

Definitions and Sources

The county data book contains 51 indicators. Data for most indicators are presented both as numbers and as rates or percentages. Each indicator shows the data. Data are reported for a variety of time periods. In some instances, data reflect calendar year (CY). Other data may be indicative of fiscal year (FY). All education data are reported by school year (SY).

Adequate Prenatal Care. Adequacy of prenatal care is determined by the Kessner Index. The number is live births for 2015, and the rate is the percent of these babies who received adequate prenatal care. Numbers of live births and rates for adequacy were provided by the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

Births to Mothers Who Smoked during Pregnancy. Number of births in 2015 for which the mother indicated she smoked while pregnant. Rate is percent of live birth. Data were provided by the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health. The KIDS COUNT division of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth calculated rates.

Births to Unmarried Females. The number and rate of births to unmarried females in 2015. The percent is compared to total live births. The Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health has the data available on its website.

Births Covered by TennCare (Medicaid). Number of mothers in 2015 who were enrolled to the TennCare or Medicaid insurance at the time of births. The Bureau of TennCare, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration provided counts data. Live births data were collected from the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

Child Deaths. Children between the ages of 1 and 14 who died from any cause in 2015. The rate is per 100,000 of the same-age population. The Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health provided the data.

Child and Teen Deaths. Children and teens between the ages of 1 and 19 who died from any cause in 2015. Rate is per 100,000 of the same-age population. Data are provided by the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

Child Population by Race and Ethnicity. This indicator includes 2015 youth population under age 18 broken down by racial and ethnic categories. Race categories may include both Hispanic and Non-Hispanic, and Hispanic category maybe of any race. KIDS COUNT extracted data from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice.

Child Poverty. Families and persons were classified as below poverty if their total family income or unrelated individual income was less than the poverty threshold specified for the applicable family size, age of householder and number of related children under 18 present. Data reflect the total children under age 18 living with an income below the poverty threshold in 2015.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Estimates Branch.

Children on Food Stamps (SNAP). The number of children younger than age 18 who received federally funded food stamps, or coupons, through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program during fiscal year 2014-15. The percent of same age population is reported as rate. The Tennessee Department of Human Services supplied the participation data. The Kids Count Division estimates population data and computed rates.

Children on Families First (TANF). This indicator includes 17-year-old and younger recipients of cash through Tennessee's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program during fiscal year 2014-15. The rate is the percent of children in the resident population receiving TANF funds. The Tennessee Department of Human Services provided the TANF data. The Kids Count Division estimates population data and computed rates.

Children under Age 5 on WIC. This indicator shows all eligible children 0 to 4 years who were on WIC program in June 2015. The rate is the percent of the population of the same age group. The Tennessee Department of Health provided the data.

Children Qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but Uninsured. Number of uninsured children under age 19 at or below 250% of poverty in 2015. Rate is the percent of same age population. Data were collected from "The Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE), U.S. Census Bureau.

Cohort Dropouts. This indicator represents the number of students no longer enrolled as 12th graders compared to their numbers as 9th graders. Data relate to school year 2014-15. The Tennessee Department of Education provided data by school district on its website. KIDS COUNT reconfigured the data by county and calculated the rates. State special schools were not included.

Children under Age 6 Screened for Lead Poisoning. Number and percent of children under age 6 who were screened for elevated blood lead levels in 2015. The Division of Family Health and Wellness, Tennessee Department of Health provided the data.

Children without Health Insurance. Number and percent of uninsured children in 2015 at all income level. Data were collected from "The Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE), U.S. Census Bureau.

Chronic Absenteeism. This indicator refers to the percentage of students in school year 2014-15 who were absent for ten percent of more days over the course of a school year. The Tennessee Department of Education provided the data.

Commitment to State Custody. The indicator shows children younger than 20 years of age who were committed to state custody during fiscal year 2014-15. The rate is per 1,000 children of same age population. The Tennessee Department of Children's Services provided counts data. Population estimates were derived from data supplied by the Division of Policy, Planning and

Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

Dentists by County of Practice. The indicator shows the number of licensed dentists in 2015 by the county of practice. The rate is per 100,000 total resident population. Licensure data were extracted from the Tennessee Department of Health website. KIDS COUNT reconfigured the data by county and calculated the rates.

Economically Disadvantaged Students. The data reflect the number of students who were eligible for the free and reduced-price school meal program during the school year 2014-15. Student classified by Direct Certification, Homeless, Migrant, and Runaway are considered as economically disadvantaged students. Both the number and rates were collected from the Tennessee Department of Education. KIDS COUNT reconfigured the data by county and calculated the rates. Data on state special schools and departments were not included.

Event Dropouts. The number of students younger than age 18 during the school year 2014-15 who dropped out of school during grades 9 to 12. The rate was a percent of 9th to 12th grade net enrollment. Data were collected from the Tennessee Department of Education. KIDS COUNT reconfigured the data by county and calculated the rates. State special schools were excluded.

Fair Market Rent. The indicator represents the final fair market rents for three-bedroom existing housing units for fiscal year 2014-15. Fair market rents represent the 40th percentile gross rent and determine the eligibility of rental housing units for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments program. This information is also used to calculate subsidies under the Rental Voucher program. KIDS COUNT extracted data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on its website.

High School Graduation. Number of students graduating in 2014-15 within four years of entering high school, and graduation in more than four years for students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Graduation rate is based on NCLB formula. The source of data is the Tennessee Department of Education.

Infant Mortality. This indicator shows the number of babies who died before reaching their first birthday in 2015. Rate is the ratio of the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Data were collected from the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

Juvenile Court Referrals. Unduplicated counts of children younger than age 18 who were brought to juvenile court during the calendar year 2015. The rate reflects the referred children as a percent of same age population. Sullivan County includes Sullivan Division I and II courts and Bristol; Washington County includes the Johnson City court. The Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (TCJFCJ) provided referral data on its website (<http://www.ojjdp.gov/>). KIDS COUNT reconfigured referral data by county and computed rates.

Low Birth Weight Babies. Number of infants who weighed less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds (5 lbs.,

8 ozs.) at birth during 2015. The percent compared to live births in the same year is also reported. Data were collected from the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

Median Household Income. This indicator refers to the median household income for year 2015. Data were collected from “The Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE), U.S. Census Bureau.

Medical Doctors by County of Practice. The indicator shows the number of actively licensed physicians by county of their practice in 2015. The rate is per 100,000 total resident population. Licensure data were extracted from the Tennessee Department of Health website. KIDS COUNT reconfigured the data by county and calculated the rates.

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. Number of newborn babies clinically signs of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) in 2015. Rate is per 1,000 live births. Data were collected from NAS Surveillance System, Tennessee Department of Health.

Neonatal Death. Number of babies died in first 28 days of life in 2015. Rate is per 1,000 live births. Data were collected from the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

Per Capita Personal Income. The data reflect the total annual income created in 2015, divided by same year resident population. The data were made available by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information Systems (REIS). KIDS COUNT extracted data from its website.

Population under 18 Years of Age. The 2015 data on population younger than 18 years of age were based on the estimates obtained from the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health. KIDS COUNT derived data by county and age group.

Public School Students Measured as Overweight/Obese. Data represent the overweight/obesity prevalence rate among public school students (kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th grades, and high school) for school year 2014-15. Overweight/obesity was defined as body mass index(BMI) greater than or equal to the 85th percentile for children of the same age and sex. Source of data is the Office of Coordinated School Health, Tennessee Department of Education.

Regulated Child Care Spaces. Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) provided counts of regulated child-care spaces statewide and by county. Counts include spaces for which DHS has official monitoring responsibility. Data are for fiscal year 2015. The Division of Finance and Administration, Department of Human Services provided the data.

Reported Child Abuse Cases. Data include all reports of child abuse to Child Protective Services in 2015. The 0 to 17-year-old resident population was used to calculate rates. Data were provided by the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services. KIDS COUNT calculated rates.

Remaining in State Custody. This indicator shows the number of children ages 0 to 19 who were in

custody on June 30, 2015. The rate is per 1,000 resident population of same age. The Tennessee Department of Children's Services provided counts. KIDS COUNT calculated rates.

Recorded Marriages. The indicator reflects the number of marriage licenses issued in 2015. The rate is per 1,000 population. The Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health provided data on its website.

Recorded Divorces. The numbers are indicative of divorces recorded by county and statewide in 2015; Annulments were excluded. The rate is per 1,000 population. The Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health provided data on its website.

School-Age Special Education. This indicator shows 6- to 21-year-old public school students who were eligible for special education services in school year 2014-15. Rate is the percent of average daily membership. The Tennessee Department of Education provided counts. KIDS COUNT reorganized the data by county and calculated the rates. State special schools were not included.

School Suspensions. This indicator represents unduplicated counts of suspensions for school year 2014-15. The rate is a percent of net enrollment. Data were collected from the Tennessee Department of Education. KIDS COUNT reconfigured the data by county and calculated the rates. State special schools were not included.

School Expulsions. School year 2014-15 data reflect the number of expulsions for school-age population. The rate is per 1,000 net school enrollments. Data were collected from the Tennessee Department of Education. KIDS COUNT reorganized the data by county and calculated rates. State special schools were not included.

Substantiated Child Abuse. Data represent the child abuse cases for which sufficient evidence was available to determine their presence in 2015. The rate is the number of cases per 1,000 children younger than age 18. The Tennessee Department of Children's Services supplied the count data. KIDS COUNT calculated rates.

Teen Pregnancy. Number of 15- to 17-year-old females who were pregnant in 2015 regardless of the pregnancy outcome. Rate is per 1,000 female population of same age group. The Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health provided data on its website.

Teens with Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Teens ages 15 to 17 who were diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis during 2015. Rate is per 1,000 teens. The Division of AIDS/HIV/STD, Tennessee Department of Health provided data. KIDS COUNT calculated rates.

Teen Violent Deaths. This indicator examines deaths due to accidents, homicides and suicides for teens between the ages of 15 and 19 in 2015. The rate is per 100,000 same age population. Data were collected from the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

TEIS Participation. Number of children ages 0 to 2 participated in Tennessee's Early Intervention System (TEIS) program in 2014-15. Rate is per 1,000 population of same age group. Data were collected from the Tennessee Department of Education.

Third to Eighth Grade Reading Proficiency. The percent of students from 3rd to 8th grade who achieved proficient or advanced TCAP score in reading and language during school year 2014-15. The Tennessee Department of Education provides data on its website. KIDS COUNT reorganized the data by county and calculated rates. State special schools were not included.

Third to Eighth Grade Math Proficiency. The percent of students from 3rd to 8th grade who achieved proficient or advanced TCAP score in math during school year 2014-15. The Tennessee Department of Education provides data on its website. KIDS COUNT reorganized the data by county and calculated rates. State special schools were not included.

Total TennCare (Medicaid) Enrollees Number and percent of Tennessee residents enrolled inTennCare or Medicaid as of December 2015. The Bureau of TennCare, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration provided counts data on its website. KIDS COUNT calculated rates.

Total Population. The data represent 2015 population by county and statewide, regardless of age. Estimated data were provided by the Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Tennessee Department of Health.

Youth on TennCare (Medicaid). Number and percent of Tennessee residents below age 21 enrolled in TennCare or Medicaid as of December 2015. The Bureau of TennCare, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration provided counts data on its website. KIDS COUNT calculated rates.

Youth Unemployment. These 2015 data refer to the number of unemployed youth ages 16 to 19 as a percent of labor force. Data were collected from the Employment Security Division, Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development.