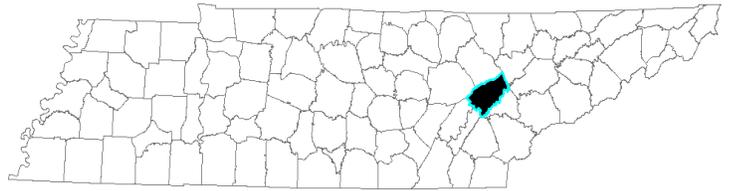
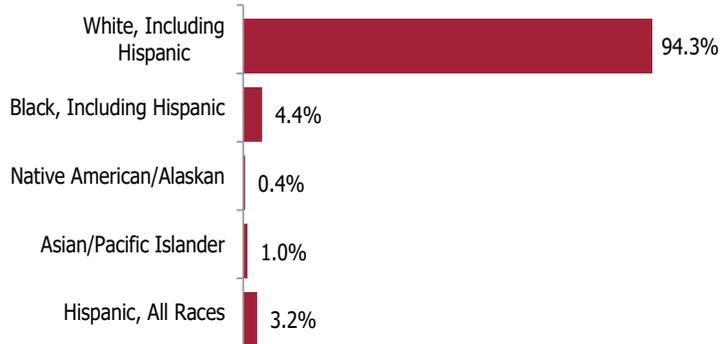


Roane



TCCY Index Rank 22

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.4%

Rank: 36

Rank: 58

Children without health insurance

3.9%

Rank: 16

Child and teen deaths

37.7 per 100,000

Rank: 61

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 20



Child Poverty

21.3%

Rank: 28

Median Household Income

\$48,391

Rank: 28

Fair Market Rent

\$906

Rank: 61

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 27



School suspension rate

0.2%

Rank: 7

Teen pregnancy

6.9 per 1,000

Rank: 14

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

9.2 per 1,000

Rank: 90

EDUCATION

Rank: 29



34.0%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 33

38.5%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 33

94.2%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 36

Roane County

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Demographics 	Roane County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	53,032	NA	6,715,862	0.8%	28
Population under 18 years of age	9,898	18.7%	22.4%	83.5%	86
Economic Well-Being 	Roane County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	120	12.6%	12.0%	105.0%	46
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$39,763	NA	\$45,517	87.4%	23
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	328	3.3%	3.2%	103.8%	55
Children receiving SNAP	3,522	35.6%	31.8%	112.0%	43
Children under five receiving WIC	657	27.3%	29.6%	92.2%	17
Education 	Roane County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	953	14.7%	11.9%	123.5%	77
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	39	27.31	23.4	116.6%	57
Cohort high school dropouts	17	3.3%	5.5%	60.0%	47
Event high school dropouts	33	1.4%	2.6%	53.8%	54
Economically disadvantaged students	2,386	36.6%	34.7%	105.5%	47
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	846	13.0%	13.6%	95.6%	47
Health 	Roane County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	25	54.59	13.5	403.9%	90
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	121	26.4%	12.7%	207.9%	79
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	6,193	53.2%	48.4%	110.0%	41
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	11,715	22.1%	21.8%	101.4%	32
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	299	65.3%	52.3%	124.9%	49
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	261	4.7%	5.5%	85.5%	31
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	4.40	7.4	59.5%	31
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	2	4.40	4.6	95.7%	58
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	13.20	22.4	58.9%	36
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	2	66.00	52.5	125.7%	68
Adequate prenatal care	262	57.2%	57.4%	99.7%	64
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	604	20.7%	17.7%	117.5%	30
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	38.7%	39.2%	98.7%	21
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	12	6.5	17.3	37.6%	19
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	31	58.5	239.2	24.4%	43
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	12	22.6	49.0	46.2%	53
Family & Community 	Roane County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	723	7.3%	4.9%	150.5%	81
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	31	2.8	3.9	71.8%	21
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	65	5.9	5.1	115.2%	48
Juvenile court referrals	272	2.7%	4.3%	64.5%	23
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	285	5.4	8.2	65.9%	82
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	123	2.3	3.6	63.9%	8
Births to unmarried females	210	45.9%	43.6%	105.3%	67
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	3,961	NA	307,218	1.3%	17

Roane County

At 22nd, Roane County ranks in the top fourth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include a low rate of school suspensions and a low percentage of children without health insurance. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and an above average rate of child and teen deaths.

Additional strengths include a relatively low percentage of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and above average percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students rated proficient on TNReady math and reading tests.

An additional challenge is an above average rate of babies born at a low birthweight.

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

- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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.
- 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, as well as 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 for women in their childbearing years. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can help reach these vulnerable populations.