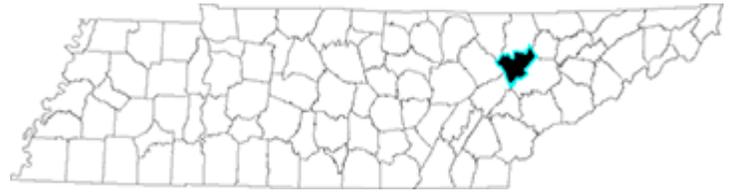
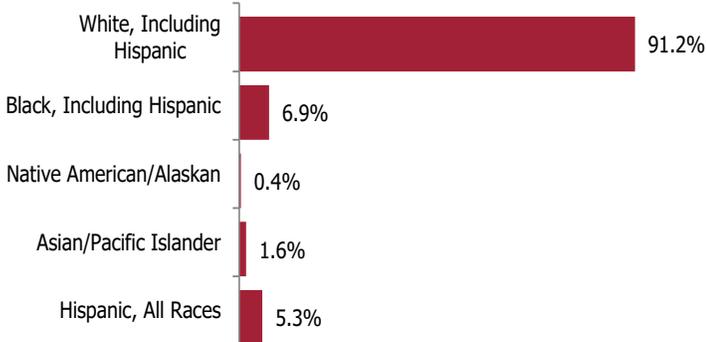


# Anderson

## TCCY Index Rank 54



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

11.2%

Rank: 23 Rank: 86

Children without health insurance

3.5%

Rank: 4

Child and teen deaths

11.9 per 100,000

Rank: 19

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 56

Child Poverty

21.9%

Rank: 33

Median Household Income

\$48,679

Rank: 25

Fair Market Rent

\$1,057

Rank: 74

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 82

School suspension rate

4.2%

Rank: 71

Teen pregnancy

16.3 per 1,000

Rank: 70

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

8.3 per 1,000

Rank: 83

### EDUCATION

Rank: 40



34.8%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 29

34.9%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 47

92.9%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 50

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Demographics 	Anderson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	76,262	NA	6,715,862	1.1%	18
Population under 18 years of age	15,918	20.9%	22.4%	93.4%	55
Economic Well-Being 	Anderson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	90	8.7%	12.0%	72.5%	22
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$40,847	NA	\$45,517	89.7%	17
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	495	3.1%	3.2%	97.5%	49
Children receiving SNAP	5,339	33.5%	31.8%	105.5%	35
Children under five receiving WIC	1,059	25.9%	29.6%	87.4%	12
Education 	Anderson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,696	15.0%	11.9%	126.1%	81
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	61	25.19	23.4	107.5%	49
Cohort high school dropouts	25	2.9%	5.5%	52.8%	41
Event high school dropouts	44	1.1%	2.6%	42.7%	44
Economically disadvantaged students	4,110	35.3%	34.7%	101.7%	42
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,432	13.9%	13.6%	102.2%	54
Health 	Anderson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	22	28.21	13.5	208.7%	74
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	152	19.5%	12.7%	153.5%	42
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	9,097	49.3%	48.4%	101.9%	26
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	16,372	21.5%	21.8%	98.5%	24
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	479	61.4%	52.3%	117.5%	37
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	413	4.4%	5.5%	80.0%	18
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	6	7.70	7.4	104.1%	58
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	3	3.80	4.6	82.6%	49
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	16.10	22.4	71.9%	37
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	440	56.4%	57.4%	98.3%	68
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	872	17.6%	17.7%	99.8%	47
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	39.7%	39.2%	101.3%	29
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	28	10.5	17.3	60.6%	44
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	62	81.3	239.2	34.0%	28
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	47	61.6	49.0	125.8%	3
Family & Community 	Anderson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	1,062	6.7%	4.9%	137.5%	74
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	99	5.6	3.9	144.1%	66
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	121	6.9	5.1	134.8%	55
Juvenile court referrals	641	4.0%	4.3%	94.5%	39
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	476	6.2	8.2	75.6%	56
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	327	4.3	3.6	119.4%	76
Births to unmarried females	336	43.1%	43.6%	98.9%	46
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	4,045	NA	307,218	1.3%	16

## Anderson County

At 54<sup>th</sup>, Anderson County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings come in the area of Health, where it had a low child and teen death rate and has just 3.5 percent of children lacking health insurance. The county's biggest challenges are its high rate of babies born at a low birthweight and of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

Additional strengths include a relatively high median household income and an above average percentage of children in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade who demonstrate proficiency on TNReady tests of reading.

Additional opportunities for improvement include the high percentage of students who were suspended from school and relatively high housing costs.

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

- 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, as well as 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 for women in their childbearing years. 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.
- Suspension rates can be reduced through clear definitions of what constitutes suspendable behavior and a focus on restorative discipline practices that aim to improve behavior while keeping children in school.
- Pro-active housing policy that helps ensure affordable housing is available for people to live where they work can improve negative outcomes related to high housing costs.