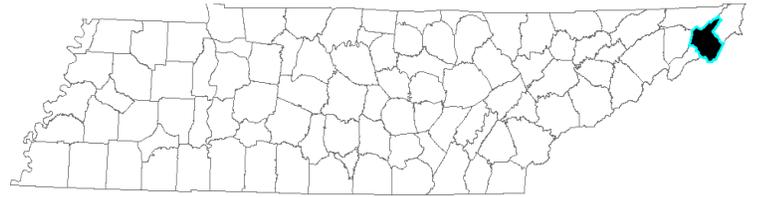
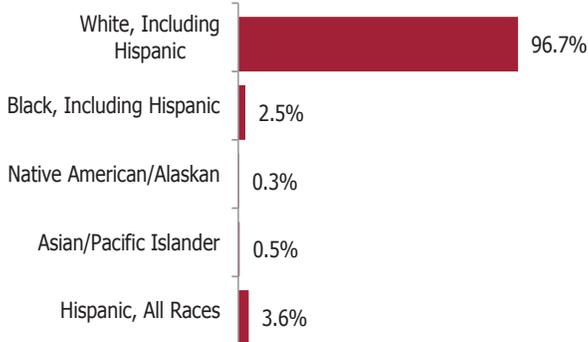


Carter



TCCY Index Rank 42

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH

Low birth-weight babies: **10.50%**
Rank: 76

Children without health insurance: **3.20%**
Rank: 11

Child and teen deaths: **19.8** per 100,000
Rank: 43

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 87

Child Poverty: **30.20%**
Rank: 74

Median Household Income: **\$33,382**
Rank: 89

Fair Market Rent: **\$857**
Rank: 55

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 24

School suspension rate: **3.60%**
Rank: 56

Teen pregnancy: **6.8** per 1,000
Rank: 19

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **5.7** per 1,000
Rank: 52

EDUCATION

Rank: 50

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **33.30%**
Rank: 33

Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **35.90%**
Rank: 50

High school graduation rate: **91.50%**
Rank: 64

Carter County

Demographics 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	56,490	NA	6,651,120	0.8%	25
Population under 18 years of age	10,607	18.8%	22.5%	83.6%	87
Economic Well-Being 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	100	11.2%	15.5%	72.3%	22
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$31,973	NA	\$43,326	73.8%	66
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	297	2.8%	3.8%	74.2%	21
Children receiving SNAP	3,997	37.7%	32.3%	116.5%	62
Children under five receiving WIC	1,243	47.6%	33.7%	141.4%	63
Education 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,125	14.5%	11.9%	122.2%	74
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	56	36.65	20.6	177.9%	90
Cohort high school dropouts	26	4.8%	5.6%	85.7%	66
Event high school dropouts	52	2.4%	2.7%	88.8%	85
Economically disadvantaged students	3,257	42.4%	35.7%	118.7%	72
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,851	23.4%	15.8%	148.1%	89
Health 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	41	84.02	13.2	635.3%	94
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	135	27.7%	13.4%	206.7%	82
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	7,259	58.5%	51.7%	113.2%	51
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	13,832	24.5%	23.4%	104.4%	40
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	357	73.2%	52.9%	138.3%	79
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	262	3.4%	4.7%	72.3%	6
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	2.00	7.4	27.0%	14
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	4.2	0.0%	1
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	24.10	21.8	110.6%	60
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	50.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	102	20.9%	52.4%	39.9%	95
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	607	19.1%	18.5%	103.3%	46
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	41.7%	38.4%	108.6%	44
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	11	6.0	16.0	37.5%	13
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	34	60.2	240.0	25.1%	33
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	15	26.6	49.3	54.0%	44
Family & Community 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	757	7.1%	4.9%	144.9%	77
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	63	5.3	3.8	139.5%	59
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	72	6.1	4.8	127.1%	58
Juvenile court referrals	637	6.0%	4.5%	133.3%	60
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	347	6.1	8.6	70.9%	67
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	261	4.6	3.8	121.1%	72
Births to unmarried females	226	46.3%	43.6%	106.2%	66
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,950	NA	381,686	0.8%	21

Carter County

At 42nd, Carter County is in the top half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest ratings include that it has just 3.2 percent of children lacking health insurance and a low rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17. The county's biggest challenges are a low median household income, a high rate of babies born at low birthweight and the fact that nearly a third of its children live in poverty.

Additional strengths include a relatively high percent of 3rd to 8th grade children rated proficient in reading on TNReady tests and a below average rate of child and teen deaths.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a low high school graduation rate and a high rate of suspension in schools.

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

- With a high rate of child poverty and a relatively low median household income, improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services can help ensure basic needs are met. Additionally, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to food security. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.
- Low birthweight 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.
- 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.
- Suspension rates can be reduced through clear definitions of what constitutes suspendable behavior and a focus on restorative discipline practices that aim to improve behavior while keeping children in school.