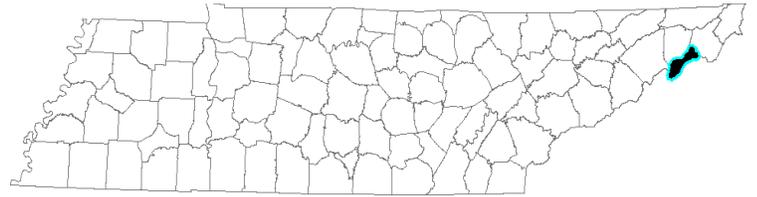
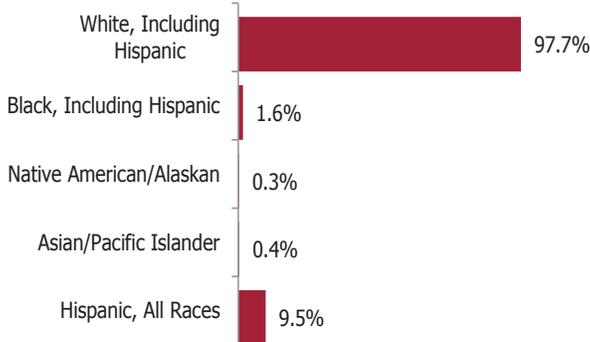


TCCY Index Rank 36



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



- Low birth-weight babies: **8.60%** (Rank: 32)
- Children without health insurance: **3.80%** (Rank: 42)
- Child and teen deaths: **0** per 100,000 (Rank: 1)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 57

- Child Poverty: **27.00%** (Rank: 56)
- Median Household Income: **\$39,755** (Rank: 58)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$857** (Rank: 55)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 37

- School suspension rate: **2.20%** (Rank: 37)
- Teen pregnancy: **13.2** per 1,000 (Rank: 54)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **5.4** per 1,000 (Rank: 44)

EDUCATION

Rank: 57

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **30.70%** (Rank: 53)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **34.70%** (Rank: 56)
- High school graduation rate: **90.60%** (Rank: 69)

Unicoi County

Demographics 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	17,730	NA	6,651,120	0.3%	72
Population under 18 years of age	3,266	18.4%	22.5%	82.0%	88
Economic Well-Being 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	0	0.0%	15.5%	0.0%	1
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$35,499	NA	\$43,326	81.9%	42
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	144	4.3%	3.8%	115.0%	63
Children receiving SNAP	1,109	33.3%	32.3%	103.1%	37
Children under five receiving WIC	446	57.9%	33.7%	172.0%	86
Education 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	372	16.0%	11.9%	134.3%	86
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	24	53.45	20.6	259.5%	95
Cohort high school dropouts	9	5.3%	5.6%	94.6%	72
Event high school dropouts	11	1.3%	2.7%	48.1%	51
Economically disadvantaged students	938	40.4%	35.7%	113.4%	66
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	526	20.3%	15.8%	128.5%	84
Health 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	12	74.07	13.2	560.1%	92
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	38	23.5%	13.4%	175.4%	54
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	2,280	59.3%	51.7%	114.7%	53
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	4,322	24.4%	23.4%	104.0%	39
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	114	70.4%	52.9%	133.0%	68
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	99	4.5%	4.7%	95.7%	42
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	6.20	7.4	83.8%	40
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	6.20	4.2	147.6%	74
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)	2	200.00	50.5	396.0%	93
Adequate prenatal care	41	25.3%	52.4%	48.3%	94
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	295	31.4%	18.5%	169.7%	4
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	46.7%	38.4%	121.6%	79
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	5	8.2	16.0	51.3%	24
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	5	28.2	240.0	11.8%	70
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	4	22.6	49.3	45.8%	54
Family & Community 	Unicoi County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	193	5.8%	4.9%	118.4%	49
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	14	3.8	3.8	100.0%	39
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	21	5.6	4.8	116.7%	49
Juvenile court referrals	217	6.6%	4.5%	146.7%	63
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	99	5.6	8.6	65.1%	82
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	65	3.7	3.8	97.4%	35
Births to unmarried females	66	40.7%	43.6%	93.3%	28
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	437	NA	381,686	0.1%	78

Unicoi County

At 36th, Unicoi County ranks near the top third of Tennessee counties in child wellbeing. The county's best rankings include no child and teen deaths and a below average rate of babies born at a low birthweight. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high school graduation rate that, while above average, is in the bottom third of counties and a below average median household income.

Additional strengths include a low percentage of students suspended from school and a percentage of children without health insurance that is about average for the state.

Additional challenges include below average percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and the fact that more than 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.