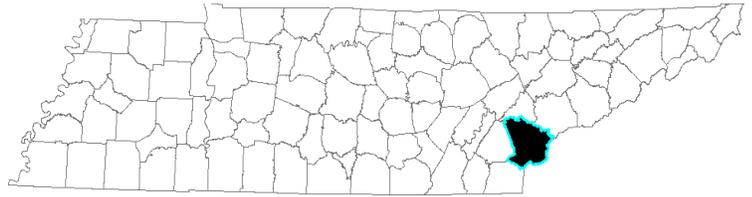
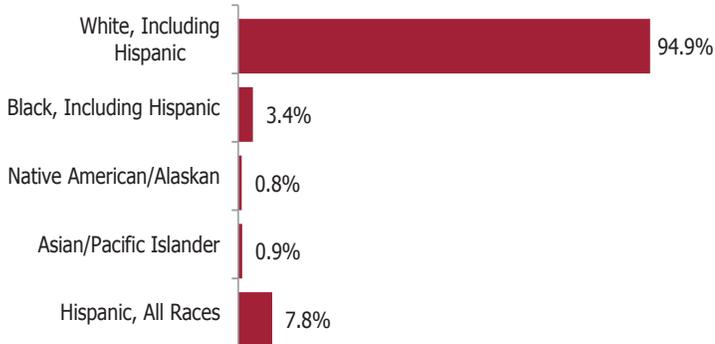


Monroe

TCCY Index Rank 71



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.40%

Rank: 54

Children without health insurance

4.30%

Rank: 68

Child and teen deaths

10.7 per 100,000

Rank: 28

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 58

Child Poverty

26.10%

Rank: 48

Median Household Income

\$38,265

Rank: 64

Fair Market Rent

\$857

Rank: 55

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 72

School suspension rate

4.80%

Rank: 72

Teen pregnancy

12.7 per 1,000

Rank: 51

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

6.9 per 1,000

Rank: 73

EDUCATION

Rank: 70

28.10%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 72

29.00%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 74

91.60%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 62



Monroe County

Demographics 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	45,969	NA	6,651,120	0.7%	34
Population under 18 years of age	9,875	21.5%	22.5%	95.7%	44
Economic Well-Being 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	100	10.8%	15.5%	69.7%	21
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$31,512	NA	\$43,326	72.7%	70
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	280	2.8%	3.8%	75.0%	25
Children receiving SNAP	3,514	35.5%	32.3%	110.0%	49
Children under five receiving WIC	1,066	41.0%	33.7%	121.8%	43
Education 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	965	14.0%	11.9%	117.9%	69
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	24	15.40	20.6	74.8%	19
Cohort high school dropouts	10	2.0%	5.6%	35.7%	29
Event high school dropouts	21	0.9%	2.7%	33.3%	25
Economically disadvantaged students	659	9.6%	35.7%	26.8%	7
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,106	15.0%	15.8%	94.9%	41
Health 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	6	12.79	13.2	96.7%	48
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	85	18.1%	13.4%	135.1%	29
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	6,847	59.8%	51.7%	115.7%	54
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	12,430	27.0%	23.4%	115.3%	61
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	313	66.7%	52.9%	126.2%	50
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	330	4.8%	4.7%	102.1%	61
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	4.30	7.4	58.1%	29
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	2.10	4.2	50.0%	30
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	13.00	21.8	59.6%	39
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	50.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	273	58.2%	52.4%	111.1%	44
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	367	11.7%	18.5%	63.3%	81
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	47.5%	38.4%	123.7%	86
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	6	3.6	16.0	22.5%	3
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	21	45.7	240.0	19.0%	50
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	13	28.3	49.3	57.4%	40
Family & Community 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	608	6.1%	4.9%	124.5%	55
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	62	5.7	3.8	150.0%	62
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	73	6.7	4.8	139.6%	62
Juvenile court referrals	787	8.0%	4.5%	177.8%	75
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	335	7.3	8.6	84.9%	35
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	177	3.9	3.8	102.6%	43
Births to unmarried females	213	45.4%	43.6%	104.1%	58
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	1,495	NA	381,686	0.4%	40

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At 71st, Monroe County is just outside the bottom fourth of Tennessee counties in child wellbeing. The county's best rankings include below average rates of child and teen deaths and of pregnancies among girls age 15 to 17. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are low percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and an above average rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

Additional strengths include low housing costs and a below average rate of student suspensions from school.

Additional challenges include an above average percentage of children who lack health insurance and the fact that 1 in 4 of the county's children 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.

- Increased access to pre-K can help both math and reading proficiency in later grades. Early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed can improve reading proficiency, while increasing STEM opportunities in elementary and middle schools can help improve 3rd to 8th grade math proficiency.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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, Monroe County has over 300 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.