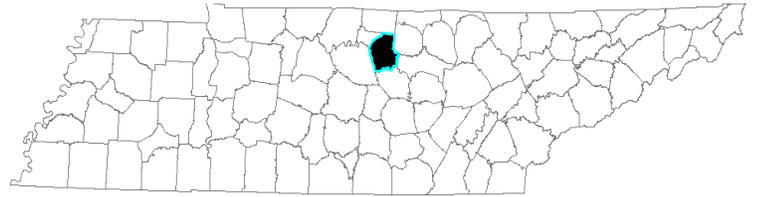
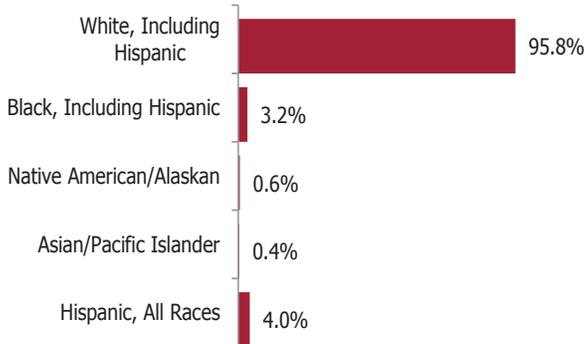


Smith

TCCY Index Rank 25



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

11.50%

Rank: 77 Rank: 80

Children without health insurance
3.90%

Rank: 54

Child and teen deaths

23.7 per 100,000

Rank: 49

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 5

Child Poverty

20.60%

Rank: 18

Median Household Income

\$46,977

Rank: 24

Fair Market Rent

\$770

Rank: 20

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 60

School suspension rate

2.30%

Rank: 40

Teen pregnancy

16.2 per 1,000

Rank: 74

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

6.5 per 1,000

Rank: 67

EDUCATION

Rank: 14



37.10%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 15

46.90%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 13

93.80%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 37

Smith County

Demographics 	Smith County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	19,420	NA	6,651,120	0.3%	65
Population under 18 years of age	4,465	23.0%	22.5%	102.4%	22
Economic Well-Being 	Smith County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	110	40.7%	15.5%	262.6%	94
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$34,653	NA	\$43,326	80.0%	48
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	119	2.7%	3.8%	70.8%	16
Children receiving SNAP	1,268	28.6%	32.3%	88.4%	15
Children under five receiving WIC	465	39.2%	33.7%	116.6%	34
Education 	Smith County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	400	13.0%	11.9%	109.4%	53
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	12	16.85	20.6	81.8%	29
Cohort high school dropouts	7	2.9%	5.6%	51.8%	41
Event high school dropouts	12	1.1%	2.7%	40.7%	39
Economically disadvantaged students	1,041	34.4%	35.7%	96.4%	41
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	234	7.0%	15.8%	44.3%	4
Health 	Smith County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	8	30.53	13.2	230.9%	76
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	57	21.8%	13.4%	162.7%	46
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	2,657	51.2%	51.7%	99.0%	24
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	4,693	24.2%	23.4%	103.1%	38
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	169	64.5%	52.9%	121.9%	44
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	132	4.7%	4.7%	100.0%	54
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	3.80	7.4	51.4%	24
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	3.80	4.2	90.5%	44
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	0	0.00	21.8	0.0%	1
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	78.70	50.5	155.8%	79
Adequate prenatal care	165	63.0%	52.4%	120.2%	29
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	88	6.2%	18.5%	33.4%	94
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	43.2%	38.4%	112.5%	52
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	12	15.5	16.0	96.9%	56
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	6	30.9	240.0	12.9%	66
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	2	10.3	49.3	20.9%	84
Family & Community 	Smith County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	232	5.2%	4.9%	106.1%	36
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	54	11.0	3.8	289.5%	88
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	67	13.6	4.8	283.3%	89
Juvenile court referrals	0	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	1
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	201	10.4	8.6	120.9%	6
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	73	3.8	3.8	100.0%	40
Births to unmarried females	104	39.7%	43.6%	91.1%	22
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	388	NA	381,686	0.1%	80

Smith County

At 25th, Smith County ranks just outside the top fourth of Tennessee counties in child wellbeing. The county's best rankings include high percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and the relatively low rate of poverty among children. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Smith County's 20.6 percent child poverty rate is better than most counties in Tennessee. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and an above average rate of babies born at a low birthweight.

Additional strengths include a median household income that is in the top fourth of Tennessee counties and a below average rate of students suspended from school.

Additional challenges include above average rates of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and of children lacking health insurance.

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.
- Low birthweight is a persistent and difficult problem, but improvements can occur when care is made available for chronic physical and mental health and substance abuse conditions for women of childbearing age. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can help reach these vulnerable populations.
- 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, Smith County has over 125 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.