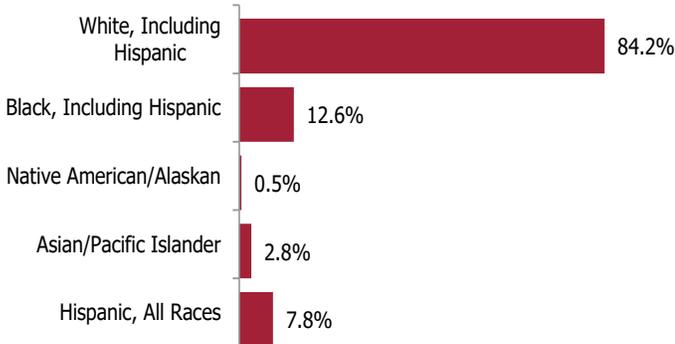


TCCY Index Rank 20

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: **8.0%** (Rank: 30)
- Children without health insurance: **3.5%** (Rank: 4)
- Child and teen deaths: **30.1** per 100,000 (Rank: 42)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 14

- Child Poverty: **17.1%** (Rank: 11)
- Median Household Income: **\$55,299** (Rank: 14)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$1,057** (Rank: 74)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 60

- School suspension rate: **6.3%** (Rank: 88)
- Teen pregnancy: **7.9** per 1,000 (Rank: 19)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **4.7** per 1,000 (Rank: 29)

EDUCATION

Rank: 37

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **38.3%** (Rank: 12)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **39.8%** (Rank: 25)
- High school graduation rate: **89.8%** (Rank: 82)

Knox County

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Demographics 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	461,860	NA	6,715,862	6.9%	3
Population under 18 years of age	98,606	21.3%	22.4%	95.5%	43
Economic Well-Being 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	920	9.3%	12.0%	77.5%	27
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$48,160	NA	\$45,517	105.8%	5
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	3,287	3.3%	3.2%	104.5%	56
Children receiving SNAP	24,161	24.5%	31.8%	77.1%	8
Children under five receiving WIC	5,771	21.6%	29.6%	73.1%	8
Education 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	7,199	12.3%	11.9%	103.4%	32
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	411	25.63	23.4	109.4%	50
Cohort high school dropouts	224	5.2%	5.5%	94.5%	69
Event high school dropouts	376	1.9%	2.6%	73.1%	69
Economically disadvantaged students	16,642	28.3%	34.7%	81.6%	13
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	8,767	14.9%	13.6%	109.6%	64
Health 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	113	21.70	13.5	160.6%	63
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	473	9.1%	12.7%	71.7%	6
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	44,744	37.4%	48.4%	77.4%	7
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	78,560	17.0%	21.8%	78.1%	6
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	2,264	43.5%	52.3%	83.2%	7
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	2,347	5.1%	5.5%	92.7%	48
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	30	5.80	7.4	78.4%	41
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	22	4.20	4.6	91.3%	54
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	15	19.80	22.4	88.4%	45
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	12	39.20	52.5	74.7%	50
Adequate prenatal care	3,254	62.5%	57.4%	108.9%	39
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	6,721	21.0%	17.7%	119.0%	27
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	30.3%	39.2%	77.3%	3
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	326	18.7	17.3	107.6%	66
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	1,361	294.7	239.2	123.2%	4
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	239	51.7	49.0	105.6%	9
Family & Community 	Knox County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	4,437	4.5%	4.9%	92.7%	16
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	598	5.4	3.9	137.3%	61
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	792	7.1	5.1	139.2%	58
Juvenile court referrals	3,824	3.9%	4.3%	91.0%	37
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	3,076	6.7	8.2	81.7%	42
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	1,785	3.9	3.6	108.3%	53
Births to unmarried females	1,850	35.5%	43.6%	81.4%	9
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	21,601	NA	307,218	7.0%	3

Knox County

At 20th, Knox County is in the top fourth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include a low rate of children who lack health insurance and high rates of 3rd to 8th grade students deemed proficient on TNReady tests of reading and math. Knox County also has a relatively low rate of child poverty (17.1 percent is still too high, but better than most Tennessee counties). The county's biggest challenges are a high rate of suspensions in school and high housing costs.

Additional strengths include high median household income and a relatively low rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

An additional opportunity for improvement is 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.

- 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.
- Pro-active housing policy that helps ensure affordable housing is available for people to live where they work can improve negative outcomes related to high housing costs.
- 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.