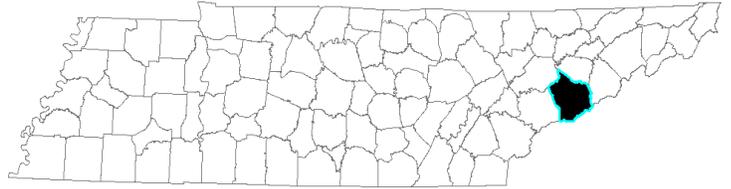
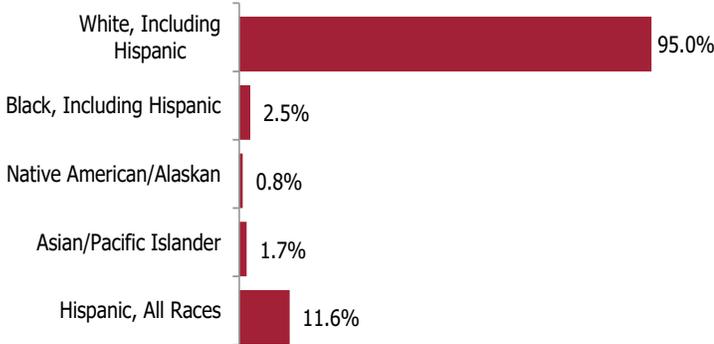


Sevier

TCCY Index Rank 56



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

7.9%

Rank: 74

Rank: 29

Children without health insurance

5.3%

Rank: 85

Child and teen deaths

47.3 per 100,000

Rank: 73

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 25



Child Poverty

19.6%

Rank: 20

Median Household Income

\$48,482

Rank: 27

Fair Market Rent

\$988

Rank: 72



FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 26

School suspension rate

1.2%

Rank: 25

Teen pregnancy

12.1 per 1,000

Rank: 45

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

5.9 per 1,000

Rank: 48

EDUCATION

Rank: 71



29.8%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 58

33.4%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 57

90.3%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 79

Sevier County

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Demographics 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	97,629	NA	6,715,862	1.5%	15
Population under 18 years of age	20,011	20.5%	22.4%	91.7%	62
Economic Well-Being 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	160	6.3%	12.0%	52.5%	8
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$38,114	NA	\$45,517	83.7%	38
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	371	1.9%	3.2%	58.1%	11
Children receiving SNAP	5,389	26.9%	31.8%	84.7%	13
Children under five receiving WIC	1,621	30.2%	29.6%	102.2%	25
Education 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,717	11.9%	11.9%	100.0%	20
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	73	22.86	23.4	97.6%	41
Cohort high school dropouts	77	7.1%	5.5%	129.1%	82
Event high school dropouts	152	2.9%	2.6%	111.5%	90
Economically disadvantaged students	4,529	31.2%	34.7%	89.9%	23
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	2,956	20.6%	13.6%	151.5%	87
Health 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	17	16.05	13.5	118.8%	53
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	156	14.7%	12.7%	115.7%	18
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	12,832	55.1%	48.4%	113.9%	49
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	21,173	21.7%	21.8%	99.5%	27
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	608	57.4%	52.3%	109.8%	24
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	802	5.8%	5.5%	105.5%	79
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	4	3.80	7.4	51.4%	24
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	3	2.80	4.6	60.9%	41
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	3	19.10	22.4	85.3%	42
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	7	128.60	52.5	245.0%	89
Adequate prenatal care	568	53.6%	57.4%	93.4%	76
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	1,277	19.8%	17.7%	112.0%	33
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	34.3%	39.2%	87.5%	5
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	36	11.0	17.3	63.5%	47
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	65	66.6	239.2	27.8%	33
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	32	32.8	49.0	66.9%	32
Family & Community 	Sevier County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	992	5.0%	4.9%	102.1%	26
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	98	4.4	3.9	113.4%	40
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	162	7.3	5.1	143.5%	63
Juvenile court referrals	1,542	7.7%	4.3%	180.8%	78
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	9,635	98.7	8.2	1203.7%	1
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	528	5.4	3.6	150.0%	90
Births to unmarried females	479	45.2%	43.6%	103.7%	62
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,838	NA	307,218	0.9%	20

Sevier County

At 56th, Sevier County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include a low rate of students suspended from school and a below average rate of babies born at a low birthweight. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a low high school graduation rate and a high child and teen death rate.

Additional strengths include a median household income in the top third among counties and a below average rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

Additional challenges include high housing costs and a relatively high percentage 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Pro-active housing policy that helps ensure affordable housing is available for people to live where they work can improve negative outcomes related to high housing costs.
- 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, Sevier County has over 800 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.