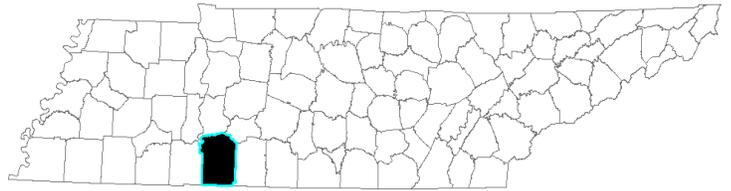
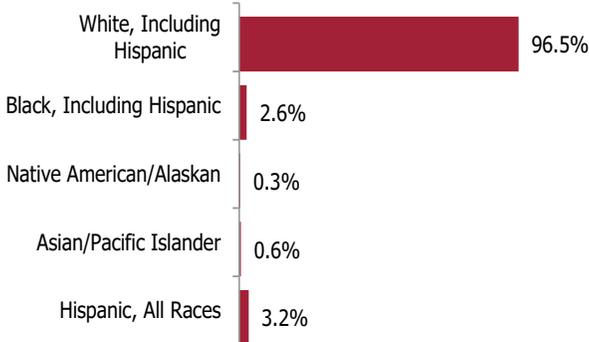


Wayne

TCCY Index Rank 74



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

11.0%

Rank: 82 Rank: 83

Children without health insurance

5.0%

Rank: 75

Child and teen deaths

32.7 per 100,000

Rank: 49

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 64

Child Poverty

27.9%

Rank: 71

Median Household Income

\$36,612

Rank: 85

Fair Market Rent

\$761

Rank: 1

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 61

School suspension rate

0.4%

Rank: 14

Teen pregnancy

16.3 per 1,000

Rank: 70

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

8.1 per 1,000

Rank: 82

EDUCATION

Rank: 67

25.9%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 80

24.7%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 82

96.6%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 15



Wayne County

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Demographics 	Wayne County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	16,563	NA	6,715,862	0.2%	75
Population under 18 years of age	2,830	17.1%	22.4%	76.4%	92
Economic Well-Being 	Wayne County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	50	27.8%	12.0%	231.7%	91
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$27,306	NA	\$45,517	60.0%	92
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	49	1.7%	3.2%	54.2%	6
Children receiving SNAP	989	35.0%	31.8%	110.0%	41
Children under five receiving WIC	294	42.1%	29.6%	142.3%	60
Education 	Wayne County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	391	17.9%	11.9%	150.4%	92
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	4	9.69	23.4	41.3%	2
Cohort high school dropouts	1	0.6%	5.5%	10.9%	4
Event high school dropouts	4	0.5%	2.6%	19.2%	9
Economically disadvantaged students	756	34.6%	34.7%	99.7%	38
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	370	17.3%	13.6%	127.2%	78
Health 	Wayne County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	13.5	0.0%	1
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	27	18.5%	12.7%	145.7%	34
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	1,805	53.3%	48.4%	110.2%	44
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	3,353	20.2%	21.8%	92.9%	16
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	77	52.7%	52.3%	100.9%	16
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	107	5.6%	5.5%	101.8%	73
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	13.70	7.4	185.1%	82
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	6.80	4.6	147.8%	75
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	46.30	22.4	206.7%	81
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	102	69.9%	57.4%	121.8%	12
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	197	23.4%	17.7%	132.3%	14
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	44.8%	39.2%	114.3%	66
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	7	13.2	17.3	76.1%	55
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	10	60.4	239.2	25.2%	40
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	3	18.1	49.0	37.0%	65
Family & Community 	Wayne County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	163	5.8%	4.9%	118.7%	55
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	29	9.1	3.9	232.7%	87
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	45	14.1	5.1	276.4%	90
Juvenile court referrals	438	15.5%	4.3%	363.1%	94
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	97	5.9	8.2	72.0%	69
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	63	3.8	3.6	105.6%	47
Births to unmarried females	54	37.0%	43.6%	84.9%	15
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	644	NA	307,218	0.2%	56

Wayne County

At 74th, Wayne County ranks in the bottom third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include the lowest housing costs in the state and a low rate of student suspensions from school. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high rate of babies born at a low birthweight and below average percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests.

Additional strengths include a strong high school graduation rate and a below average rate of child and teen deaths.

Additional challenges include a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect, a low median household income and the fact that more than 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.

- Low birthweight is a persistent and difficult problem, but improvements can occur when care is made available for chronic physical and mental health and substance abuse conditions for women of childbearing age.
- 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.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- With a low median household income, 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.