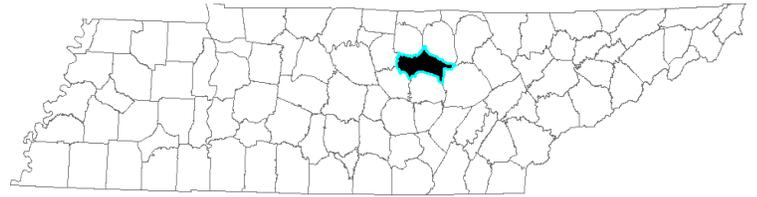
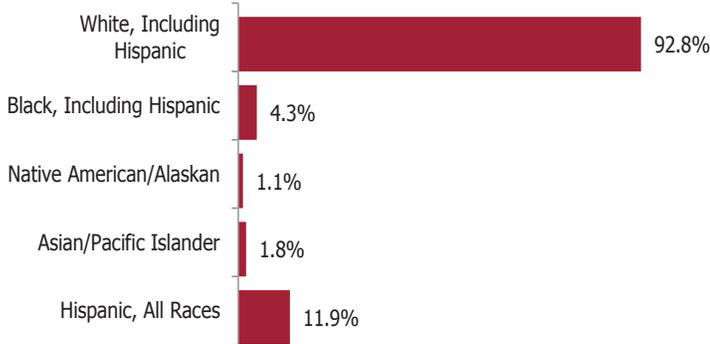


# Putnam



## TCCY Index Rank 26

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

6.00%

Rank: 28

Rank: 3

Children without health insurance

4.30%

Rank: 73

Child and teen deaths

19.3 per 100,000

Rank: 42

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 48

Child Poverty

24.00%

Rank: 35

Median Household Income

\$40,479

Rank: 53

Fair Market Rent

\$899

Rank: 62

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 74

School suspension rate

3.20%

Rank: 53

Teen pregnancy

15 per 1,000

Rank: 65

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

7.4 per 1,000

Rank: 76

### EDUCATION

Rank: 12

37.90%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 12

48.40%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 9

93.00%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 45



# Putnam County

Demographics 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	75,943	NA	6,651,120	1.1%	17
Population under 18 years of age	16,470	21.7%	22.5%	96.6%	37
Economic Well-Being 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	340	24.3%	15.5%	156.8%	77
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$37,218	NA	\$43,326	85.9%	31
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	560	3.5%	3.8%	91.9%	42
Children receiving SNAP	5,086	31.5%	32.3%	97.5%	27
Children under five receiving WIC	1,810	40.3%	33.7%	119.8%	40
Education 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,625	15.0%	11.9%	126.3%	80
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	77	28.29	20.6	137.3%	78
Cohort high school dropouts	26	3.3%	5.6%	58.9%	47
Event high school dropouts	56	1.5%	2.7%	55.6%	58
Economically disadvantaged students	3,927	36.6%	35.7%	102.6%	51
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,742	14.8%	15.8%	93.7%	40
Health 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	20	23.07	13.2	174.4%	69
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	155	17.9%	13.4%	133.6%	27
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	9,978	48.7%	51.7%	94.2%	18
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	18,237	24.0%	23.4%	102.4%	36
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	506	58.4%	52.9%	110.3%	23
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	563	5.6%	4.7%	119.1%	87
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	7	8.10	7.4	109.5%	60
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	4	4.60	4.2	109.5%	52
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	3	24.20	21.8	111.0%	61
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	2	35.40	50.5	70.1%	42
Adequate prenatal care	556	64.1%	52.4%	122.3%	24
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	359	6.7%	18.5%	36.1%	92
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	37.4%	38.4%	97.4%	16
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	20	6.3	16.0	39.4%	16
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	148	194.9	240.0	81.2%	8
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	29	38.2	49.3	77.5%	23
Family & Community 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	1,015	6.3%	4.9%	128.6%	59
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	97	5.2	3.8	136.8%	58
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	135	7.3	4.8	152.1%	66
Juvenile court referrals	782	4.7%	4.5%	104.4%	47
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	498	6.6	8.6	76.7%	48
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	302	4.0	3.8	105.3%	47
Births to unmarried females	343	39.6%	43.6%	90.8%	20
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	4,903	NA	381,686	1.3%	15

## Putnam County

At 26<sup>th</sup>, Putnam County ranks just outside the top fourth of Tennessee counties in child wellbeing. The county's best rankings include a relatively low percentage of babies born at a low birthweight and a comparatively high percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and a relatively high rate of children who lack health insurance.

Additional strengths include a below average percentage of students suspended from school and an above average high school graduation rate.

Additional challenges include an above average rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and above average housing costs.

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

- Comprehensive sex education classes that include both encouragement of abstinence and information on birth control have been shown to reduce the number of teen pregnancies.
- 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, Putnam County has over 500 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.