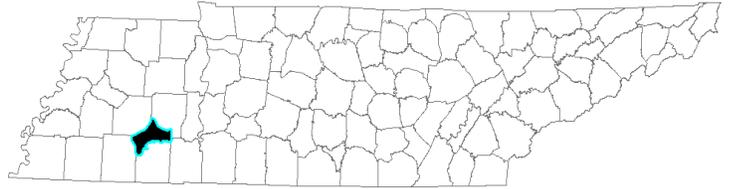
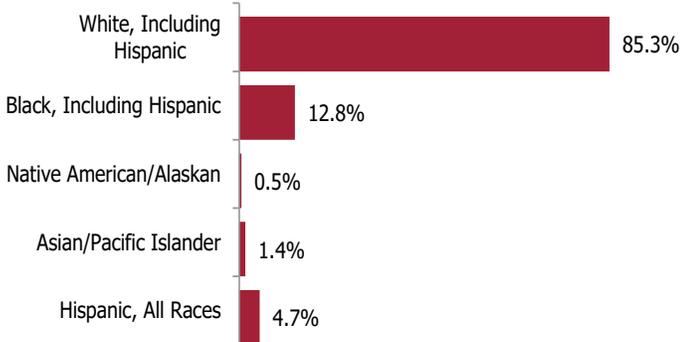


# Chester

## TCCY Index Rank 18



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH

Low birth-weight babies: 4.2% (Rank: 2)

Children without health insurance: 4.5% (Rank: 56)

Child and teen deaths: 46 per 100,000 (Rank: 72)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 43

Child Poverty: 21.6% (Rank: 32)

Median Household Income: \$45,261 (Rank: 38)

Fair Market Rent: \$948 (Rank: 66)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 54

School suspension rate: 2.5% (Rank: 48)

Teen pregnancy: 13.8 per 1,000 (Rank: 59)

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 6.1 per 1,000 (Rank: 51)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 18

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 37.9% (Rank: 13)

Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 40.4% (Rank: 23)

High school graduation rate: 94.7% (Rank: 30)

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Demographics 	Chester County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	17,126	NA	6,715,862	0.3%	73
Population under 18 years of age	3,932	23.0%	22.4%	102.7%	23
Economic Well-Being 	Chester County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	90	20.5%	12.0%	170.8%	79
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$33,194	NA	\$45,517	72.9%	67
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	169	4.3%	3.2%	134.4%	77
Children receiving SNAP	1,319	33.5%	31.8%	105.5%	34
Children under five receiving WIC	395	42.1%	29.6%	142.1%	59
Education 	Chester County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	247	8.6%	11.9%	72.3%	2
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	16	28.73	23.4	122.6%	65
Cohort high school dropouts	7	3.3%	5.5%	60.0%	47
Event high school dropouts	12	1.2%	2.6%	46.2%	45
Economically disadvantaged students	937	32.5%	34.7%	93.7%	27
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	454	16.0%	13.6%	117.6%	73
Health 	Chester County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	2	10.53	13.5	77.9%	44
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	26	13.7%	12.7%	107.9%	11
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	2,258	46.6%	48.4%	96.4%	20
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	3,950	23.1%	21.8%	105.8%	39
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	111	58.4%	52.3%	111.8%	26
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	122	5.4%	5.5%	98.2%	65
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	7.4	0.0%	1
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	4.6	0.0%	1
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	34.60	22.4	154.5%	73
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	68.40	52.5	130.3%	71
Adequate prenatal care	146	76.8%	57.4%	133.8%	1
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	166	14.6%	17.7%	82.8%	69
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	36.1%	39.2%	92.1%	9
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	8	9.3	17.3	53.7%	39
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	4	23.4	239.2	9.8%	87
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	4	23.4	49.0	47.7%	50
Family & Community 	Chester County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	184	4.7%	4.9%	96.4%	21
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	15	3.3	3.9	84.9%	27
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	21	4.6	5.1	91.0%	31
Juvenile court referrals	472	12.0%	4.3%	281.6%	88
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	97	5.7	8.2	69.5%	75
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	38	2.2	3.6	61.1%	5
Births to unmarried females	73	38.4%	43.6%	88.1%	21
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	292	NA	307,218	0.1%	83

## Chester County

At 18<sup>th</sup>, Chester County is among the top Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include a relatively low rate of babies born at low birthweight and a high percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests. The county's biggest challenges are a high rate of child and teen deaths and a high cost of housing.

An additional strength is a strong high school graduation rate.

Additional opportunities for improvement include above average rates of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17, of children lacking health insurance and of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

*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.
- 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.
- Comprehensive sex education classes that include both encouragement of abstinence and information on birth control have been shown to reduce the number of teen pregnancies.
- 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, Chester County has over 120 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.