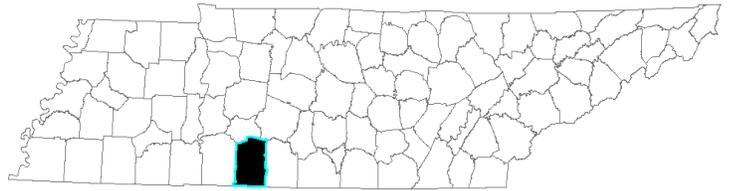
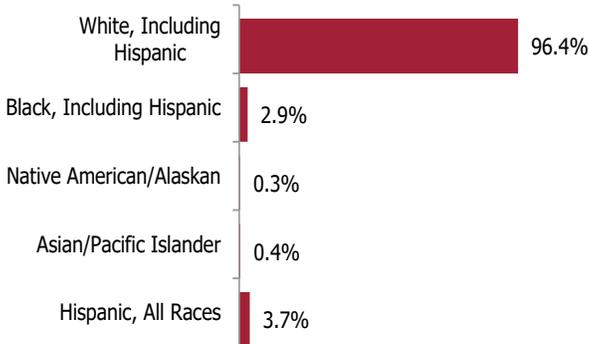


Lawrence

TCCY Index Rank 25



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

8.9%

Rank: 69

Rank: 45

Children without health insurance

4.8%

Rank: 68

Child and teen deaths

44.4 per 100,000

Rank: 68

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 17

Child Poverty

21.9%

Rank: 33

Median Household Income

\$41,505

Rank: 55

Fair Market Rent

\$773

Rank: 13

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 18

School suspension rate

1.9%

Rank: 32

Teen pregnancy

10.8 per 1,000

Rank: 38

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.8 per 1,000

Rank: 31

EDUCATION

Rank: 21

35.2%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 25

36.0%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 44

96.4%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 16



Lawrence County

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Demographics 	Lawrence County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	43,399	NA	6,715,862	0.6%	35
Population under 18 years of age	10,738	24.7%	22.4%	110.7%	5
Economic Well-Being 	Lawrence County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	100	14.9%	12.0%	124.2%	53
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$33,845	NA	\$45,517	74.4%	59
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	270	2.5%	3.2%	78.8%	25
Children receiving SNAP	3,120	29.1%	31.8%	91.4%	18
Children under five receiving WIC	880	30.7%	29.6%	103.7%	27
Education 	Lawrence County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	765	11.5%	11.9%	96.6%	17
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	31	18.34	23.4	78.3%	24
Cohort high school dropouts	11	2.4%	5.5%	43.6%	31
Event high school dropouts	27	1.2%	2.6%	46.2%	45
Economically disadvantaged students	712	10.7%	34.7%	30.8%	3
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	554	8.3%	13.6%	61.0%	7
Health 	Lawrence County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	6	10.31	13.5	76.3%	43
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	104	17.9%	12.7%	140.9%	30
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	6,060	49.3%	48.4%	101.9%	27
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	10,877	25.1%	21.8%	115.0%	56
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	329	56.5%	52.3%	108.1%	21
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	361	5.1%	5.5%	92.7%	48
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	8	13.70	7.4	185.1%	82
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	8	13.70	4.6	297.8%	92
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	23.60	22.4	105.4%	56
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	2	71.30	52.5	135.8%	73
Adequate prenatal care	363	62.4%	57.4%	108.7%	40
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	416	12.0%	17.7%	68.0%	80
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	40.0%	39.2%	102.0%	33
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	18	10.4	17.3	59.9%	43
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	29	66.8	239.2	27.9%	32
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	8	18.4	49.0	37.6%	64
Family & Community 	Lawrence County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	501	4.7%	4.9%	96.1%	20
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	106	9.0	3.9	230.3%	86
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	130	11.0	5.1	216.3%	83
Juvenile court referrals	815	7.6%	4.3%	178.1%	76
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	315	7.3	8.2	89.0%	32
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	191	4.4	3.6	122.2%	80
Births to unmarried females	200	34.4%	43.6%	78.9%	6
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	1,299	NA	307,218	0.4%	39

Lawrence County

At 25th, Lawrence County is just outside the top fourth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include low housing costs and a strong high school graduation rate. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are a high rate children who lack health insurance and of child and teen deaths.

Additional strengths include a relatively high rate of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading tests and a relatively low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

An additional challenge is below average median household income.

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

- 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, Lawrence County has almost 350 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- Child and teen deaths can be reduced with consistent enforcement of safety measures like proper car seat and seat belt use, bicycle helmet use and life preserver use around water. The fastest-growing cause of child and teen deaths in recent years has been homicide and suicide, often involving a firearm. Families who own firearms can reduce the risk to children and teens by following safe storage practices.
- With a low median household income, improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services can help ensure basic needs are met. Additionally, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to food security. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.