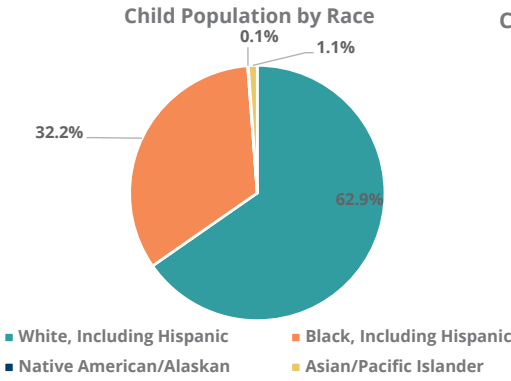
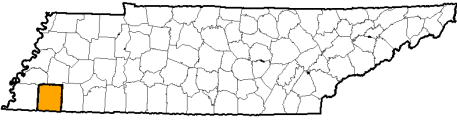
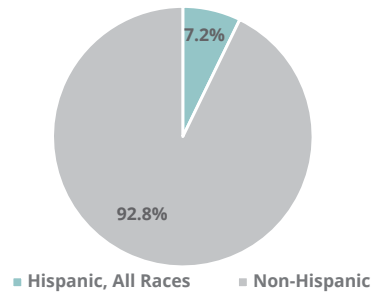


76th FAYETTE

Population Under 18: 17.4%



Child Population by Hispanic Ethnicity



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING 14TH

Metric	Value	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Children living in poverty	18.6%	23rd	16.2%	17th
Severe housing cost burden	9.2%	37th	8.2%	11th
Child care cost burden	20.7%	11th	18.1%	9th

EDUCATION 95TH

Metric	Value	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
3rd to 8th grade reading proficiency	18.4%	94th	12.2%	93rd
3rd to 8th grade math proficiency	13.4%	93rd	7.4%	94th
Youth graduating high school on time	86.9%	88th	90.5%	65th

HEALTH 72ND

Metric	Value	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Children who are food insecure	15.3%	71st	18.2%	58th
Children who lack health insurance	6.7%	66th	5.1%	54th
Babies born at a low birthweight	9.4%	70th	9.6%	72nd

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 45TH

Metric	Value	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Children living in single parent families	32.3%	47th	30.9%	75th
Children who are chronically absent	29.1%	84th	21.3%	84th
Victims of abuse or neglect per 1,000	4.2	3rd	2.4	2nd

Fayette County

	Number	Rate	Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
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Demographics

Total population (state value is number not rate)	42,844	NA	6,975,170	0.6%	37
Population under 18 years of age (percent of total population)	7,434	17.4%	22.0%	78.9%	89

Economic Well-Being

Youth unemployment	81	16.3%	12.9%	126.4%	73
Per capita personal income (state value is dollars not rate)	\$68,153	NA	\$56,560	120.5%	3
Median home sales price (state value is dollars not rate)	\$300,000	NA	\$283,410	105.9%	10
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	96	1.3%	1.5%	86.6%	29
Children receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)	1,775	23.9%	24.0%	99.4%	33
Fair market rent (percent of monthly median household income)	\$1,219	20.6%	21.1%	97.9%	12

Education

School age special education services	402	13.5%	12.2%	111.2%	53
TEIS participation (percent of children age 0 to 2)	39	3.3%	3.8%	86.4%	64
Cohort high school dropouts (percent of class cohort)	12	5.4%	6.7%	80.7%	61
Event high school dropouts (percent of students grade 9 to 12)	22	2.6%	4.0%	64.5%	68
Economically disadvantaged students	1,188	40.0%	30.0%	133.3%	77
School suspensions	206	6.9%	5.1%	136.2%	71
Graduating seniors scoring 21 or better on the ACT at least once	23	14.6%	35.3%	41.3%	93
Young adult college enrollment (percent of graduating seniors)	1,349	32.6%	52.8%	61.7%	95

Health

Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	6.6	0.0%	1
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	28	6.3%	9.1%	69.8%	6
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	4,405	50.4%	55.3%	91.1%	15
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,992	18.7%	24.9%	74.9%	5
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	192	43.3%	55.1%	78.7%	5
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	296	8.8%	7.6%	115.8%	79
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	6.2	0.0%	1
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	3.2	0.0%	1
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	0	0.00	20.7	0.0%	1
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 youth age 15 to 19)	*	*	69.7	*	*
Adequate prenatal care	304	68.8%	73.9%	93.1%	80
Pediatric physicians (per 100,000 children)	3	40.4	76.5	52.8%	30
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	*	42.8%	*	*
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 youth age 15 to 17)	20	15.2	16.6	91.3%	54
WIC participation (percent of children under 5)	535	26.9%	31.7%	85.0%	14
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	8	18.7	41.4	45.1%	65

Family & Community

Reported child abuse cases	238	3.2%	4.6%	69.8%	4
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	17	2.0	2.8	72.9%	25
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	21	2.5	5.3	47.7%	9
Juvenile court referrals	110	1.5%	1.8%	82.6%	39
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	292	7.0	6.6	106.3%	32
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	144	3.5	3.2	108.1%	58
Young driver accidents (percent of age 15-24 driver's licenses)	252	6.6%	12.3%	53.5%	26
Regulated child care spaces (percent of children age 0 to 12)	1,403	26.8%	28.9%	92.5%	32
Child care assistance (per 1,000 children age 0 to 12)	31	5.9	24.9	23.7%	23

Fayette

Overall

At 76th, Fayette County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest area was Economic Well-Being.

Strengths

Fayette's strongest indicator is the number of children who were victims of abuse or neglect, where the county ranks 3rd. The county also performs well in child care cost burden at 20.7%.

Opportunities

The county's biggest challenge is the percent of students who scored "On Track" or "Mastered" in TCAP Reading, where it ranks 94th. There are opportunities for improvement in the percent of students who scored "On Track" or "Mastered" in TCAP Math as well.

Policy/Practice/Program Options to Improve Outcomes

Many of these policies have multiple models for delivery, including public-private partnership, non-profit partners and community engagement.

Expanding pre-K access, allowing early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed, can improve reading proficiency in later grades. Pre-k access along with STEM opportunities in elementary and middle schools can improve math proficiency. Many local public libraries offer creative programming and contests to encourage children and youth to read more. The Tennessee State Library and Archives supports local libraries with training and materials for summer reading programs. The Tennessee STEM Innovation Network offers resources and support to help schools implement STEM programs locally. In addition, the Tennessee Department of Education supports summer learning camps for all students but especially to support those who have fallen behind.

Indicator Definitions and History

Children living in poverty - Percent of children living in a household below the federal poverty line. Source: US Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (2021).

Severe housing cost burden - Percent of households spending 50% or more of their income on housing. Source: American Community Survey, 5-year estimates (2017-2021). New to the county profiles, it replaces Fair Market Rent. It is more closely aligned to a KIDS COUNT national indicator, does not apply only to rental housing, and is a rate rather than a dollar value.

Child care cost burden - Child care costs for a household with two children as a percent of median household income. Source: Produced by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute using The Living Wage Calculator (2022) and Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (2021). This is new to the rankings and replaces Median Household Income (MHI). We wanted an indicator expressed as a percentage rather than a dollar amount as well as one that related to a common family expense. Income is already somewhat measured in poverty estimates. In addition, this indicator uses MHI in its calculation.

3rd to 8th grade reading proficiency - Percent of third- to eighth-grade students who scored "on-track" or "mastered" on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) reading and language test. Source: Tennessee Department of Education (2021-22).

3rd to 8th grade math proficiency - Percent of third- to eighth-grade students who scored "on-track" or "mastered" on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment program (TCAP) math test. Source: Tennessee Department of Education (2021-22).

Youth graduating high school on time - Percent of ninth-grade cohort that graduates in four years. Source: Tennessee Department of Education (2021-22).

Children who are food insecure - Percent of children who sometimes lack access to adequate food. Source: Map the Meal Gap (2021). This is new to the rankings and replaces child and teen death rates, which, because the Department of Health has tightened its data suppression rules, is no longer available for all counties. We did not have an indicator for all counties to line up with overweight/obesity data in the national ranking, so we searched for an one related to nutrition and healthy eating.

Children who lack health insurance - Percent of children who lack health insurance. Source: US Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (2020).

Babies born at a low birthweight - Percent of live births where baby weighs less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds), averaged over three years. Source: Tennessee Department of Health (2019-21), with three counties estimated using American Community Survey 5-year data (2015-19, 2016-20, 2017-21). It has been in our county profiles from the beginning, though it was previously just one-year data. The Department of Health has tightened its data suppression rules, and dozens of counties' data were unavailable with one-year numbers. Three-year numbers still left three counties suppressed. Those were estimated from 5-year American Community Survey data.

Children living in single parent families - Single-parent households as a percent of all households with children. Source: American Community Survey, 5-year estimates (2017-2021). New to the county profiles, it replaces births to unmarried females, which in turn replaced teen births. As the Tennessee Department of Health tightened its data suppression rules, teen birth data was no longer available for all counties. Children born to unmarried females was always an attempt to roughly estimate teen births using different data. In moving from actual counts to ACS 5-year estimates, we decided to use this indicator over teen births as it affects families with parents of all ages.

Children who are chronically absent - Children who are absent 10 percent or more of school days for any reason, including excused/unexcused absences and out-of-school suspensions. Source: Tennessee Department of Education (2021-22). New to the county profiles, it replaces school suspensions, which have suppressed data for many counties.

Victims of abuse or neglect per 1,000 - Child victims of abuse or neglect. In cases with multiple children each child is counted individually. The total is the number of children associated with substantiated cases of severe abuse and of determinations of "Services Court Ordered" or "Services Needed" in cases of non-severe abuse or neglect. Children with multiple cases during the year are counted only once. The rate is per 1,000 children. Source: Tennessee Department of Children's Services (2021). This has been in our county rankings from the beginning, but we have moved to counting children rather than cases.