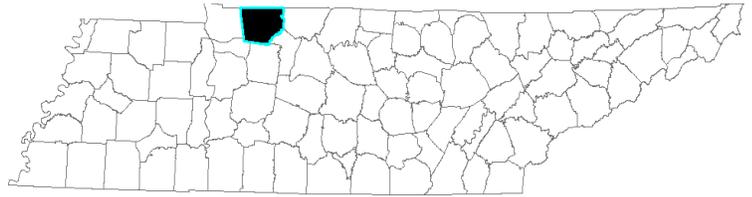
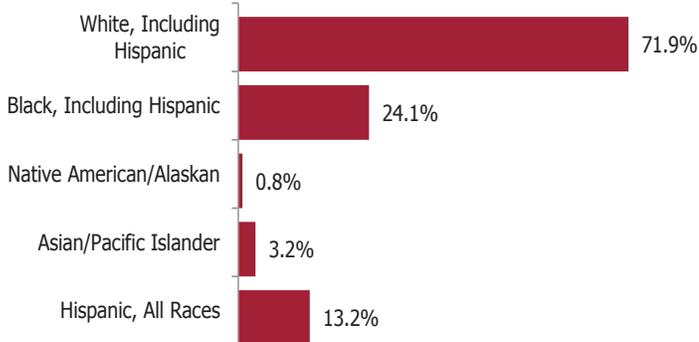


Montgomery

TCCY Index Rank 7



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

8.50%

Rank: 23 Rank: 28

Children without health insurance

3.50%

Rank: 33

Child and teen deaths

16.5 per 100,000

Rank: 33



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 11

Child Poverty

16.90%

Rank: 8

Median Household Income

\$55,351

Rank: 9

Fair Market Rent

\$1,077

Rank: 82



FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 40

School suspension rate

6.00%

Rank: 84

Teen pregnancy

9 per 1,000

Rank: 26

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.3 per 1,000

Rank: 25

EDUCATION

Rank: 6



42.20%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 5

46.30%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 14

94.80%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 28

Montgomery County

| Demographics  | Montgomery County | | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
|--|-------------------|-------|----------------|---|-------------|
| | Number | Rate | | | |
| Total population (state comparison is number not rate) | 195,729 | NA | 6,651,120 | 2.9% | 7 |
| Population under 18 years of age | 52,044 | 26.6% | 22.5% | 118.4% | 2 |
| Economic Well-Being  | Montgomery County | | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
| | Number | Rate | | | |
| Youth unemployment | 460 | 14.2% | 15.5% | 91.6% | 37 |
| Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate) | \$39,176 | NA | \$43,326 | 90.4% | 16 |
| Children receiving Families First grants (TANF) | 1,206 | 2.3% | 3.8% | 62.0% | 7 |
| Children receiving SNAP | 10,953 | 21.2% | 32.3% | 65.7% | 5 |
| Children under five receiving WIC | 4,996 | 29.9% | 33.7% | 88.9% | 13 |
| Education  | Montgomery County | | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
| | Number | Rate | | | |
| School age special education services | 3,930 | 12.3% | 11.9% | 103.0% | 36 |
| TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group) | 178 | 17.43 | 20.6 | 84.6% | 33 |
| Cohort high school dropouts | 47 | 2.2% | 5.6% | 39.3% | 31 |
| Event high school dropouts | 91 | 0.9% | 2.7% | 33.3% | 25 |
| Economically disadvantaged students | 9,093 | 28.5% | 35.7% | 79.9% | 23 |
| School expulsions (per 1,000 students) | 72 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 100.0% | 87 |
| Chronic absenteeism | 3,095 | 8.9% | 15.8% | 56.3% | 6 |
| Health  | Montgomery County | | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
| | Number | Rate | | | |
| Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births) | 5 | 1.45 | 13.2 | 11.0% | 8 |
| Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy | 400 | 11.6% | 13.4% | 86.6% | 10 |
| Children on TennCare (Medicaid) | 22,644 | 37.5% | 51.7% | 72.5% | 5 |
| Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees | 37,547 | 19.2% | 23.4% | 81.8% | 10 |
| Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid) | 1,218 | 35.4% | 52.9% | 67.0% | 2 |
| Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured | 1,528 | 4.7% | 4.7% | 100.0% | 54 |
| Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births) | 21 | 6.10 | 7.4 | 82.4% | 39 |
| Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births) | 14 | 4.10 | 4.2 | 97.6% | 48 |
| Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14) | 7 | 16.90 | 21.8 | 77.5% | 43 |
| Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19) | 8 | 64.90 | 50.5 | 128.5% | 73 |
| Adequate prenatal care | 1,593 | 46.3% | 52.4% | 88.4% | 86 |
| Children under age six screened for lead poisoning | 2,573 | 13.0% | 18.5% | 70.0% | 77 |
| Public school students measured as overweight/obese | NA | 33.3% | 38.4% | 86.7% | 4 |
| Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17) | 192 | 27.2 | 16.0 | 170.0% | 71 |
| Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents) | 120 | 61.3 | 240.0 | 25.5% | 30 |
| Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents) | 70 | 35.8 | 49.3 | 72.6% | 26 |
| Family & Community  | Montgomery County | | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
| | Number | Rate | | | |
| Reported child abuse cases | 2,538 | 4.9% | 4.9% | 100.0% | 28 |
| Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children) | 189 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 86.8% | 29 |
| Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children) | 213 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 79.2% | 26 |
| Juvenile court referrals | 2,869 | 5.5% | 4.5% | 122.2% | 58 |
| Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents) | 2,001 | 10.2 | 8.6 | 118.6% | 7 |
| Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents) | 1,213 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 163.2% | 92 |
| Births to unmarried females | 1,040 | 30.3% | 43.6% | 69.5% | 4 |
| Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate) | 12,907 | NA | 381,686 | 3.4% | 7 |

Montgomery County

At 7th, Montgomery County is among the top Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include comparatively high percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students who demonstrate proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and one of the lower rates of child poverty in the state. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Montgomery County's 16.9 percent child poverty rate is in the best ten counties on this measure. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are high housing costs and one of the higher percentages of student suspensions from school.

Additional strengths include high median household income and a rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 that is well below the average for the state.

An additional challenge is a percentage of uninsured children that is just above the average for the state.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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, Montgomery County has over 1,500 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.