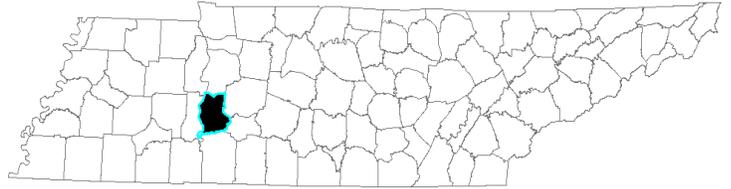
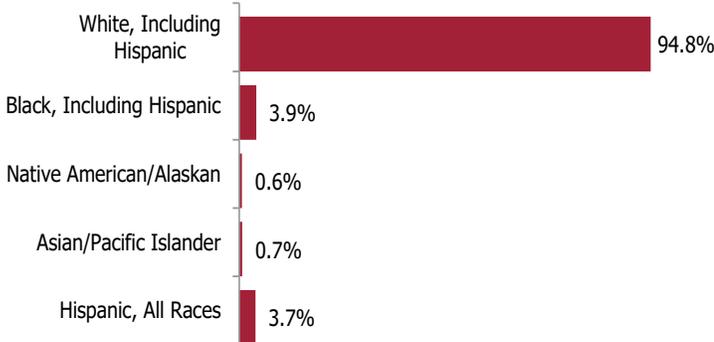


Perry

TCCY Index Rank 69



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

4.9%

Rank: 13

Rank: 4

Children without health insurance

5.3%

Rank: 85

Child and teen deaths

0 per 100,000

Rank: 1

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 66

Child Poverty

28.9%

Rank: 78

Median Household Income

\$37,135

Rank: 83

Fair Market Rent

\$761

Rank: 1

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 93

School suspension rate

2.4%

Rank: 46

Teen pregnancy

23.6 per 1,000

Rank: 90

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

11 per 1,000

Rank: 91

EDUCATION

Rank: 61

29.7%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 59

33.8%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 54

92.5%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 55



Perry County

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Demographics 	Perry County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	7,984	NA	6,715,862	0.1%	89
Population under 18 years of age	1,723	21.6%	22.4%	96.5%	37
Economic Well-Being 	Perry County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	30	21.4%	12.0%	178.3%	82
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$33,670	NA	\$45,517	74.0%	60
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	50	2.9%	3.2%	91.1%	40
Children receiving SNAP	664	38.6%	31.8%	121.3%	60
Children under five receiving WIC	165	32.6%	29.6%	110.1%	31
Education 	Perry County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	158	15.4%	11.9%	129.4%	83
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	5	16.13	23.4	68.8%	15
Cohort high school dropouts	2	2.2%	5.5%	40.0%	28
Event high school dropouts	5	1.4%	2.6%	53.8%	54
Economically disadvantaged students	390	37.5%	34.7%	108.1%	51
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	114	11.0%	13.6%	80.9%	34
Health 	Perry County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	1	9.71	13.5	71.8%	41
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	23	22.3%	12.7%	175.6%	61
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	1,166	58.2%	48.4%	120.3%	66
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	2,078	26.0%	21.8%	119.4%	64
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	65	63.1%	52.3%	120.7%	44
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	69	5.6%	5.5%	101.8%	73
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	9.70	7.4	131.1%	72
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	4.6	0.0%	1
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	0	0.00	22.4	0.0%	1
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	58	56.3%	57.4%	98.1%	69
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	92	15.3%	17.7%	86.4%	62
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	29.6%	39.2%	75.5%	2
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	<5	0.0	17.3	0.0%	1
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	3	37.6	239.2	15.7%	67
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	1	12.5	49.0	25.6%	81
Family & Community 	Perry County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	128	7.4%	4.9%	153.1%	87
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	13	6.8	3.9	174.7%	74
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	17	8.9	5.1	174.9%	76
Juvenile court referrals	0	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	1
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	66	8.3	8.2	101.2%	17
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	26	3.3	3.6	91.7%	26
Births to unmarried females	39	37.9%	43.6%	86.9%	19
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	192	NA	307,218	0.1%	88

Perry County

At 69th, Perry County is in the bottom third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include no child and teen deaths in 2017 and low housing costs. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement come from its high rates of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

Additional strengths include a low rate of babies born at a low birthweight and a below average rate of student suspensions from school.

Additional challenges include a low median household income, the fact that over 1 in 4 of the county's children live in poverty and a relatively high rate of children who lack health insurance.

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

- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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.
- With a low median household income and high rate of child poverty, 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.
- 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, Perry County has almost 70 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.