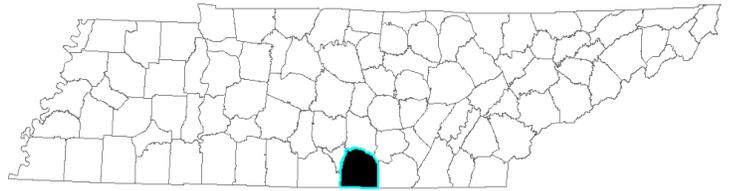
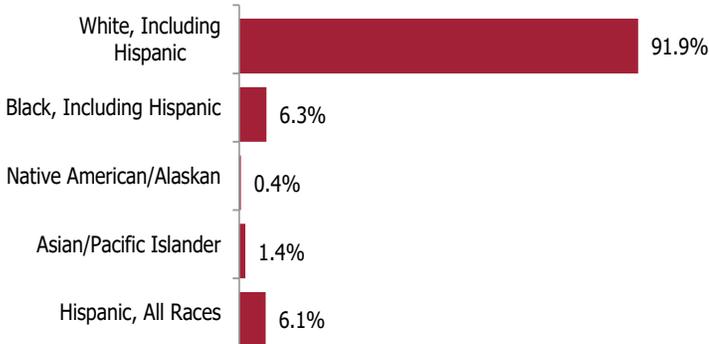


# Franklin



## TCCY Index Rank 45

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.9%

Rank: 48

Rank: 68

Children without health insurance

4.3%

Rank: 44

Child and teen deaths

21.2 per 100,000

Rank: 28

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 12

Child Poverty

20.3%

Rank: 21

Median Household Income

\$49,596

Rank: 21

Fair Market Rent

\$876

Rank: 53

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 16

School suspension rate

0.9%

Rank: 19

Teen pregnancy

12.5 per 1,000

Rank: 47

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.8 per 1,000

Rank: 30

### EDUCATION

Rank: 83

26.8%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 74

24.1%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 84

91.2%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 74



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| Demographics          | Franklin County |       | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
|--|-----------------|-------|----------------|---|-------------|
|  | Number          | Rate  |                |   |             |
| Total population (state comparison is number not rate)   | 41,655          | NA    | 6,715,862      | 0.6%                                      | 36          |
| Population under 18 years of age   | 8,587           | 20.6% | 22.4%          | 92.2%                                     | 59          |
| Economic Well-Being   | Franklin County |       | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
|  | Number          | Rate  |                |   |             |
| Youth unemployment   | 80              | 7.2%  | 12.0%          | 60.0%                                     | 13          |
| Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)   | \$37,556        | NA    | \$45,517       | 82.5%                                     | 39          |
| Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)  | 326             | 3.8%  | 3.2%           | 119.0%                                    | 61          |
| Children receiving SNAP  | 2,166           | 25.2% | 31.8%          | 79.4%                                     | 9           |
| Children under five receiving WIC  | 643             | 30.8% | 29.6%          | 104.1%                                    | 28          |
| Education             | Franklin County |       | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
|  | Number          | Rate  |                |   |             |
| School age special education services  | 716             | 13.4% | 11.9%          | 112.6%                                    | 59          |
| TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)  | 13              | 10.41 | 23.4           | 44.4%                                     | 5           |
| Cohort high school dropouts  | 8               | 1.9%  | 5.5%           | 34.5%                                     | 23          |
| Event high school dropouts   | 26              | 1.4%  | 2.6%           | 53.8%                                     | 54          |
| Economically disadvantaged students  | 1,565           | 29.2% | 34.7%          | 84.1%                                     | 19          |
| School expulsions (per 1,000 students)   | 0               | 0.0   | 2.0            | 0.0%                                      | 1           |
| Chronic absenteeism  | 764             | 14.4% | 13.6%          | 105.9%                                    | 58          |
| Health               | Franklin County |       | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
|  | Number          | Rate  |                |   |             |
| Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)   | 1               | 2.36  | 13.5           | 17.5%                                     | 15          |
| Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy  | 85              | 20.0% | 12.7%          | 157.5%                                    | 46          |
| Children on TennCare (Medicaid)  | 4,449           | 42.3% | 48.4%          | 87.4%                                     | 10          |
| Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees  | 8,020           | 19.3% | 21.8%          | 88.4%                                     | 13          |
| Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)  | 259             | 61.1% | 52.3%          | 116.8%                                    | 35          |
| Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured   | 258             | 5.2%  | 5.5%           | 94.5%                                     | 56          |
| Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)   | 4               | 9.40  | 7.4            | 127.0%                                    | 68          |
| Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)   | 2               | 4.70  | 4.6            | 102.2%                                    | 61          |
| Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)  | 2               | 31.50 | 22.4           | 140.6%                                    | 69          |
| Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)  | 0               | 0.00  | 52.5           | 0.0%                                      | 1           |
| Adequate prenatal care   | 196             | 46.2% | 57.4%          | 80.5%                                     | 88          |
| Children under age six screened for lead poisoning   | 376             | 15.0% | 17.7%          | 84.7%                                     | 66          |
| Public school students measured as overweight/obese  | NA              | 37.7% | 39.2%          | 96.2%                                     | 16          |
| Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)  | 6               | 3.3   | 17.3           | 19.1%                                     | 9           |
| Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)  | 34              | 81.6  | 239.2          | 34.1%                                     | 27          |
| Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)   | 12              | 28.8  | 49.0           | 58.8%                                     | 41          |
| Family & Community  | Franklin County |       | Tennessee Rate | County Rate as a percentage of State Rate | County Rank |
|  | Number          | Rate  |                |   |             |
| Reported child abuse cases   | 446             | 5.2%  | 4.9%           | 107.0%                                    | 36          |
| Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)   | 80              | 8.1   | 3.9            | 208.1%                                    | 83          |
| Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)  | 85              | 8.6   | 5.1            | 169.3%                                    | 74          |
| Juvenile court referrals   | 365             | 4.3%  | 4.3%           | 99.7%                                     | 44          |
| Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)   | 317             | 7.6   | 8.2            | 92.7%                                     | 27          |
| Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)  | 148             | 3.6   | 3.6            | 100.0%                                    | 36          |
| Births to unmarried females  | 182             | 42.9% | 43.6%          | 98.4%                                     | 45          |
| Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)   | 935             | NA    | 307,218        | 0.3%                                      | 50          |

## Franklin County

At 45<sup>th</sup>, Franklin County is in the top half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's highest rankings reflect a low rate of school suspension and a relatively low rate of children who live in poverty. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Franklin County's 20.3 percent child poverty rate is better than most counties in Tennessee. The county's biggest challenges are a low percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students rated as proficient in reading and math on TNReady tests.

Additional strengths are a high median household income and a relatively low child and teen death rate.

Additional opportunities for improvement include relatively high rates of babies born at a low birthweight and a low high school graduation rate.

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

- Expanding pre-K access can help reading proficiency in later grades. Early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed can improve reading proficiency in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Increasing STEM opportunities in elementary and middle schools can help improve 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade math proficiency.
- 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. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can help reach these vulnerable populations.
- 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.