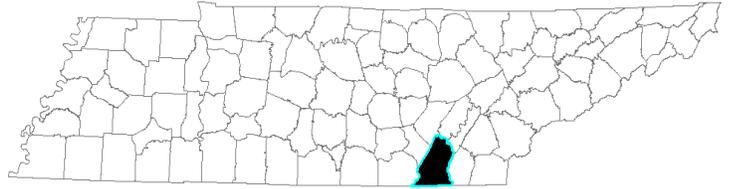
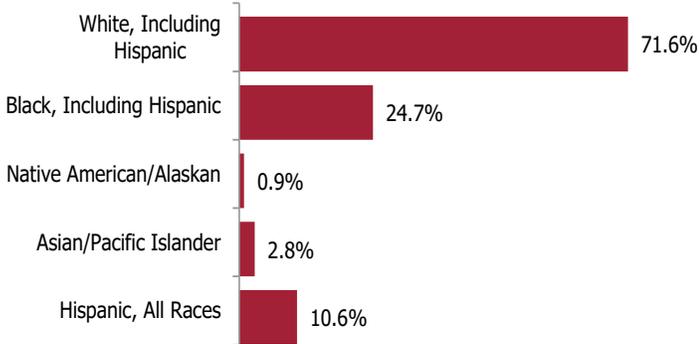


Hamilton

TCCY Index Rank 63



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.1%

Rank: 62

Rank: 49

Children without health insurance

4.7%

Rank: 67

Child and teen deaths

29.9 per 100,000

Rank: 41

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 24

Child Poverty

17.5%

Rank: 14

Median Household Income

\$52,096

Rank: 16

Fair Market Rent

\$1,084

Rank: 79

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 73

School suspension rate

7.8%

Rank: 91

Teen pregnancy

10.3 per 1,000

Rank: 34

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.1 per 1,000

Rank: 17

EDUCATION

Rank: 72

33.2%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 37

36.8%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 40

86.6%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 90



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Demographics 	Hamilton County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	361,613	NA	6,715,862	5.4%	4
Population under 18 years of age	75,815	21.0%	22.4%	93.8%	53
Economic Well-Being 	Hamilton County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	660	9.5%	12.0%	79.2%	28
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$50,196	NA	\$45,517	110.3%	4
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	2,473	3.3%	3.2%	102.2%	53
Children receiving SNAP	21,296	28.1%	31.8%	88.4%	16
Children under five receiving WIC	5,702	27.1%	29.6%	91.4%	16
Education 	Hamilton County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	4,901	11.4%	11.9%	95.8%	16
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	220	17.42	23.4	74.4%	20
Cohort high school dropouts	293	9.7%	5.5%	176.4%	90
Event high school dropouts	392	2.7%	2.6%	103.8%	88
Economically disadvantaged students	16,179	37.3%	34.7%	107.5%	50
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	291	7.0	2.0	350.0%	95
Chronic absenteeism	3,859	8.9%	13.6%	65.4%	13
Health 	Hamilton County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	27	6.38	13.5	47.2%	26
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	417	9.8%	12.7%	77.2%	7
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	39,042	43.9%	48.4%	90.8%	14
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	67,257	18.6%	21.8%	85.4%	11
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	1,951	46.1%	52.3%	88.1%	10
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	2,435	6.3%	5.5%	114.5%	87
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	35	8.30	7.4	112.2%	60
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	25	5.90	4.6	128.3%	69
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	13	22.10	22.4	98.7%	50
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	10	46.70	52.5	89.0%	57
Adequate prenatal care	2,241	52.9%	57.4%	92.2%	79
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	4,375	17.3%	17.7%	97.9%	48
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	33.1%	39.2%	84.4%	4
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	236	18.5	17.3	106.8%	65
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	913	252.5	239.2	105.6%	6
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	205	56.7	49.0	115.7%	5
Family & Community 	Hamilton County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	3,286	4.3%	4.9%	89.3%	13
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	232	2.7	3.9	70.5%	20
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	371	4.4	5.1	86.3%	27
Juvenile court referrals	3,952	5.2%	4.3%	122.3%	58
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	2,351	6.5	8.2	79.3%	48
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	1,260	3.5	3.6	97.2%	34
Births to unmarried females	1,873	44.2%	43.6%	101.4%	54
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	18,483	NA	307,218	6.0%	4

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At 63rd, Hamilton County is just outside the bottom third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include a high median household income and a relatively low rate of children living in poverty. At 17.5 percent—more than one in six—this child poverty rate is still too high, but it is among the lowest in the state. The county's biggest challenges include having one of the highest rates of school suspension in the state and a low high school graduation rate.

Additional strengths include a relatively low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and below average rates of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

Additional opportunities for improvement include high housing costs and an above average rate of children without health insurance.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, Hamilton County has almost 2,500 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.