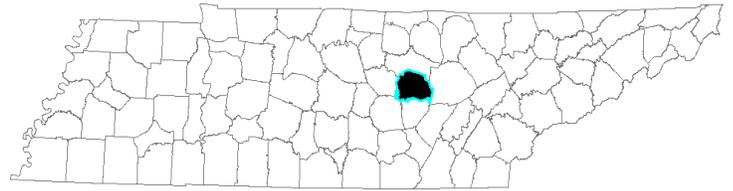
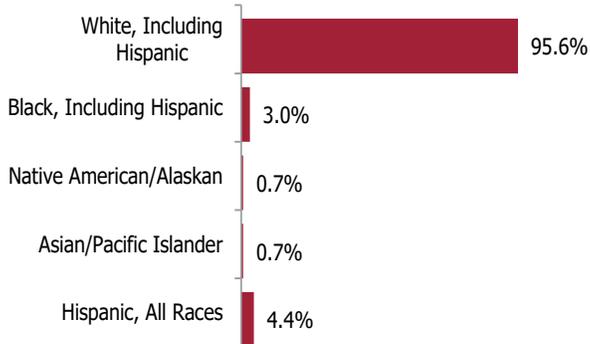


White

TCCY Index Rank 38



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.1%

Rank: 25

Rank: 49

Children without health insurance

3.8%

Rank: 14

Child and teen deaths

33 per 100,000

Rank: 50

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 45

Child Poverty

24.2%

Rank: 48

Median Household Income

\$39,642

Rank: 69

Fair Market Rent

\$833

Rank: 32

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 51

School suspension rate

0.3%

Rank: 10

Teen pregnancy

12.7 per 1,000

Rank: 49

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

8.8 per 1,000

Rank: 88

EDUCATION

Rank: 50

28.9%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 62

40.7%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 22

92.1%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 60



White County

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Demographics 	White County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	26,767	NA	6,715,862	0.4%	54
Population under 18 years of age	5,770	21.6%	22.4%	96.4%	38
Economic Well-Being 	White County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	50	10.0%	12.0%	83.3%	32
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$32,207	NA	\$45,517	70.8%	75
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	162	2.8%	3.2%	87.9%	38
Children receiving SNAP	2,082	36.1%	31.8%	113.6%	47
Children under five receiving WIC	705	45.5%	29.6%	153.6%	69
Education 	White County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	525	13.6%	11.9%	114.3%	62
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	25	26.88	23.4	114.7%	54
Cohort high school dropouts	6	2.2%	5.5%	40.0%	28
Event high school dropouts	13	1.0%	2.6%	38.5%	35
Economically disadvantaged students	1,462	37.8%	34.7%	108.9%	53
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	349	9.0%	13.6%	66.2%	14
Health 	White County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	11	35.60	13.5	263.4%	80
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	79	25.6%	12.7%	201.6%	72
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,993	60.0%	48.4%	124.1%	73
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,316	27.3%	21.8%	125.4%	76
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	228	73.8%	52.3%	141.1%	83
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	170	4.2%	5.5%	76.4%	12
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	6.50	7.4	87.8%	49
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	2	6.50	4.6	141.3%	73
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	44.40	22.4	198.2%	80
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	209	67.6%	57.4%	117.8%	19
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	255	13.7%	17.7%	77.5%	71
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	47.0%	39.2%	119.9%	80
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	6	6.3	17.3	36.2%	17
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	19	71.0	239.2	29.7%	30
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	8	29.9	49.0	61.0%	38
Family & Community 	White County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	410	7.1%	4.9%	146.4%	79
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	31	4.9	3.9	124.8%	50
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	48	7.5	5.1	148.0%	65
Juvenile court referrals	140	2.4%	4.3%	56.9%	16
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	242	9.0	8.2	109.8%	10
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	97	3.6	3.6	100.0%	36
Births to unmarried females	136	44.0%	43.6%	100.9%	52
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	407	NA	307,218	0.1%	74

White County

At 38th, White County is in the top half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include low rates of students suspended from school and of children without health insurance. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and an above average rate of child and teen deaths.

Additional strengths are a high percentage of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady math tests and below average housing costs.

Additional challenges are a low median household income, a low high school graduation rate, and the fact that almost 1 in 4 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- With a low median household income, counties can support children who live in poverty by 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. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.