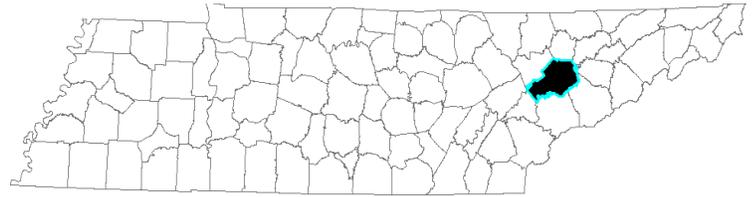
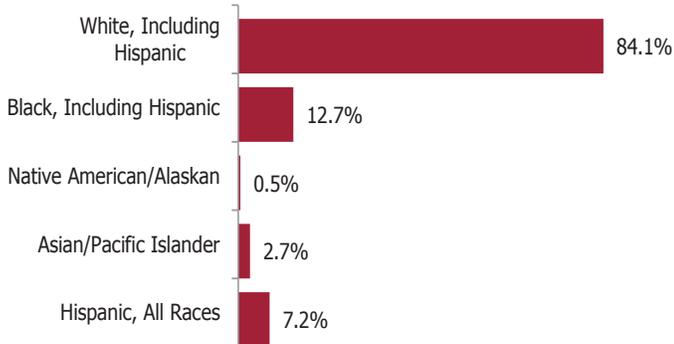


# Knox

## TCCY Index Rank 14



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

7.70%

Rank: 6

Rank: 15

Children without health insurance

3.00%

Rank: 4

Child and teen deaths

28.2 per 100,000

Rank: 56

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 15



Child Poverty

17.30%

Rank: 9

Median Household Income

\$52,174

Rank: 13

Fair Market Rent

\$1,051

Rank: 77



### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 64

School suspension rate

7.40%

Rank: 87

Teen pregnancy

11.5 per 1,000

Rank: 40

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.6 per 1,000

Rank: 27

### EDUCATION

Rank: 21



40.00%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 9

41.90%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 24

90.30%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 71

# Knox County

Demographics 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	456,117	NA	6,651,120	6.9%	3
Population under 18 years of age	97,543	21.4%	22.5%	95.2%	48
Economic Well-Being 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	1,290	13.1%	15.5%	84.5%	33
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$46,305	NA	\$43,326	106.9%	5
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	3,705	3.8%	3.8%	101.3%	51
Children receiving SNAP	24,001	24.8%	32.3%	76.6%	8
Children under five receiving WIC	6,355	24.1%	33.7%	71.5%	7
Education 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	7,169	12.2%	11.9%	102.3%	35
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	393	24.79	20.6	120.4%	64
Cohort high school dropouts	186	4.4%	5.6%	78.6%	61
Event high school dropouts	529	2.6%	2.7%	96.3%	88
Economically disadvantaged students	17,591	30.4%	35.7%	85.1%	30
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	10,509	16.7%	15.8%	105.7%	56
Health 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	102	19.36	13.2	146.4%	59
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	494	9.4%	13.4%	70.1%	6
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	46,851	39.6%	51.7%	76.6%	7
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	82,509	18.1%	23.4%	77.2%	6
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	2,250	42.7%	52.9%	80.7%	7
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	2,057	4.4%	4.7%	93.6%	37
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	30	5.70	7.4	77.0%	36
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	18	3.40	4.2	81.0%	39
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	16	21.40	21.8	98.2%	50
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	18	59.20	50.5	117.2%	69
Adequate prenatal care	2,935	55.7%	52.4%	106.3%	62
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	6,213	19.6%	18.5%	105.8%	41
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	32.9%	38.4%	85.7%	3
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	278	16.1	16.0	100.6%	59
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	1,181	258.9	240.0	107.9%	4
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	232	50.9	49.3	103.2%	9
Family & Community 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	4,571	4.7%	4.9%	95.9%	22
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	452	4.1	3.8	107.9%	43
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	693	6.3	4.8	131.3%	59
Juvenile court referrals	4,131	4.2%	4.5%	93.3%	40
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	3,346	7.3	8.6	84.9%	35
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	1,754	3.8	3.8	100.0%	40
Births to unmarried females	1,887	35.8%	43.6%	82.1%	10
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	24,007	NA	381,686	6.3%	3

## Knox County

At 14<sup>th</sup>, Knox County is in the top fifth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest ratings include a low rate of children who lack health insurance and one of the highest rates of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students deemed proficient on TNReady tests of reading. Knox County also has a relatively low rate of child poverty (17.3 percent is still too high, but better than most Tennessee counties). The county's biggest challenges are a high rate of suspensions in school and high housing costs.

Additional strengths include high median household income and a relatively low rate of babies born at a low birthweight.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a relatively low high school graduation rate and an 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.