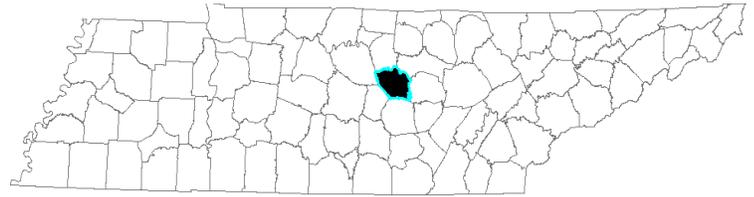
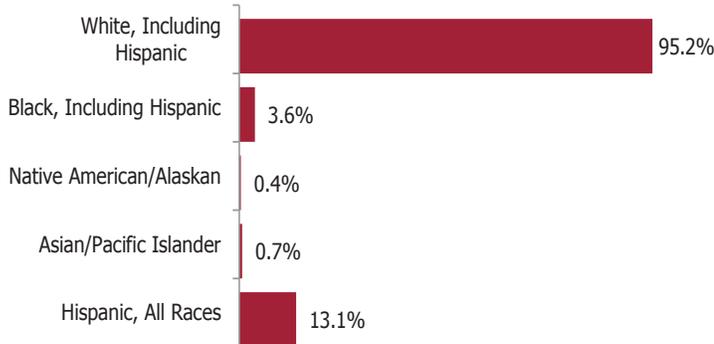


DeKalb



TCCY Index Rank 60

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: **7.90%** (Rank: 19)
- Children without health insurance: **4.50%** (Rank: 82)
- Child and teen deaths: **50.7** per 100,000 (Rank: 84)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 56

- Child Poverty: **30.10%** (Rank: 71)
- Median Household Income: **\$40,869** (Rank: 50)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$800** (Rank: 36)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 57

- School suspension rate: **5.10%** (Rank: 73)
- Teen pregnancy: **0** per 1,000 (Rank: 1)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **10.5** per 1,000 (Rank: 90)

EDUCATION

Rank: 41

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **29.10%** (Rank: 63)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **34.50%** (Rank: 59)
- High school graduation rate: **97.60%** (Rank: 4)

DeKalb County

Demographics 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	19,373	NA	6,651,120	0.3%	66
Population under 18 years of age	4,188	21.6%	22.5%	96.3%	39
Economic Well-Being 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	20	8.0%	15.5%	51.6%	7
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$34,346	NA	\$43,326	79.3%	50
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	137	3.3%	3.8%	87.0%	35
Children receiving SNAP	1,567	37.5%	32.3%	116.1%	61
Children under five receiving WIC	514	42.7%	33.7%	126.8%	49
Education 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	343	12.1%	11.9%	101.3%	31
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	10	13.83	20.6	67.2%	13
Cohort high school dropouts	3	1.8%	5.6%	32.1%	24
Event high school dropouts	14	1.5%	2.7%	55.6%	58
Economically disadvantaged students	1,134	39.6%	35.7%	111.0%	64
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	346	11.1%	15.8%	70.3%	12
Health 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	9	47.37	13.2	358.2%	85
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	46	24.2%	13.4%	180.6%	61
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,114	64.3%	51.7%	124.4%	77
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	5,565	28.7%	23.4%	122.5%	73
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	119	62.6%	52.9%	118.4%	35
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	149	5.3%	4.7%	112.8%	78
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	7.4	0.0%	1
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	60.90	21.8	279.4%	89
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	50.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	108	56.8%	52.4%	108.4%	52
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	158	10.9%	18.5%	59.1%	83
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	45.0%	38.4%	117.2%	68
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	8	12.1	16.0	75.6%	46
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	9	46.5	240.0	19.4%	49
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	4	20.6	49.3	41.8%	59
Family & Community 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	346	8.3%	4.9%	169.4%	91
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	61	13.2	3.8	347.4%	93
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	70	15.1	4.8	314.6%	93
Juvenile court referrals	104	2.5%	4.5%	55.6%	17
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	166	8.6	8.6	100.0%	13
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	61	3.1	3.8	81.6%	17
Births to unmarried females	71	37.4%	43.6%	85.8%	13
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	629	NA	381,686	0.2%	66

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At 60th, DeKalb County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's highest rankings are based on having no pregnancies among girls age 15 to 17 and one of the best high school graduation rates in the state. The county's biggest challenges are a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and of child and teen deaths.

Additional strengths include a relatively low rate of babies born at a low birthweight and low housing costs.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a high rate of children without health insurance and of children suspended from school, as well as the fact that nearly a third of the children in the county live in poverty.

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

- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- Child and teen deaths can be reduced with consistent enforcement of safety measures like proper car seat and seat belt use, bicycle helmet use and life preserver use around water. Most child and teen deaths are the result of accidents, especially motor vehicle accidents.
- 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, DeKalb County has almost 150 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.
- Counties can support children who live in poverty by improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and/or TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services. Additionally, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to nutritionally sound diets. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.