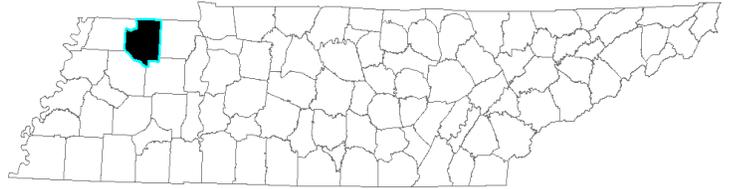
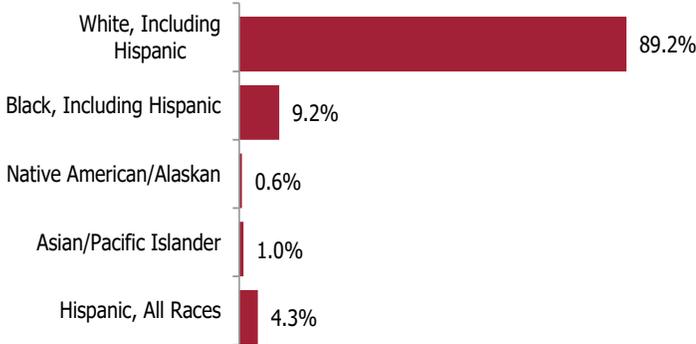


Weakley

TCCY Index Rank 24



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

7.0%

Rank: 27

Rank: 14

Children without health insurance

4.1%

Rank: 26

Child and teen deaths

53 per 100,000

Rank: 79

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 60

Child Poverty

27.4%

Rank: 69

Median Household Income

\$39,424

Rank: 70

Fair Market Rent

\$799

Rank: 22

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 20

School suspension rate

5.1%

Rank: 81

Teen pregnancy

4.1 per 1,000

Rank: 9

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.2 per 1,000

Rank: 18

EDUCATION

Rank: 30

35.6%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 23

39.1%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 28

93.1%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 48



Weakley County

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Demographics 	Weakley County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	33,336	NA	6,715,862	0.5%	44
Population under 18 years of age	6,722	20.2%	22.4%	90.2%	69
Economic Well-Being 	Weakley County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	140	21.5%	12.0%	179.2%	83
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$36,265	NA	\$45,517	79.7%	48
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	279	4.1%	3.2%	130.0%	74
Children receiving SNAP	2,542	37.8%	31.8%	119.0%	53
Children under five receiving WIC	640	37.2%	29.6%	125.8%	45
Education 	Weakley County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	507	12.3%	11.9%	103.4%	32
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	28	27.56	23.4	117.6%	58
Cohort high school dropouts	15	4.2%	5.5%	76.4%	58
Event high school dropouts	15	1.0%	2.6%	38.5%	35
Economically disadvantaged students	1,592	38.3%	34.7%	110.4%	56
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	493	11.9%	13.6%	87.5%	38
Health 	Weakley 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	50	15.9%	12.7%	125.2%	23
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,950	45.9%	48.4%	95.0%	17
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,218	21.7%	21.8%	99.4%	26
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	182	58.0%	52.3%	110.9%	25
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	208	5.1%	5.5%	92.7%	48
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	4	12.70	7.4	171.6%	79
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	3	9.60	4.6	208.7%	85
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	3	60.00	22.4	267.9%	84
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	39.30	52.5	74.9%	51
Adequate prenatal care	228	72.6%	57.4%	126.5%	7
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	436	21.0%	17.7%	118.9%	28
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	44.6%	39.2%	113.8%	64
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	12	8.6	17.3	49.7%	35
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	20	60.0	239.2	25.1%	41
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	7	21.0	49.0	42.9%	57
Family & Community 	Weakley County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	309	4.6%	4.9%	94.7%	18
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	21	2.7	3.9	68.4%	17
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	18	2.3	5.1	44.9%	8
Juvenile court referrals	295	4.4%	4.3%	103.0%	47
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	160	4.8	8.2	58.5%	92
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	102	3.1	3.6	86.1%	20
Births to unmarried females	118	37.6%	43.6%	86.2%	18
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	1,087	NA	307,218	0.4%	45

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At 24th, Weakley County is just at the top fourth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include low rates of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and of babies born at a low birthweight. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are high rates of child and teen deaths and of students suspended from schools.

Additional strengths are a low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and above average rates of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady tests of math and reading.

An additional challenge is 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.

- 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.
- Suspension rates can be reduced through clear definitions of what constitutes suspendable behavior and a focus on restorative discipline practices that aim to improve behavior while keeping children in school.
- 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.