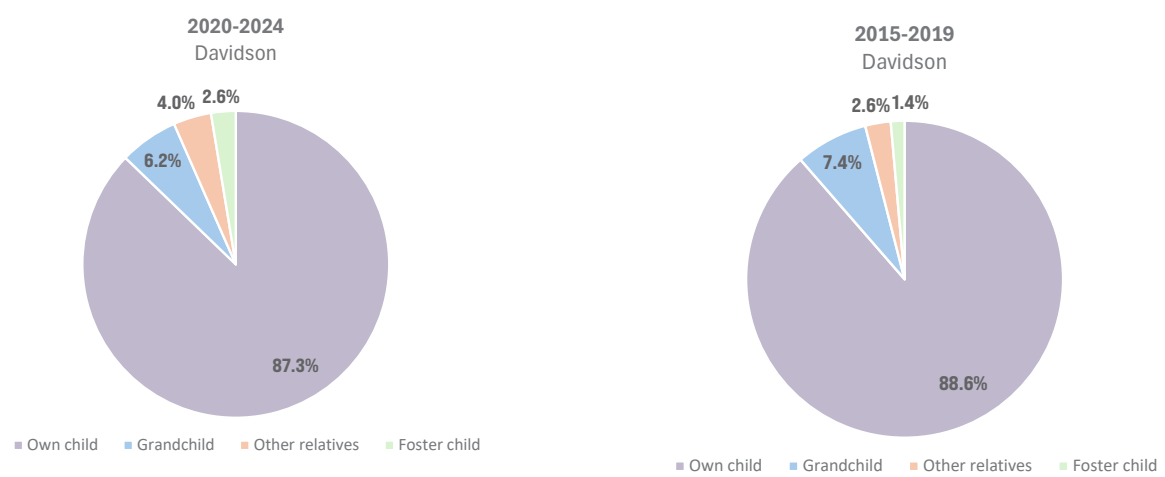
Family Structure

PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE (2020-2024)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025.). Household Type for Children Under 18 Years in Households (Excluding Householders, Spouses, and Unmarried Partners). American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables 2020-2024, Table B09005

CHILDREN BY RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025.). Relationship to Householder for Children Under 18 Years in Households. American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables 2020-2024, Table B09018 Note: Foster Child category also includes other non-related child.

GRANDPARENT HOUSEHOLDS

Between 2020-2024

6.2% of Davidson County children lived in a grandparent-headed household.

Of those:

- **32.0%** were situations where the grandparent was responsible for the grandchildren and the parent was present.
- **19.9%** were situations where the grandparent was responsible for the grandchildren and the parent was not present.
- **48.1%** were situations where the grandparent was not responsible for the grandchildren.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025). Grandchildren Under 18 Years Living With a Grandparent Householder by Grandparent Responsibility and Presence of Parent. American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables 2020-2024, Table B10002. Note: Total county of children for percentage calculation was derived from ACS 2020-2024 5-Year Estimates B09005.

GRANDPARENT HOUSEHOLDS MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Grandparent householder and/or spouse responsible for grandchildren under 18 years

2020–2024:

Davidson: \$72,380

Tennessee: \$61,644

Grandparent householder and/or spouse responsible for grandchildren under 18 years and no parent present

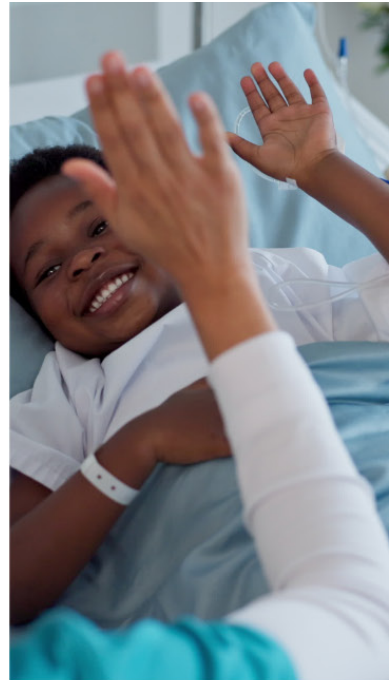
2020–2024:

Davidson: \$54,026

Tennessee: \$46,356

"-" Indicates county data unavailable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2025). Median Family Income for Families With Grandparent Householders and/or Spouses Living With Own Grandchildren Under 18 Years by Responsibility for Own Grandchildren and Presence of Parent of Grandchildren. American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B10010.



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