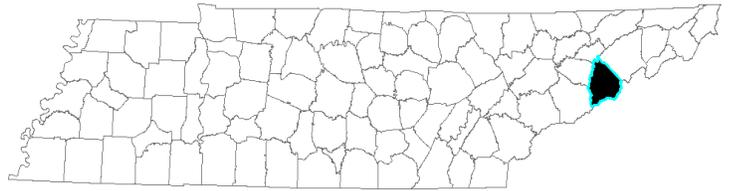
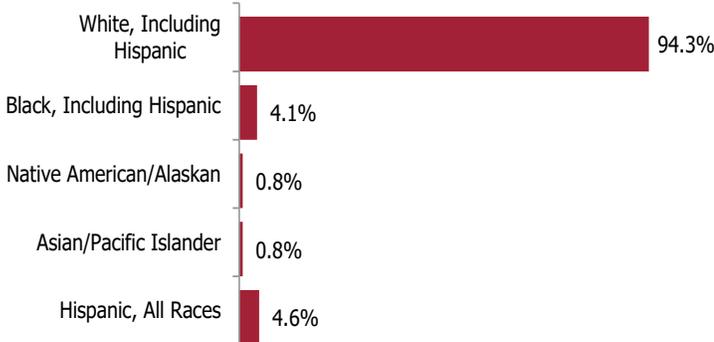


Cocke



TCCY Index Rank 94

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: 10.2% (Rank: 74)
- Children without health insurance: 3.6% (Rank: 8)
- Child and teen deaths: 66.1 per 100,000 (Rank: 86)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 93

- Child Poverty: 37.3% (Rank: 93)
- Median Household Income: \$35,788 (Rank: 88)
- Fair Market Rent: \$885 (Rank: 55)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 94

- School suspension rate: 3.7% (Rank: 64)
- Teen pregnancy: 19 per 1,000 (Rank: 82)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 16.2 per 1,000 (Rank: 95)

EDUCATION

Rank: 63

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 30.9% (Rank: 54)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 33.3% (Rank: 58)
- High school graduation rate: 91.8% (Rank: 66)

Cocke County

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Demographics 	Cocke County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	35,556	NA	6,715,862	0.5%	42
Population under 18 years of age	7,178	20.2%	22.4%	90.3%	68
Economic Well-Being 	Cocke County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	70	11.5%	12.0%	95.8%	38
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$31,362	NA	\$45,517	68.9%	82
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	327	4.6%	3.2%	142.7%	84
Children receiving SNAP	3,895	54.3%	31.8%	170.7%	93
Children under five receiving WIC	752	39.6%	29.6%	133.8%	51
Education 	Cocke County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	690	13.5%	11.9%	113.4%	60
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	41	36.09	23.4	154.1%	81
Cohort high school dropouts	20	5.2%	5.5%	94.5%	69
Event high school dropouts	41	2.3%	2.6%	88.5%	80
Economically disadvantaged students	2,344	45.5%	34.7%	131.1%	84
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	866	19.8%	13.6%	145.6%	84
Health 	Cocke County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	9	24.86	13.5	184.0%	67
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	109	30.1%	12.7%	237.0%	89
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	5,986	72.0%	48.4%	148.8%	93
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	11,475	32.3%	21.8%	148.1%	90
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	286	79.0%	52.3%	151.1%	91
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	193	3.6%	5.5%	65.5%	2
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	6	16.60	7.4	224.3%	88
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	5	13.80	4.6	300.0%	93
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	4	71.20	22.4	317.9%	88
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	51.40	52.5	97.9%	61
Adequate prenatal care	199	55.0%	57.4%	95.8%	72
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	710	31.1%	17.7%	176.1%	2
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	48.2%	39.2%	123.0%	84
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	9	7.6	17.3	43.9%	26
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	18	50.6	239.2	21.2%	50
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	7	19.7	49.0	40.2%	63
Family & Community 	Cocke County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	525	7.3%	4.9%	150.7%	83
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	77	9.7	3.9	248.8%	89
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	91	11.5	5.1	225.1%	84
Juvenile court referrals	911	12.7%	4.3%	297.8%	91
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	319	9.0	8.2	109.8%	10
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	161	4.5	3.6	125.0%	84
Births to unmarried females	203	56.1%	43.6%	128.7%	89
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	1,078	NA	307,218	0.4%	46

Cocke County

At 94th, Cocke County ranks near the bottom of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings are for its low rate of children without health insurance and its low housing costs. The county's biggest challenges are a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect, a low median household income and the fact that almost 4 in 10 of its children live in poverty.

An additional strength is Cocke County's above average high school graduation rate.

Additional opportunities for improvement include high rates of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and of child and teen deaths.

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

- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- With a high rate of child poverty and a relatively low median household income, improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services can help ensure basic needs are met. Additionally, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to food security. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.
- Comprehensive sex education classes that include both encouragement of abstinence and information on birth control have been shown to reduce the number of teen pregnancies.
- Child and teen deaths can be reduced with consistent enforcement of safety measures like proper car seat and seat belt use, bicycle helmet use and life preserver use around water. The fastest-growing cause of child and teen deaths in recent years has been homicide and suicide, often involving a firearm. Families who own firearms can reduce the risk to children and teens by following safe storage practices.