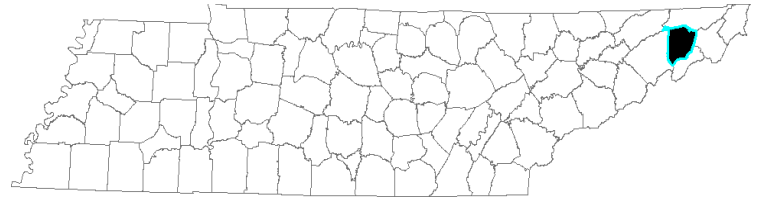
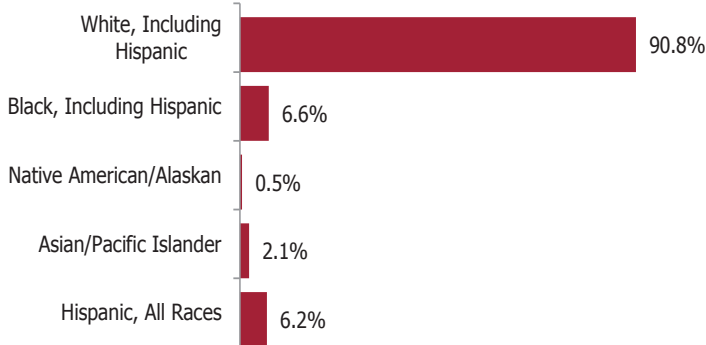


# Washington



## TCCY Index Rank 6

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: **9.40%** (Rank: 54)
- Children without health insurance: **3.20%** (Rank: 12)
- Child and teen deaths: **21.1** per 100,000 (Rank: 45)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 13

- Child Poverty: **20.50%** (Rank: 17)
- Median Household Income: **\$46,316** (Rank: 26)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$857** (Rank: 55)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 26






- School suspension rate: **2.60%** (Rank: 44)
- Teen pregnancy: **8.5** per 1,000 (Rank: 23)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **5.9** per 1,000 (Rank: 57)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 4

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **45.80%** (Rank: 2)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **53.70%** (Rank: 4)
- High school graduation rate: **90.60%** (Rank: 70)

# Washington County

Demographics 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	127,438	NA	6,651,120	1.9%	12
Population under 18 years of age	25,028	19.6%	22.5%	87.5%	77
Economic Well-Being 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	360	13.5%	15.5%	87.1%	34
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$39,909	NA	\$43,326	92.1%	11
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	703	2.8%	3.8%	74.3%	22
Children receiving SNAP	7,068	28.2%	32.3%	87.2%	13
Children under five receiving WIC	2,149	32.8%	33.7%	97.5%	19
Education 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,976	12.0%	11.9%	100.7%	27
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	122	31.25	20.6	151.7%	86
Cohort high school dropouts	70	5.6%	5.6%	100.0%	74
Event high school dropouts	124	2.2%	2.7%	82.8%	84
Economically disadvantaged students	5,011	30.6%	35.7%	85.8%	31
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	15	2.0	2.0	100.0%	87
Chronic absenteeism	2,480	14.7%	15.8%	93.0%	38
Health 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	75	58.09	13.2	439.3%	90
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	241	18.7%	13.4%	139.6%	31
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	13,970	45.3%	51.7%	87.6%	10
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	25,909	20.3%	23.4%	86.7%	14
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	711	55.1%	52.9%	104.1%	15
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	587	4.4%	4.7%	93.6%	37
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	10	7.70	7.4	104.1%	55
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	7	5.40	4.2	128.6%	65
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	10.50	21.8	48.2%	33
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	3	36.20	50.5	71.7%	45
Adequate prenatal care	366	28.4%	52.4%	54.2%	93
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	2,024	25.7%	18.5%	138.6%	13
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	36.3%	38.4%	94.5%	12
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	27	5.8	16.0	36.3%	12
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	430	337.4	240.0	140.6%	1
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	58	45.5	49.3	92.3%	13
Family & Community 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	1,449	5.8%	4.9%	118.4%	49
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	95	3.3	3.8	86.8%	29
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	146	5.1	4.8	106.3%	41
Juvenile court referrals	2,134	8.5%	4.5%	188.9%	78
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	999	7.8	8.6	90.7%	25
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	568	4.5	3.8	118.4%	68
Births to unmarried females	511	39.6%	43.6%	90.8%	20
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	6,578	NA	381,686	1.7%	11

## Washington County

At 6<sup>th</sup>, Washington County ranks among the top Tennessee counties in child wellbeing. The county's best rankings include high percentages of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and a low rate of children without health insurance. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high school graduation rate that does not match its strong test scores and an above average rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

Additional strengths include a below average rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and a relatively low rate of child poverty. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Washington County's 20.5 percent child poverty rate is better than most counties in Tennessee.

An additional challenge is an above average rate of babies born at a low birthweight.

*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.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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.