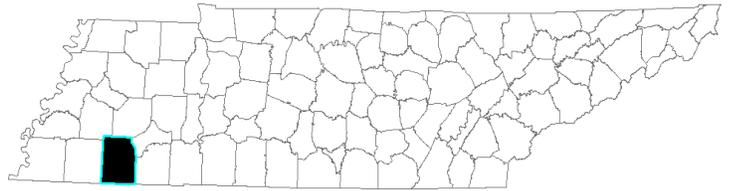
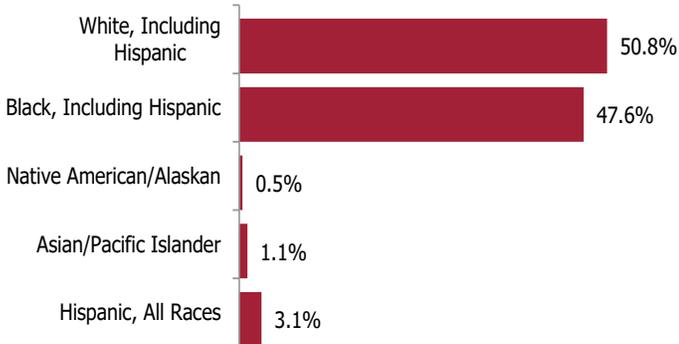


# Hardeman

## TCCY Index Rank 86



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

10.7%

Rank: 54

Rank: 79

Children without health insurance

4.2%

Rank: 37

Child and teen deaths

19.1 per 100,000

Rank: 26

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 74

Child Poverty

30.1%

Rank: 84

Median Household Income

\$38,426

Rank: 76

Fair Market Rent

\$789

Rank: 19

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 78

School suspension rate

9.2%

Rank: 92

Teen pregnancy

12 per 1,000

Rank: 44

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

3.1 per 1,000

Rank: 6

### EDUCATION

Rank: 93

22.7%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 88

24.2%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 83

84.0%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 93



# Hardeman County

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Demographics 	Hardeman County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	25,449	NA	6,715,862	0.4%	57
Population under 18 years of age	4,917	19.3%	22.4%	86.4%	79
Economic Well-Being 	Hardeman County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	60	16.7%	12.0%	139.2%	63
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$28,730	NA	\$45,517	63.1%	88
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	187	3.8%	3.2%	119.4%	62
Children receiving SNAP	2,378	48.4%	31.8%	152.2%	86
Children under five receiving WIC	707	52.8%	29.6%	178.5%	80
Education 	Hardeman County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	433	12.4%	11.9%	104.2%	39
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	20	24.72	23.4	105.5%	46
Cohort high school dropouts	15	5.8%	5.5%	105.5%	77
Event high school dropouts	18	1.4%	2.6%	53.8%	54
Economically disadvantaged students	1,418	40.2%	34.7%	115.9%	69
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	473	13.4%	13.6%	98.5%	50
Health 	Hardeman County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	2	7.91	13.5	58.5%	34
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	46	18.2%	12.7%	143.3%	31
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,711	63.7%	48.4%	131.8%	85
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	6,990	27.5%	21.8%	126.1%	77
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	182	71.9%	52.3%	137.6%	81
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	157	4.3%	5.5%	78.2%	14
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	5	19.80	7.4	267.6%	91
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	3	11.90	4.6	258.7%	88
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	26.20	22.4	117.0%	63
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	162	64.0%	57.4%	111.5%	32
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	373	23.3%	17.7%	131.8%	15
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	46.0%	39.2%	117.3%	76
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	18	21.7	17.3	125.3%	68
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	13	51.1	239.2	21.4%	48
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	7	27.5	49.0	56.1%	44
Family & Community 	Hardeman County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	184	3.7%	4.9%	77.1%	8
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	18	3.3	3.9	84.0%	25
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	25	4.5	5.1	89.3%	29
Juvenile court referrals	613	12.5%	4.3%	292.5%	89
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	331	13.0	8.2	158.5%	3
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	65	2.6	3.6	72.2%	13
Births to unmarried females	149	58.9%	43.6%	135.1%	90
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	662	NA	307,218	0.2%	54

## Hardeman County

At 86<sup>th</sup>, Hardeman County is near the bottom of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest rankings include low housing costs and a low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect. The county's biggest challenges are in the Education domain, including low rates of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students rated as proficient on TNReady tests in both reading and math and a low high school graduation rate.

Additional strengths include a below-average rate of children without health insurance and of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a high percentage of students suspended from school and the fact that nearly a third of the county's children 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.

- Increased access to pre-K can help both math and reading proficiency in later grades. Early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed can improve reading proficiency, while increasing STEM opportunities in elementary and middle schools can help improve 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade math proficiency.
- 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.
- 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.