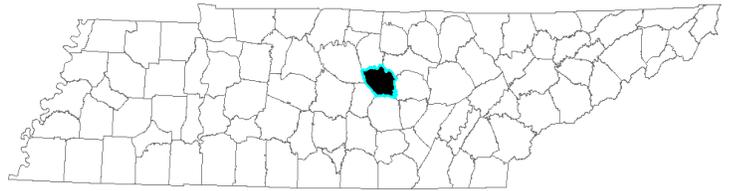
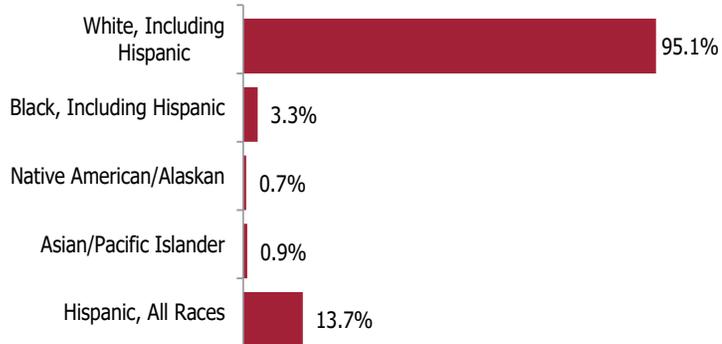


DeKalb

TCCY Index Rank 85



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



- Low birth-weight babies: **9.3%** (Rank: 56)
- Children without health insurance: **5.2%** (Rank: 84)
- Child and teen deaths: **22.4** per 100,000 (Rank: 29)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 48

- Child Poverty: **25.2%** (Rank: 57)
- Median Household Income: **\$42,080** (Rank: 52)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$851** (Rank: 47)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 95

- School suspension rate: **4.2%** (Rank: 71)
- Teen pregnancy: **19** per 1,000 (Rank: 82)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **16** per 1,000 (Rank: 94)

EDUCATION

Rank: 43

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **33.0%** (Rank: 39)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **34.0%** (Rank: 53)
- High school graduation rate: **93.7%** (Rank: 40)

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Demographics 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	19,836	NA	6,715,862	0.3%	65
Population under 18 years of age	4,261	21.5%	22.4%	96.1%	40
Economic Well-Being 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	20	8.0%	12.0%	66.7%	18
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$38,720	NA	\$45,517	85.1%	32
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	137	3.2%	3.2%	101.0%	52
Children receiving SNAP	1,651	38.8%	31.8%	122.0%	61
Children under five receiving WIC	466	39.6%	29.6%	133.8%	52
Education 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	357	12.5%	11.9%	105.0%	43
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	20	28.53	23.4	121.8%	62
Cohort high school dropouts	4	2.0%	5.5%	36.4%	25
Event high school dropouts	24	2.5%	2.6%	96.2%	83
Economically disadvantaged students	1,132	39.2%	34.7%	113.0%	62
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	313	10.9%	13.6%	80.1%	33
Health 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	11	48.89	13.5	361.8%	86
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	57	25.3%	12.7%	199.2%	71
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	2,971	60.4%	48.4%	125.0%	74
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	5,284	26.6%	21.8%	122.2%	71
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	138	61.3%	52.3%	117.3%	36
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	173	6.1%	5.5%	110.9%	85
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	4	17.80	7.4	240.5%	89
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	2	8.90	4.6	193.5%	82
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	29.90	22.4	133.5%	68
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	146	64.9%	57.4%	113.1%	29
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	145	10.2%	17.7%	58.0%	90
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	46.8%	39.2%	119.4%	79
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	5	7.3	17.3	42.1%	25
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	9	45.4	239.2	19.0%	54
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	6	30.2	49.0	61.7%	36
Family & Community 	DeKalb County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	356	8.4%	4.9%	172.1%	93
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	56	11.9	3.9	305.7%	93
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	75	16.0	5.1	313.4%	94
Juvenile court referrals	125	2.9%	4.3%	68.8%	24
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	105	5.3	8.2	64.6%	83
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	65	3.3	3.6	91.7%	26
Births to unmarried females	100	44.4%	43.6%	101.8%	57
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	601	NA	307,218	0.2%	62

DeKalb County

At 85th, DeKalb County is near the bottom among Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's highest rankings are a low rate of child and teen deaths and an above average rate of high school graduation. The county's biggest challenges are a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and of children who lack health insurance.

Additional strengths include a relatively high percentage of 3rd to 8th grade children rated proficient on TNReady reading tests and low housing costs.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a high rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17, a high rate of children suspended from school, as well as the fact that over a fourth of the children in the county live in poverty.

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.
- 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, DeKalb County has over 170 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.
- 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.
- Counties can support children who live in poverty by 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. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.