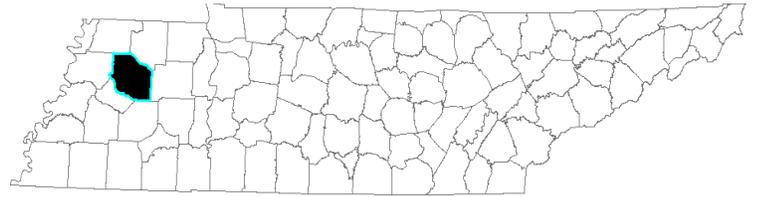
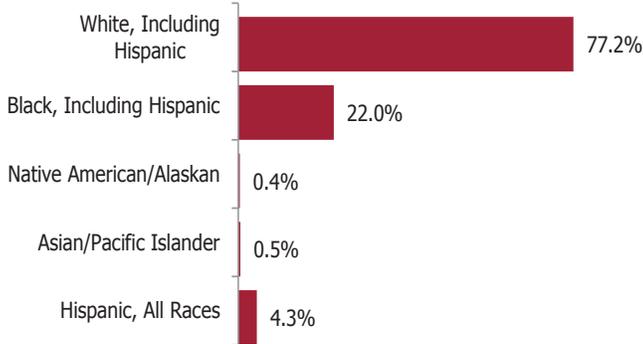


# Gibson



## TCCY Index Rank 11

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

10.30%

Rank: 42 Rank: 70

Children without health insurance  
3.30%

Rank: 16

Child and teen deaths

26.7 per 100,000

Rank: 53

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 31

Child Poverty

22.80%

Rank: 29

Median Household Income

\$38,605

Rank: 62

Fair Market Rent

\$807

Rank: 38

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 20

School suspension rate

2.80%

Rank: 47

Teen pregnancy

6.2 per 1,000

Rank: 16

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

5.6 per 1,000

Rank: 49

### EDUCATION

Rank: 9



36.50%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 18

49.80%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 7

95.70%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 15

# Gibson County

Demographics 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	49,414	NA	6,651,120	0.7%	32
Population under 18 years of age	11,857	24.0%	22.5%	106.9%	11
Economic Well-Being 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	140	18.4%	15.5%	118.7%	52
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$36,898	NA	\$43,326	85.2%	32
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	544	4.6%	3.8%	121.5%	73
Children receiving SNAP	3,972	33.5%	32.3%	103.6%	39
Children under five receiving WIC	1,237	38.9%	33.7%	115.4%	33
Education 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,062	12.2%	11.9%	102.3%	34
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	52	27.34	20.6	132.7%	72
Cohort high school dropouts	7	1.6%	5.6%	28.6%	18
Event high school dropouts	17	1.0%	2.7%	37.9%	37
Economically disadvantaged students	2,625	30.1%	35.7%	84.4%	29
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	958	11.5%	15.8%	72.8%	14
Health 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	3	5.08	13.2	38.4%	18
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	120	20.3%	13.4%	151.5%	41
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	7,710	56.4%	51.7%	109.1%	44
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	13,982	28.3%	23.4%	120.7%	70
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	355	60.2%	52.9%	113.8%	24
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	291	3.8%	4.7%	80.9%	15
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	8	13.60	7.4	183.8%	84
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	3	5.10	4.2	121.4%	59
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	21.60	21.8	99.1%	52
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	2	62.90	50.5	124.6%	71
Adequate prenatal care	387	65.6%	52.4%	125.2%	16
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	994	26.0%	18.5%	140.0%	11
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	43.7%	38.4%	113.8%	57
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	46	23.6	16.0	147.5%	69
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	18	36.4	240.0	15.2%	61
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	15	30.4	49.3	61.7%	32
Family & Community 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	602	5.1%	4.9%	104.1%	33
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	104	7.9	3.8	207.9%	81
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	124	9.5	4.8	197.9%	81
Juvenile court referrals	1,436	12.1%	4.5%	268.9%	90
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	319	6.5	8.6	75.6%	53
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	158	3.2	3.8	84.2%	18
Births to unmarried females	260	44.1%	43.6%	101.1%	52
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,287	NA	381,686	0.6%	31

## Gibson County

At 11<sup>th</sup>, Gibson County is among the top Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest ratings are in the Education domain, where it has high rates of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students rated as proficient in both reading and math on TNReady tests and of high school graduation. The county's biggest challenges are high rate of babies born at a low birthweight and a low median household income.

Additional strengths include a low rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and of children without health insurance.

An additional opportunity for improvement exists in the above average rate of child and teen deaths.

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

- 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 as well as improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and/or TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services. Additionally, especially with below average median household income, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to nutritionally sound diets for women in their childbearing years. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can help reach these vulnerable populations.
- 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.