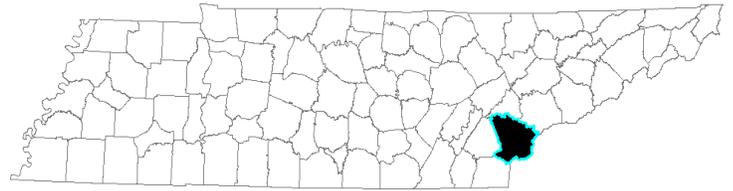
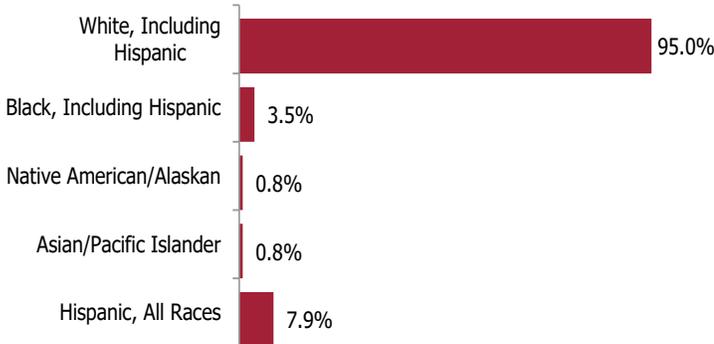


Monroe

TCCY Index Rank 73



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

8.4%

Rank: 37

Rank: 38

Children without health insurance

4.6%

Rank: 63

Child and teen deaths

19.2 per 100,000

Rank: 27

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 61



Child Poverty

26.6%

Rank: 67

Median Household Income

\$43,749

Rank: 45

Fair Market Rent

\$887

Rank: 60



FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 79

School suspension rate

3.2%

Rank: 58

Teen pregnancy

18.5 per 1,000

Rank: 81

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

7.2 per 1,000

Rank: 67

EDUCATION

Rank: 78



28.2%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 71

28.3%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 74

90.0%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 81

Monroe County

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Demographics 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	46,228	NA	6,715,862	0.7%	34
Population under 18 years of age	9,864	21.3%	22.4%	95.4%	44
Economic Well-Being 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	110	15.7%	12.0%	130.8%	59
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$32,283	NA	\$45,517	70.9%	74
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	280	2.8%	3.2%	89.0%	39
Children receiving SNAP	3,756	38.1%	31.8%	119.8%	55
Children under five receiving WIC	920	36.0%	29.6%	121.6%	39
Education 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	990	14.6%	11.9%	122.7%	76
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	31	20.08	23.4	85.7%	26
Cohort high school dropouts	16	3.3%	5.5%	60.0%	47
Event high school dropouts	34	1.5%	2.6%	57.7%	59
Economically disadvantaged students	1,255	27.9%	34.7%	80.4%	12
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,011	17.2%	13.6%	126.5%	77
Health 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	7	14.31	13.5	105.9%	50
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	103	21.1%	12.7%	166.1%	52
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	6,405	55.7%	48.4%	115.3%	52
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	11,649	25.2%	21.8%	115.6%	59
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	332	67.9%	52.3%	129.9%	66
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	336	5.0%	5.5%	90.9%	44
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	4.10	7.4	55.4%	26
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	2.00	4.6	43.5%	32
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	13.10	22.4	58.5%	35
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	35.30	52.5	67.2%	44
Adequate prenatal care	330	67.5%	57.4%	117.6%	23
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	450	14.7%	17.7%	83.1%	68
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	47.5%	39.2%	121.2%	81
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	11	6.4	17.3	36.8%	18
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	20	43.3	239.2	18.1%	57
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	12	26.0	49.0	53.0%	46
Family & Community 	Monroe County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	598	6.1%	4.9%	124.9%	61
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	38	3.5	3.9	88.9%	29
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	55	5.0	5.1	98.5%	36
Juvenile court referrals	692	7.0%	4.3%	164.6%	72
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	362	7.8	8.2	95.1%	23
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	170	3.7	3.6	102.8%	42
Births to unmarried females	215	44.0%	43.6%	100.9%	52
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	1,200	NA	307,218	0.4%	41

Monroe County

At 73rd, Monroe County is in the bottom fourth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include below average rates of child and teen deaths and of babies born at a low birthweight. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are a low high school graduation rate and a high rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

Additional strengths include low housing costs and a below average rate of student suspensions from school.

Additional challenges include low rates of 3rd to 8th grade students rated as proficient on TNReady math and reading tests and the fact that over 1 in 4 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Increased access to pre-K can help both math and reading proficiency in later grades. Early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed can improve reading proficiency, while increasing 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.