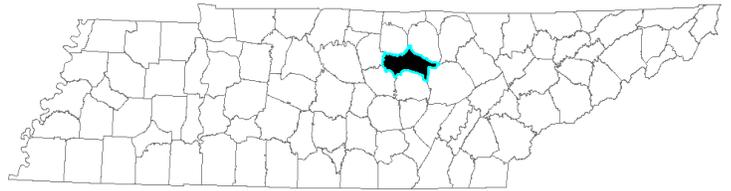
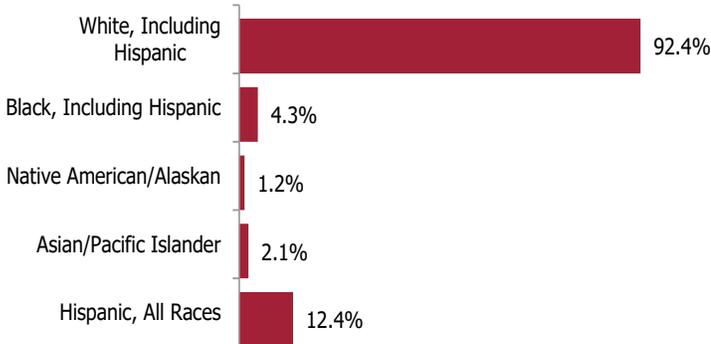


# Putnam

## TCCY Index Rank 34



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: 9.1% (Rank: 49)
- Children without health insurance: 4.5% (Rank: 56)
- Child and teen deaths: 27 per 100,000 (Rank: 36)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 41

- Child Poverty: 23.8% (Rank: 43)
- Median Household Income: \$42,437 (Rank: 51)
- Fair Market Rent: \$847 (Rank: 45)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 19

- School suspension rate: 2.6% (Rank: 51)
- Teen pregnancy: 10.6 per 1,000 (Rank: 36)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 4.2 per 1,000 (Rank: 19)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 53

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 32.1% (Rank: 44)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 39.8% (Rank: 25)
- High school graduation rate: 90.4% (Rank: 78)

# Putnam County

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Demographics 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	77,676	NA	6,715,862	1.2%	17
Population under 18 years of age	16,891	21.7%	22.4%	97.3%	34
Economic Well-Being 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	320	20.0%	12.0%	166.7%	77
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$38,688	NA	\$45,517	85.0%	33
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	506	3.0%	3.2%	93.8%	43
Children receiving SNAP	5,118	30.3%	31.8%	95.3%	22
Children under five receiving WIC	1,673	36.8%	29.6%	124.2%	40
Education 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,552	14.3%	11.9%	120.2%	72
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	93	33.62	23.4	143.5%	75
Cohort high school dropouts	41	4.7%	5.5%	85.5%	65
Event high school dropouts	64	1.6%	2.6%	61.5%	63
Economically disadvantaged students	3,745	34.3%	34.7%	98.8%	36
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,098	10.0%	13.6%	73.5%	25
Health 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	23	25.93	13.5	191.9%	70
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	166	18.7%	12.7%	147.2%	36
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	9,636	45.8%	48.4%	94.8%	16
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	17,561	22.6%	21.8%	103.8%	35
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	486	54.8%	52.3%	104.8%	19
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	592	5.8%	5.5%	105.5%	79
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	6	6.80	7.4	91.9%	51
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	4	4.50	4.6	97.8%	59
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	3	23.70	22.4	105.8%	57
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	611	68.9%	57.4%	120.0%	16
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	498	9.2%	17.7%	51.9%	93
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	37.8%	39.2%	96.4%	18
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	23	7.0	17.3	40.2%	21
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	162	208.6	239.2	87.2%	8
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	32	41.2	49.0	84.1%	16
Family & Community 	Putnam County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	1,030	6.1%	4.9%	125.6%	62
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	80	4.1	3.9	105.4%	33
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	122	6.3	5.1	123.1%	50
Juvenile court referrals	555	3.3%	4.3%	77.1%	27
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	449	5.8	8.2	70.7%	72
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	298	3.8	3.6	105.6%	47
Births to unmarried females	347	39.1%	43.6%	89.7%	23
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	4,319	NA	307,218	1.4%	15

## Putnam County

At 34<sup>th</sup>, Putnam County ranks just outside the top third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include a relatively low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and a comparatively high percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady math tests. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a low high school graduation rate and a relatively high rate of children who lack health insurance.

Additional strengths include below average rates of child and teen deaths and of students suspended from school.

Additional challenges include below average median household income and the fact that almost 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.
- 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, Putnam County has almost 600 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- With a low median household income and high rates 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.