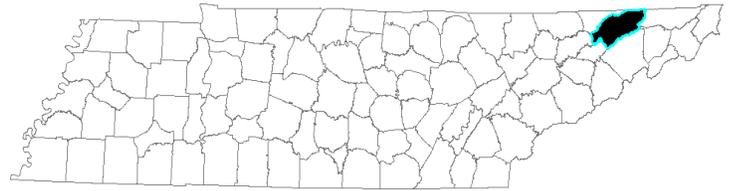
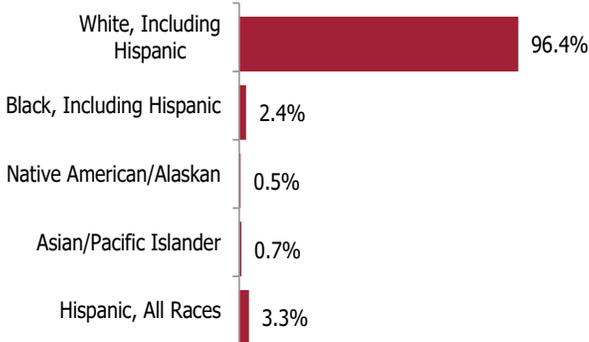


# Hawkins



## TCCY Index Rank 35

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: **8.6%** (Rank: 41)
- Children without health insurance: **4.1%** (Rank: 26)
- Child and teen deaths: **33.3** per 100,000 (Rank: 51)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 52

- Child Poverty: **26.0%** (Rank: 63)
- Median Household Income: **\$41,397** (Rank: 57)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$836** (Rank: 35)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 70

- School suspension rate: **5.5%** (Rank: 84)
- Teen pregnancy: **15.1** per 1,000 (Rank: 66)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **3.9** per 1,000 (Rank: 13)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 27

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **32.9%** (Rank: 40)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **35.1%** (Rank: 46)
- High school graduation rate: **96.7%** (Rank: 14)

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Demographics 	Hawkins County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	56,463	NA	6,715,862	0.8%	25
Population under 18 years of age	11,295	20.0%	22.4%	89.5%	72
Economic Well-Being 	Hawkins County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	120	11.2%	12.0%	93.3%	37
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$33,439	NA	\$45,517	73.5%	63
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	460	4.1%	3.2%	127.6%	68
Children receiving SNAP	4,555	40.3%	31.8%	126.9%	67
Children under five receiving WIC	1,225	43.5%	29.6%	147.0%	64
Education 	Hawkins County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,017	13.8%	11.9%	116.0%	67
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	50	29.74	23.4	127.0%	68
Cohort high school dropouts	7	1.1%	5.5%	20.0%	12
Event high school dropouts	13	0.5%	2.6%	19.2%	9
Economically disadvantaged students	3,053	41.2%	34.7%	118.7%	73
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,015	15.7%	13.6%	115.4%	69
Health 	Hawkins County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	29	54.41	13.5	402.6%	89
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	152	28.5%	12.7%	224.4%	87
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	7,287	55.3%	48.4%	114.3%	51
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	13,625	24.1%	21.8%	110.7%	45
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	382	71.7%	52.3%	137.1%	79
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	341	4.6%	5.5%	83.6%	25
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	8	15.00	7.4	202.7%	87
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	3	5.60	4.6	121.7%	66
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	22.90	22.4	102.2%	52
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	2	61.10	52.5	116.4%	65
Adequate prenatal care	306	57.4%	57.4%	100.0%	62
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	632	18.6%	17.7%	105.4%	42
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	44.9%	39.2%	114.5%	69
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	10	5.0	17.3	28.9%	11
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	15	26.6	239.2	11.1%	83
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	9	15.9	49.0	32.5%	73
Family & Community 	Hawkins County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	710	6.3%	4.9%	129.5%	68
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	53	4.2	3.9	108.2%	35
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	60	4.8	5.1	93.8%	34
Juvenile court referrals	726	6.4%	4.3%	150.8%	67
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	329	5.8	8.2	70.7%	72
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	232	4.1	3.6	113.9%	66
Births to unmarried females	242	45.4%	43.6%	104.1%	64
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	644	NA	307,218	0.2%	56

## Hawkins County

At 35<sup>th</sup>, Hawkins County is just outside the top third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include a low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and a strong high school graduation rate. The county's biggest challenges are an above average rate of school suspension and of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

Additional strengths include a low rate of children who lack health insurance and low housing costs.

Additional opportunities for improvement a low median household income and the fact that over a fourth 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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, especially with low incomes, 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.