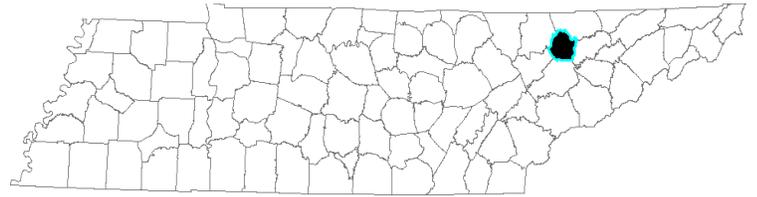
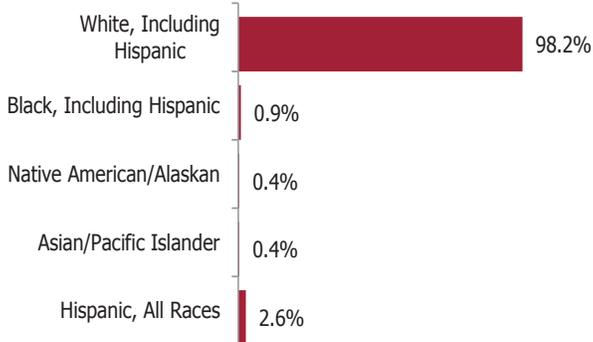


Union



TCCY Index Rank 84

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH

Low birth-weight babies: **11.30%** Rank: 79

Children without health insurance: **4.40%** Rank: 76

Child and teen deaths: **0** per 100,000 Rank: 1

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 92

Child Poverty: **32.40%** Rank: 82

Median Household Income: **\$37,955** Rank: 70

Fair Market Rent: **\$1,051** Rank: 77

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 58

School suspension rate: **5.50%** Rank: 81

Teen pregnancy: **13** per 1,000 Rank: 52

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **5.2** per 1,000 Rank: 40

EDUCATION

Rank: 83

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **26.30%** Rank: 79

Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **25.90%** Rank: 82

High school graduation rate: **88.90%** Rank: 76

Union County

Demographics 	Union County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	19,133	NA	6,651,120	0.3%	67
Population under 18 years of age	4,204	22.0%	22.5%	97.8%	32
Economic Well-Being 	Union County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	50	23.8%	15.5%	153.5%	74
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$29,283	NA	\$43,326	67.6%	84
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	192	4.5%	3.8%	119.3%	70
Children receiving SNAP	1,800	42.2%	32.3%	130.7%	83
Children under five receiving WIC	682	64.7%	33.7%	192.2%	93
Education 	Union County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	455	12.8%	11.9%	107.8%	52
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	14	22.84	20.6	110.9%	56
Cohort high school dropouts	8	4.0%	5.6%	71.4%	55
Event high school dropouts	13	1.3%	2.7%	48.1%	51
Economically disadvantaged students	1,613	46.3%	35.7%	129.7%	84
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	11	3.0	2.0	150.0%	90
Chronic absenteeism	482	12.6%	15.8%	79.7%	24
Health 	Union County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	10	46.95	13.2	355.0%	84
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	51	23.9%	13.4%	178.4%	58
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,127	64.7%	51.7%	125.1%	78
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	5,528	28.9%	23.4%	123.2%	75
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	154	72.3%	52.9%	136.7%	77
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	142	4.6%	4.7%	97.9%	52
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	9.40	7.4	127.0%	70
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	4.70	4.2	111.9%	54
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	90.20	50.5	178.6%	82
Adequate prenatal care	132	62.0%	52.4%	118.3%	30
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	226	17.6%	18.5%	95.1%	54
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	46.2%	38.4%	120.3%	77
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	<5	0.0	16.0	0.0%	1
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	2	10.5	240.0	4.4%	91
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	2	10.5	49.3	21.3%	83
Family & Community 	Union County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	275	6.5%	4.9%	132.7%	63
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	55	11.7	3.8	307.9%	91
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	37	7.9	4.8	164.6%	71
Juvenile court referrals	148	3.5%	4.5%	77.8%	29
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	123	6.4	8.6	74.4%	57
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	91	4.8	3.8	126.3%	80
Births to unmarried females	77	36.2%	43.6%	83.0%	11
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	564	NA	381,686	0.1%	71

Union County

At 84th, Union County ranks in the bottom fifth of Tennessee counties in child wellbeing. The county's best rankings include no child and teen deaths and a below average rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are low percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and the fact that almost one third of the county's children live in poverty.

An additional strength is a below average rate of students suspended from school.

Additional challenges include a high rate of babies born at a low birthweight and a low high school graduation rate.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.