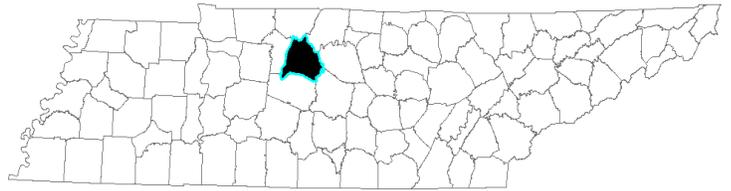
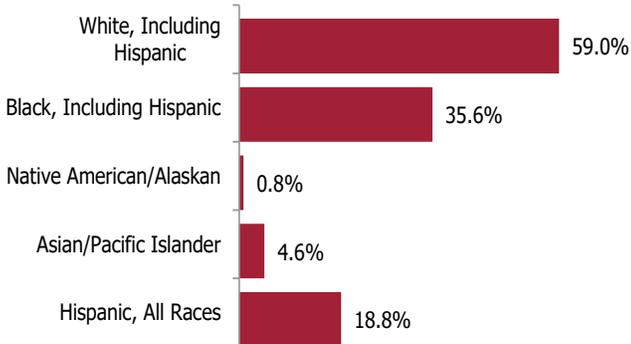


# Davidson



## TCCY Index Rank 95

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.2%

Rank: 93

Rank: 53

Children without health insurance

6.5%

Rank: 95

Child and teen deaths

43.6 per 100,000

Rank: 66

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 72



Child Poverty

22.5%

Rank: 35

Median Household Income

\$58,264

Rank: 8

Fair Market Rent

\$1,274

Rank: 86



### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 87

School suspension rate

9.8%

Rank: 93

Teen pregnancy

14.7 per 1,000

Rank: 64

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.1 per 1,000

Rank: 16

### EDUCATION

Rank: 94



26.7%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 75

26.1%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 78

80.0%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 95

# Davidson County

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Demographics 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	691,239	NA	6,715,862	10.3%	2
Population under 18 years of age	147,212	21.3%	22.4%	95.3%	46
Economic Well-Being 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	1,530	12.5%	12.0%	104.2%	44
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$63,063	NA	\$45,517	138.5%	2
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	4,437	3.0%	3.2%	94.5%	45
Children receiving SNAP	45,475	30.9%	31.8%	97.2%	25
Children under five receiving WIC	15,535	33.3%	29.6%	112.3%	33
Education 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	9,111	11.1%	11.9%	93.3%	11
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	435	15.07	23.4	64.3%	11
Cohort high school dropouts	658	11.9%	5.5%	215.8%	94
Event high school dropouts	1,580	5.5%	2.6%	210.6%	94
Economically disadvantaged students	42,353	50.9%	34.7%	146.7%	90
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	187	2.0	2.0	100.0%	86
Chronic absenteeism	14,077	19.9%	13.6%	146.3%	85
Health 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	69	6.86	13.5	50.7%	29
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	612	6.1%	12.7%	48.0%	3
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	88,922	51.5%	48.4%	106.5%	33
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	142,584	20.6%	21.8%	94.7%	18
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	4,011	39.9%	52.3%	76.2%	4
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	7,568	8.7%	5.5%	158.2%	94
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	70	7.00	7.4	94.6%	52
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	47	4.70	4.6	102.2%	61
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	27	23.50	22.4	104.9%	54
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	38	97.50	52.5	185.7%	80
Adequate prenatal care	5,179	51.5%	57.4%	89.7%	81
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	9,172	16.6%	17.7%	93.9%	56
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	36.6%	39.2%	93.4%	10
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	494	21.9	17.3	126.5%	69
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	2,662	385.1	239.2	161.0%	1
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	366	52.9	49.0	108.1%	7
Family & Community 	Davidson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	6,045	4.1%	4.9%	84.6%	10
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	448	2.7	3.9	70.2%	19
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	568	3.5	5.1	68.2%	18
Juvenile court referrals	5,296	3.6%	4.3%	84.4%	32
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	6,060	8.8	8.2	107.3%	13
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	1,744	2.5	3.6	69.4%	11
Births to unmarried females	4,060	40.3%	43.6%	92.4%	28
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	35,546	NA	307,218	11.6%	2

## Davidson County

At 95<sup>th</sup>, Davidson County ranks last among Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings are a high median household income and a relatively low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect. The county's biggest challenges are having the lowest high school graduation rate in the state and the highest percentage of children without health insurance.

An additional strength is a below average child poverty rate. Though Davidson County's 22.5 percent child poverty is still too high, it is among the lower rate in the state.

Additional opportunities for improvement include high rate of school suspensions and 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.

- 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.
- Most uninsured children in Tennessee qualify for either TennCare or CoverKids, so high rates of uninsured children can be improved with outreach to make sure that families are aware of these insurance opportunities. According to Census Bureau estimates, Davidson County has over 7,500 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.