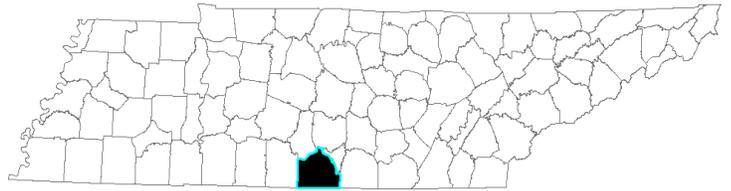
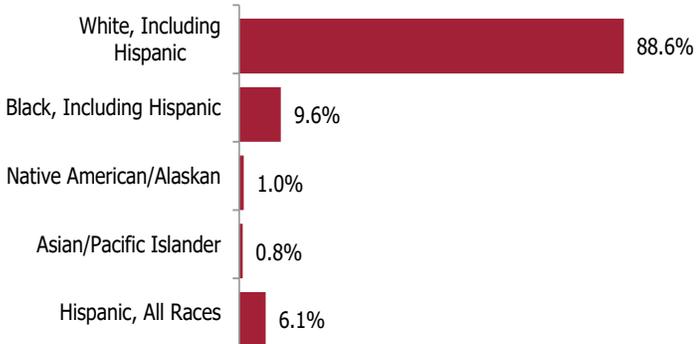


# Lincoln

## TCCY Index Rank 17



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.1%

Rank: 49

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Children without health insurance

4.5%

Rank: 56

Child and teen deaths

25.6 per 100,000

Rank: 33

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 7

Child Poverty

19.3%

Rank: 19

Median Household Income

\$49,295

Rank: 24

Fair Market Rent

\$839

Rank: 38

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 23

School suspension rate

2.5%

Rank: 48

Teen pregnancy

8.7 per 1,000

Rank: 22

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

5.8 per 1,000

Rank: 44

### EDUCATION

Rank: 20

35.7%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 21

38.4%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 34

95.7%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 19



# Lincoln County

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Demographics 	Lincoln County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	33,747	NA	6,715,862	0.5%	43
Population under 18 years of age	7,407	21.9%	22.4%	98.2%	31
Economic Well-Being 	Lincoln County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	70	14.3%	12.0%	119.2%	51
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$40,431	NA	\$45,517	88.8%	21
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	207	2.8%	3.2%	87.7%	36
Children receiving SNAP	2,327	31.4%	31.8%	98.9%	27
Children under five receiving WIC	541	29.6%	29.6%	100.1%	23
Education 	Lincoln County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	620	12.1%	11.9%	101.7%	25
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	11	10.30	23.4	44.0%	4
Cohort high school dropouts	17	4.4%	5.5%	80.5%	62
Event high school dropouts	21	1.2%	2.6%	47.4%	49
Economically disadvantaged students	1,732	35.1%	34.7%	101.2%	41
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	675	14.8%	13.6%	108.8%	63
Health 	Lincoln County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	3	7.58	13.5	56.1%	31
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	83	21.0%	12.7%	165.4%	51
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	4,443	52.1%	48.4%	107.7%	37
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,741	22.9%	21.8%	105.3%	37
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	212	53.5%	52.3%	102.4%	17
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	222	4.9%	5.5%	89.1%	40
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	5.10	7.4	68.9%	38
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	2.50	4.6	54.3%	38
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	17.20	22.4	76.8%	40
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	50.00	52.5	95.2%	58
Adequate prenatal care	247	62.4%	57.4%	108.7%	40
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	445	20.1%	17.7%	113.6%	32
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	39.3%	39.2%	100.3%	28
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	14	11.3	17.3	65.4%	51
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	22	65.2	239.2	27.3%	34
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	6	17.8	49.0	36.3%	67
Family & Community 	Lincoln County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	380	5.1%	4.9%	105.7%	32
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	32	3.9	3.9	100.5%	32
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	41	5.0	5.1	98.6%	37
Juvenile court referrals	415	5.6%	4.3%	131.5%	61
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	209	6.2	8.2	75.6%	56
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	143	4.2	3.6	116.7%	72
Births to unmarried females	172	43.4%	43.6%	99.5%	47
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	1,710	NA	307,218	0.6%	33

## Lincoln County

At 17<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln County ranks in the top fifth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include a relatively high rate of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading tests and a strong high school graduation rate. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include having relatively high rates of children who lack health insurance and of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

Additional strengths include below average rates of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and a relatively low rate of child poverty (19.3 percent is still too high, but better than most Tennessee counties).

Additional challenges include an above average percent of babies born at a low birthweight and a school suspension rate that is above the median for Tennessee counties.

*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, Lincoln County has over 220 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- Low birthweight is a persistent and difficult problem, but improvements can occur when care is made available for chronic physical and mental health and substance abuse conditions for women of childbearing age, as well as 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 for women in their childbearing years. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can help reach these vulnerable populations.
- 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.