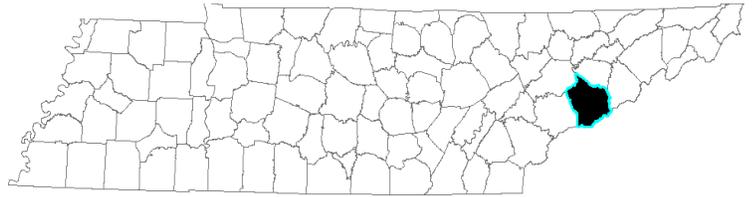
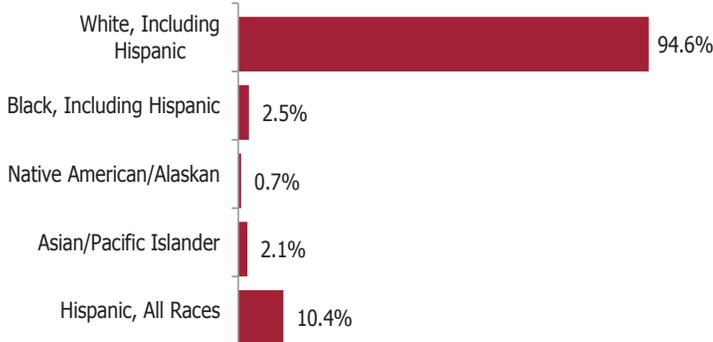


# Sevier

## TCCY Index Rank 70



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.00%

Rank: 69 Rank: 43

Children without health insurance

4.70%

Rank: 87

Child and teen deaths

15.9 per 100,000

Rank: 32

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 44

Child Poverty

24.60%

Rank: 39

Median Household Income

\$45,251

Rank: 29

Fair Market Rent

\$934

Rank: 67

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 53

School suspension rate

1.80%

Rank: 31

Teen pregnancy

18.8 per 1,000

Rank: 82

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

5.1 per 1,000

Rank: 39

### EDUCATION

Rank: 73



29.80%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 59

31.20%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 69

87.40%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 81

# Sevier County

Demographics 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	96,672	NA	6,651,120	1.5%	15
Population under 18 years of age	19,931	20.6%	22.5%	91.8%	59
Economic Well-Being 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	290	11.4%	15.5%	73.5%	24
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$36,285	NA	\$43,326	83.7%	36
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	474	2.4%	3.8%	62.9%	8
Children receiving SNAP	5,821	29.1%	32.3%	90.1%	18
Children under five receiving WIC	2,027	37.9%	33.7%	112.7%	32
Education 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,726	12.0%	11.9%	100.8%	28
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	71	22.36	20.6	108.6%	53
Cohort high school dropouts	63	6.0%	5.6%	107.1%	77
Event high school dropouts	134	2.6%	2.7%	96.3%	88
Economically disadvantaged students	4,880	34.2%	35.7%	95.9%	40
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	3,697	24.1%	15.8%	152.5%	90
Health 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	15	13.81	13.2	104.4%	49
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	179	16.5%	13.4%	123.1%	23
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	13,629	58.6%	51.7%	113.3%	52
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	22,227	23.0%	23.4%	98.1%	24
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	663	61.0%	52.9%	115.4%	28
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	732	5.3%	4.7%	112.8%	78
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	8	7.40	7.4	100.0%	50
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	4	3.70	4.2	88.1%	42
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	12.80	21.8	58.7%	36
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	2	36.30	50.5	71.9%	46
Adequate prenatal care	514	47.3%	52.4%	90.3%	84
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	1,219	18.9%	18.5%	102.1%	47
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	35.9%	38.4%	93.5%	10
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	17	5.2	16.0	32.5%	7
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	65	67.2	240.0	28.0%	28
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	27	27.9	49.3	56.6%	41
Family & Community 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	914	4.6%	4.9%	93.9%	20
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	85	3.8	3.8	100.0%	39
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	147	6.6	4.8	137.5%	60
Juvenile court referrals	1,417	7.1%	4.5%	157.8%	70
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	10,976	114.0	8.6	1325.6%	1
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	598	6.2	3.8	163.2%	92
Births to unmarried females	489	45.0%	43.6%	103.2%	55
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,902	NA	381,686	0.8%	22

## Sevier County

At 70<sup>th</sup>, Sevier County is just outside the bottom fourth of Tennessee counties in child wellbeing. The county's best rankings include a low rate of students suspended from school and a below average child and teen death rate. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are relatively high rates of children without health insurance and of pregnancies among girls age 15 to 17.

Additional strengths include a median household income in the top third among counties and a below average rate of babies born at a low birthweight.

Additional challenges include a below average high school graduation rate and below average percentages of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests.

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

- 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, Sevier County has over 700 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade math proficiency.