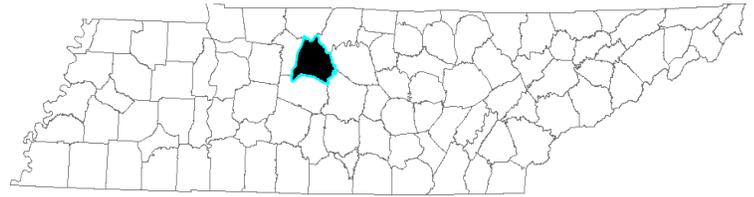
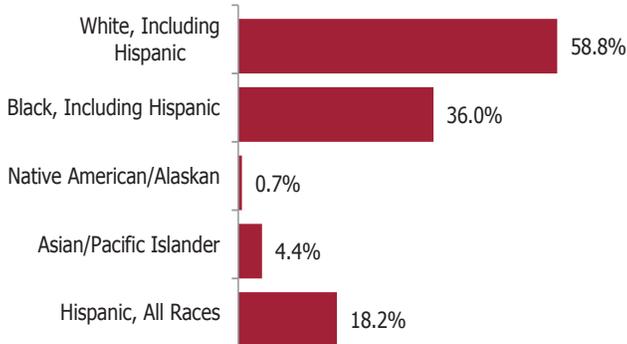


# Davidson



## TCCY Index Rank 91

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

8.20%

Rank: 79

Rank: 23

Children without health insurance

4.90%

Rank: 90

Child and teen deaths

29.8 per 100,000

Rank: 60

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 61



Child Poverty

22.20%

Rank: 24

Median Household Income

\$54,666

Rank: 12

Fair Market Rent

\$1,228

Rank: 86



### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 92

School suspension rate

12.50%

Rank: 92

Teen pregnancy

16.2 per 1,000

Rank: 74

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.3 per 1,000

Rank: 24

### EDUCATION

Rank: 91



25.60%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 82

27.60%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 76

80.90%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 91

# Davidson County

Demographics 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	684,415	NA	6,651,120	10.3%	2
Population under 18 years of age	147,605	21.6%	22.5%	96.0%	42
Economic Well-Being 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	1,840	15.4%	15.5%	99.4%	44
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$58,283	NA	\$43,326	134.5%	2
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	5,717	3.9%	3.8%	103.2%	54
Children receiving SNAP	52,680	35.9%	32.3%	111.0%	51
Children under five receiving WIC	16,221	34.3%	33.7%	101.9%	23
Education 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	8,908	10.7%	11.9%	90.1%	13
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	380	13.06	20.6	63.4%	11
Cohort high school dropouts	530	9.9%	5.6%	176.8%	89
Event high school dropouts	1,375	4.9%	2.7%	182.9%	92
Economically disadvantaged students	44,840	54.7%	35.7%	153.3%	92
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	294	3.0	2.0	150.0%	90
Chronic absenteeism	15,888	17.3%	15.8%	109.5%	64
Health 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	60	5.99	13.2	45.3%	24
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	649	6.5%	13.4%	48.5%	3
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	95,740	55.3%	51.7%	107.0%	35
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	155,222	22.7%	23.4%	96.7%	20
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	4,135	41.3%	52.9%	78.0%	5
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	5,673	6.3%	4.7%	134.0%	94
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	75	7.50	7.4	101.4%	53
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	47	4.70	4.2	111.9%	54
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	27	23.40	21.8	107.3%	59
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	25	64.80	50.5	128.3%	72
Adequate prenatal care	5,110	51.0%	52.4%	97.3%	75
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	9,072	16.2%	18.5%	87.4%	64
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	36.7%	38.4%	95.6%	13
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	502	22.7	16.0	141.9%	67
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	2,303	336.5	240.0	140.2%	2
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	357	52.2	49.3	105.9%	8
Family & Community 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	5,959	4.1%	4.9%	83.7%	9
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	391	2.4	3.8	63.2%	17
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	476	2.9	4.8	60.4%	14
Juvenile court referrals	5,181	3.5%	4.5%	77.8%	29
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	6,070	8.9	8.6	103.5%	11
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	1,892	2.8	3.8	73.7%	11
Births to unmarried females	3,999	39.9%	43.6%	91.5%	24
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	42,979	NA	381,686	11.3%	2

## Davidson County

At 91<sup>st</sup>, Davidson County ranks near the bottom of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings are a high median household income and a relatively low rate of babies born at a low birthweight. The county's biggest challenges are having one of the highest rates in the state of school suspension and one of the lowest high school graduation rates.

Additional strengths include relatively low rates of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and child poverty. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Davidson County's 22.2 percent child poverty rate is below the average of all counties.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a comparatively high percentage of children without health insurance and high housing costs.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- Most uninsured children in Tennessee qualify for either TennCare or CoverKids, so high rates of uninsured children can be improved with outreach to make sure that families are aware of these insurance opportunities. According to Census Bureau estimates, Davidson County has over 5,500 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- Pro-active housing policy that helps ensure affordable housing is available for people to live where they work can improve negative outcomes related to high housing costs.