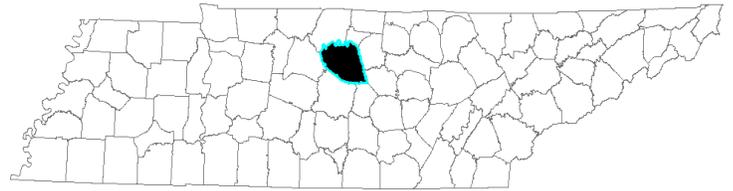
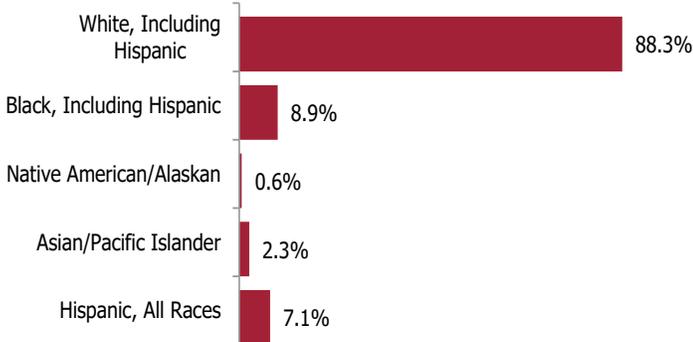


Wilson



TCCY Index Rank 3

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

7.7%

Rank: 21

Rank: 23

Children without health insurance

4.2%

Rank: 37

Child and teen deaths

26.4 per 100,000

Rank: 35

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 4

Child Poverty

10.9%

Rank: 2

Median Household Income

\$70,674

Rank: 2

Fair Market Rent

\$1,274

Rank: 86

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 10

School suspension rate

4.4%

Rank: 76

Teen pregnancy

4.2 per 1,000

Rank: 10

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

3.4 per 1,000

Rank: 8

EDUCATION

Rank: 3

42.2%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 5

51.1%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 5

95.6%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 20



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Demographics 	Wilson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	136,436	NA	6,715,862	2.0%	10
Population under 18 years of age	32,216	23.6%	22.4%	105.6%	14
Economic Well-Being 	Wilson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	210	7.0%	12.0%	58.3%	11
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$47,335	NA	\$45,517	104.0%	7
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	466	1.4%	3.2%	45.3%	3
Children receiving SNAP	5,174	16.1%	31.8%	50.5%	2
Children under five receiving WIC	1,032	12.6%	29.6%	42.4%	2
Education 	Wilson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	2,572	12.2%	11.9%	102.5%	27
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	63	13.06	23.4	55.8%	8
Cohort high school dropouts	40	2.5%	5.5%	45.5%	33
Event high school dropouts	68	0.9%	2.6%	34.6%	27
Economically disadvantaged students	3,635	20.9%	34.7%	60.2%	4
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	2,355	12.4%	13.6%	91.2%	42
Health 	Wilson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	6	3.83	13.5	28.3%	22
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	176	11.2%	12.7%	88.2%	9
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	11,891	32.0%	48.4%	66.2%	2
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	19,641	14.4%	21.8%	66.1%	3
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	582	37.1%	52.3%	71.0%	2
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	895	6.9%	5.5%	125.5%	92
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	14	8.90	7.4	120.3%	66
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	10	6.40	4.6	139.1%	72
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	3	11.90	22.4	53.1%	34
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	5	56.30	52.5	107.2%	62
Adequate prenatal care	1,083	69.1%	57.4%	120.4%	15
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	1,896	19.0%	17.7%	107.8%	36
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	37.3%	39.2%	95.2%	12
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	46	8.4	17.3	48.4%	34
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	97	71.1	239.2	29.7%	29
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	50	36.6	49.0	74.8%	26
Family & Community 	Wilson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	1,088	3.4%	4.9%	69.6%	5
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	189	5.3	3.9	136.2%	59
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	187	5.3	5.1	103.2%	41
Juvenile court referrals	674	2.1%	4.3%	49.1%	12
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	902	6.6	8.2	80.5%	46
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	587	4.3	3.6	119.4%	76
Births to unmarried females	490	31.3%	43.6%	71.8%	4
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	7,417	NA	307,218	2.4%	9

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At 3rd, Wilson County is among the top Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include a low rate of child poverty and a high median household income. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are high housing costs and a high rate of students suspended from school.

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

Additional challenges include a rate of children who lack health insurance that is barely below the state average and a high school graduation rate that does not match the standard set by TNReady results.

Policy/Practice/Program Options to Improve Outcomes. Many of these policies have multiple models for delivery, including public-private partnership and non-profit leadership.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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, Wilson County has almost 900 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.