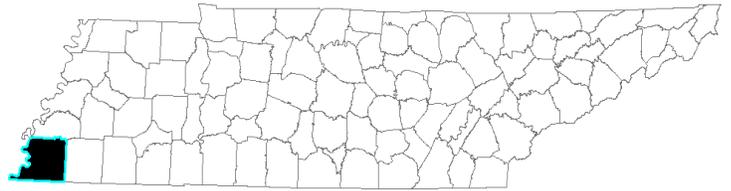
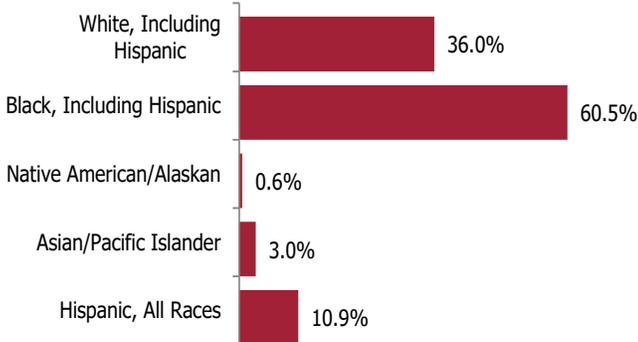


# Shelby



## TCCY Index Rank 89

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

11.7%

Rank: 71 Rank: 88

Children without health insurance

4.1%

Rank: 26

Child and teen deaths

40 per 100,000

Rank: 64

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 90

Child Poverty

29.2%

Rank: 80

Median Household Income

\$49,563

Rank: 22

Fair Market Rent

\$1,137

Rank: 83

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 90

School suspension rate

9.9%

Rank: 94

Teen pregnancy

19.9 per 1,000

Rank: 86

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

3.5 per 1,000

Rank: 11

### EDUCATION

Rank: 75



37.4%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 16

40.9%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 21

80.7%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 94

# Shelby County

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Demographics 	Shelby County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	936,954	NA	6,715,862	14.0%	1
Population under 18 years of age	232,892	24.9%	22.4%	111.2%	4
Economic Well-Being 	Shelby County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	2,210	15.1%	12.0%	125.8%	55
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$47,655	NA	\$45,517	104.7%	6
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	12,322	5.3%	3.2%	165.9%	91
Children receiving SNAP	106,372	45.7%	31.8%	143.7%	82
Children under five receiving WIC	17,048	25.8%	29.6%	87.2%	11
Education 	Shelby County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	16,317	11.0%	11.9%	92.4%	10
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	803	20.34	23.4	86.8%	30
Cohort high school dropouts	1,157	10.1%	5.5%	183.3%	91
Event high school dropouts	3,723	6.7%	2.6%	256.5%	95
Economically disadvantaged students	74,088	59.1%	34.7%	170.3%	94
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	782	6.9	2.0	345.1%	94
Chronic absenteeism	23,296	18.6%	13.6%	136.8%	81
Health 	Shelby County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	32	2.43	13.5	18.0%	16
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	659	5.0%	12.7%	39.4%	2
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	156,136	57.7%	48.4%	119.3%	61
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	254,065	27.1%	21.8%	124.4%	74
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	7,708	58.5%	52.3%	111.9%	27
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	7,125	4.9%	5.5%	89.1%	40
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	132	10.00	7.4	135.1%	74
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	81	6.10	4.6	132.6%	71
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	48	26.30	22.4	117.4%	64
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	40	64.20	52.5	122.3%	67
Adequate prenatal care	7,135	54.1%	57.4%	94.3%	74
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	14,451	18.2%	17.7%	103.2%	44
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	38.9%	39.2%	99.2%	23
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	1,453	39.0	17.3	224.9%	80
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	2,087	222.7	239.2	93.1%	7
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	488	52.1	49.0	106.3%	8
Family & Community 	Shelby County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	10,302	4.4%	4.9%	91.1%	15
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	699	2.7	3.9	69.6%	18
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	892	3.5	5.1	68.0%	17
Juvenile court referrals	4,922	2.1%	4.3%	49.6%	13
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	5,225	5.6	8.2	68.3%	78
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	1,685	1.8	3.6	50.0%	2
Births to unmarried females	7,935	60.2%	43.6%	138.1%	91
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	57,150	NA	307,218	18.6%	1

## Shelby County

At 89<sup>th</sup>, Shelby County ranks near the bottom of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include a below average rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and a high percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students rated proficient on TNReady math and reading tests. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are having the second-highest rate of student suspensions of any county in the state and being near the bottom for its high school graduation rate.

Additional strengths include a high median household income and a below average rate of children who lack health insurance.

Additional challenges include a high rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17, an above average rate of babies born at a low birthweight and the fact that almost a third 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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. When poverty among children is high, it can help to improve outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and/or TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can help reach these vulnerable populations.