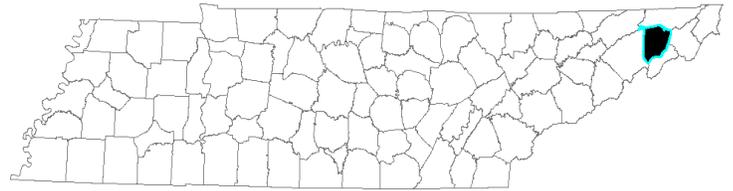
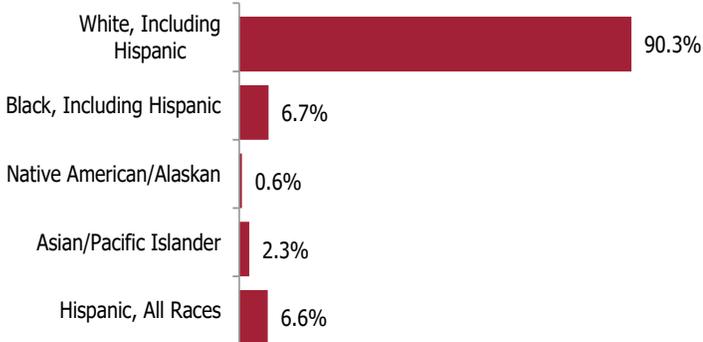


# Washington



## TCCY Index Rank 5

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

7.4%

Rank: 24

Rank: 19

Children without health insurance

4.1%

Rank: 26

Child and teen deaths

44.1 per 100,000

Rank: 67

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 15



Child Poverty

18.6%

Rank: 16

Median Household Income

\$43,194

Rank: 47

Fair Market Rent

\$846

Rank: 41



### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 25

School suspension rate

2.3%

Rank: 43

Teen pregnancy

8.1 per 1,000

Rank: 20

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

6.3 per 1,000

Rank: 56

### EDUCATION

Rank: 4



45.5%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 2

52.2%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 3

93.2%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 45

# Washington County

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Demographics 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	127,800	NA	6,715,862	1.9%	12
Population under 18 years of age	24,947	19.5%	22.4%	87.3%	75
Economic Well-Being 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	310	11.5%	12.0%	95.8%	38
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$42,002	NA	\$45,517	92.3%	11
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	656	2.6%	3.2%	82.4%	28
Children receiving SNAP	7,532	30.2%	31.8%	95.0%	21
Children under five receiving WIC	1,816	27.8%	29.6%	93.8%	18
Education 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,987	12.4%	11.9%	104.2%	39
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	164	41.84	23.4	178.6%	87
Cohort high school dropouts	61	4.6%	5.5%	83.5%	64
Event high school dropouts	120	2.1%	2.6%	82.2%	77
Economically disadvantaged students	4,909	30.6%	34.7%	88.2%	21
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	15	2.0	2.0	100.0%	86
Chronic absenteeism	2,230	15.7%	13.6%	115.4%	69
Health 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	58	46.93	13.5	347.2%	85
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	193	15.6%	12.7%	122.8%	22
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	13,369	43.6%	48.4%	90.1%	11
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	24,723	19.3%	21.8%	88.8%	14
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	641	51.9%	52.3%	99.2%	14
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	743	5.7%	5.5%	103.6%	78
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	17	13.80	7.4	186.5%	84
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	10	8.10	4.6	176.1%	80
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	6	31.60	22.4	141.1%	70
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	3	36.40	52.5	69.3%	47
Adequate prenatal care	367	29.7%	57.4%	51.7%	95
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	1,954	24.9%	17.7%	140.8%	9
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	35.3%	39.2%	90.1%	8
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	24	5.2	17.3	29.8%	12
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	461	360.7	239.2	150.8%	2
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	59	46.2	49.0	94.2%	12
Family & Community 	Washington County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	1,502	6.0%	4.9%	124.1%	59
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	139	4.9	3.9	125.0%	51
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	191	6.7	5.1	131.5%	53
Juvenile court referrals	2,210	8.9%	4.3%	207.8%	82
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	930	7.3	8.2	89.0%	32
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	530	4.1	3.6	113.9%	66
Births to unmarried females	461	37.3%	43.6%	85.6%	16
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	5,408	NA	307,218	1.8%	12

## Washington County

At 5<sup>th</sup>, Washington County ranks among the top Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include high percentages of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and a low rate of children without health insurance. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high school graduation rate that does not match its strong test scores and an above average rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

Additional strengths include below average rates of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and of babies born at a low birthweight as well as a relatively low rate of child poverty. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Washington County's 18.6 percent child poverty rate is better than most counties in Tennessee.

An additional challenge is an above average rate of child and teen deaths.

*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.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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.