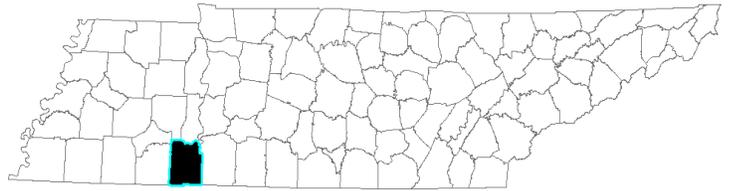
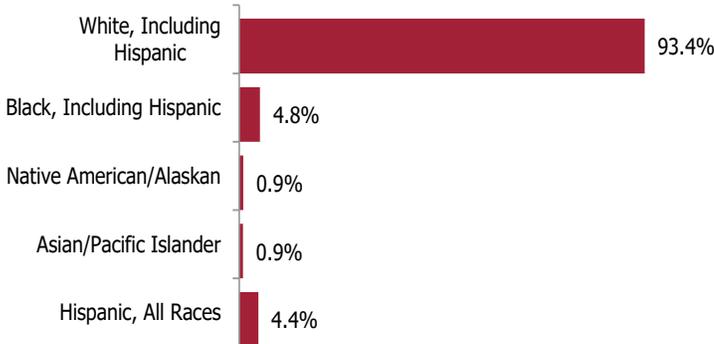


Hardin

TCCY Index Rank 66



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

7.8%

Rank: 26

Rank: 59

Children without health insurance

4.9%

Rank: 72

Child and teen deaths

36 per 100,000

Rank: 56

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 77



Child Poverty

28.4%

Rank: 73

Median Household Income

\$39,318

Rank: 72

Fair Market Rent

\$858

Rank: 49



FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 29

School suspension rate

2.0%

Rank: 36

Teen pregnancy

7.4 per 1,000

Rank: 18

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

7.4 per 1,000

Rank: 68

EDUCATION

Rank: 79



28.8%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 63

23.4%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 86

91.3%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 71

Hardin County

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Demographics 	Hardin County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	25,846	NA	6,715,862	0.4%	56
Population under 18 years of age	5,269	20.4%	22.4%	91.2%	64
Economic Well-Being 	Hardin County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	70	20.6%	12.0%	171.7%	81
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$38,149	NA	\$45,517	83.8%	37
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	262	5.0%	3.2%	156.1%	87
Children receiving SNAP	2,295	43.6%	31.8%	137.0%	78
Children under five receiving WIC	712	50.5%	29.6%	170.6%	77
Education 	Hardin County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	477	13.9%	11.9%	116.8%	68
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	34	40.43	23.4	172.6%	86
Cohort high school dropouts	13	5.2%	5.5%	94.5%	69
Event high school dropouts	14	1.2%	2.6%	46.2%	45
Economically disadvantaged students	1,558	45.0%	34.7%	129.7%	81
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	541	15.8%	13.6%	116.2%	71
Health 	Hardin County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	3	12.24	13.5	90.6%	48
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	67	27.3%	12.7%	215.0%	84
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,776	61.9%	48.4%	128.0%	81
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,341	28.4%	21.8%	130.3%	84
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	175	71.4%	52.3%	136.6%	78
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	178	5.2%	5.5%	94.5%	56
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	4.10	7.4	55.4%	26
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	4.6	0.0%	1
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	24.30	22.4	108.5%	58
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	69.50	52.5	132.4%	72
Adequate prenatal care	185	75.5%	57.4%	131.5%	2
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	262	15.4%	17.7%	87.4%	60
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	48.7%	39.2%	124.2%	88
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	15	17.1	17.3	98.8%	62
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	14	54.2	239.2	22.6%	46
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	6	23.2	49.0	47.4%	51
Family & Community 	Hardin County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	346	6.6%	4.9%	135.3%	71
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	29	5.0	3.9	127.6%	54
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	46	7.9	5.1	155.0%	71
Juvenile court referrals	216	4.1%	4.3%	96.2%	40
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	144	5.6	8.2	68.3%	78
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	84	3.3	3.6	91.7%	26
Births to unmarried females	96	39.2%	43.6%	89.9%	24
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	544	NA	307,218	0.2%	66

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At 66th, Hardin County is in the bottom third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest rankings include a relatively low rate of babies born at a low birthweight and of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17. The county's biggest challenges are a low median household income and low rates of 3rd to 8th grade students rated as proficient on TNReady tests in math. In addition, over a fourth of the county's children live in poverty.

Additional strengths include a below average rate students suspended from school and low housing costs.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a low high school graduation rate and an above average rate of children without health insurance.

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 and STEM opportunities in elementary and middle schools can help improve 3rd to 8th grade math proficiency.
- 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.
- 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, Hardin County has over 175 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.