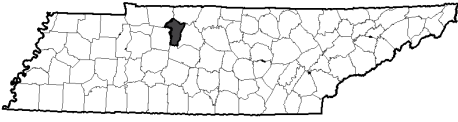
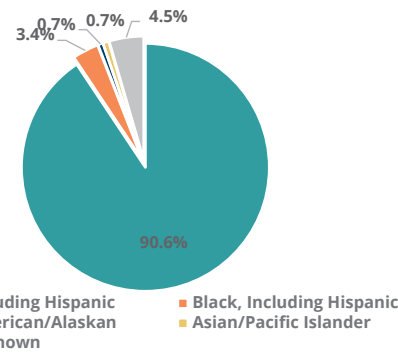


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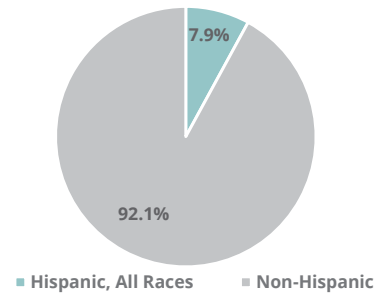
Population Under 18: 21.2%



Child Population by Race



Child Population by Hispanic Ethnicity



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING 2ND

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Children living in poverty 11.7% <small>2022</small>	5th	12.9%	6th
Severe housing cost burden 5.9% <small>2018-2022</small>	3rd	6.3%	3rd
Child care cost burden 24.6% <small>FY2022-23</small>	20th	21.5%	12th

EDUCATION 40TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
3rd to 8th grade reading proficiency 36.6% <small>2023-24</small>	37th	34.9%	44th
3rd to 8th grade math proficiency 39.7% <small>2023-24</small>	40th	39.1%	41st
Youth graduating high school on time 93.8% <small>2022-23</small>	45th	89.8%	78th

HEALTH 68TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Kindergarten full immunization series 95.5% <small>2022-23</small>	18th	94.8%	43rd
Children who lack health insurance 5.5% <small>2021</small>	67th	6.7%	65th
Babies born at a low birth weight 8.2% <small>2020-2022</small>	32th	8.2%	31st

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 34TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Youth Crime Rate Per 1,000 43.8 <small>2022</small>	72nd	51.1	82nd
Children who are chronically absent 19.3% <small>2022-23</small>	59th	17.6%	49th
Victims of abuse or neglect per 1,000 5.9 <small>FY2022-23</small>	8th	7.2	14th

Cheatham County

	Number	Rate	Tennessee Rate	County Rank	Year
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Demographics

Total population (state value is number not rate)	42,254	NA	7,126,489	39	2023
Population under 18 years of age (percent of total population)	8,971	21.2%	22.0%	41	2023

Economic Well-Being

Median Household Income	\$78,437	NA	\$65,231.00	6	2022
Youth unemployment	88	9.5%	9.8%	52	2023
Per capita personal income (state value is dollars not rate)	\$55,260	NA	\$58,292	10	2022
Median home sales price (state value is dollars not rate)	\$375,139	NA	\$325,000	12	2022
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	107	1.2%	1.5%	23	FY23
Children receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)	1,344	15.0%	22.4%	7	FY23
Fair market rent (percent of monthly median household income)	\$1,758	26.9%	21.4%	74	FY23
WIC participation (percent of children under 5)	433	19.1%	29.0%	8	FY23

Education

School age special education services (age 3 to 21)	870	9.5%	8.0%	56	2022-23
TEIS participation (percent of children age 0 to 4)	75	3.3%	4.4%	19	2022-23
Economically disadvantaged students	1,425	25.0%	30.2%	13	2022-23
School suspensions	300	5.3%	4.6%	68	2022-23
Graduating seniors scoring 21 or better on the ACT at least once	133	31.4%	35.4%	48	2022-23
Young adult college enrollment (percent of graduating seniors)	NA	48.9%	54.3%	63	2022

Health

Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	*	*	7.1	*	2022
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	54	11.2%	9.1%	21	2021
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	4,446	44.1%	53.1%	8	Dec-23
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,503	17.8%	23.0%	8	Dec-23
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	201	45.2%	54.5%	9	2022
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	309	7.8%	6.1%	88	2021
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	*	*	6.2	*	2021
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	*	*	3.2	*	2021
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	0	0.00	20.7	1	2021
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 youth age 15 to 19)	*	*	69.7	*	2021
Adequate prenatal care	388	81.2%	73.9%	23	2021
Pediatric physicians (per 100,000 children)	7	78.0	76.1	7	2022-23
Children who are food insecure	1,030	11.6%	17.9%	37	2022
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 youth age 15 to 17)	*	*	16.1	*	2022
Confirmed elevated blood lead level (per 1,000 screened)	7	3.3%	4.7%	25	2019-23
Breastfeeding initiation at birth	395	89.4%	83.3%	5	2022
Individuals scoring for severe depression (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	34	26.5	44.8	11	2020-23
Individuals reporting frequent suicidal ideation (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	37	28.8	43.6	23	2020-23
Individuals scoring positive for PTSD (all ages) PTSD Screen (per 100K)	24	18.7	22.1	24	2020-23
Individuals scoring at risk for psychotic-like experiences PQ-B (per 100K)	31	24.1	27.7	32	2020-23

Family & Community

Reported child abuse cases	334	3.7%	4.2%	15	FY23
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	14	1.4	2.5	17	FY23
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	28	2.9	5.1	16	FY23
Juvenile court referrals	91	1.0%	1.8%	29	2022
Child restraint use in crashes (age 0 -12)	NA	96.6%	NA	39	2023
Regulated child care spaces (percent of children age 0 to 12)	2,191	35.8%	29.8%	12	FY23

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Overall

At 14th, Cheatham County is in the top fourth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest area was Economic Well-Being.

Strengths

Cheatham's strongest indicator is the percent of households in the county experiencing a severe housing cost burden, where the county ranks 3rd. The county also performs well in the percent of children living below the federal poverty line at 5th.

Opportunities

The county's biggest challenge is the rate of youth crime per 1,000, where it ranks 72nd. There are opportunities for improvement in the percent of children without health insurance 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.

Addressing youth crime at a community level requires a comprehensive approach combining prevention, early intervention, targeted intensive services and re-entry planning. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) communities implement prevention programs such as:

- Classroom and behavior management programs
- Multi-component classroom-based programs
- Social competence promotion curriculums
- Conflict resolution and violence prevention curriculums
- Bullying prevention programs
- Afterschool recreation programs
- Mentoring programs
- School organization programs
- Comprehensive community interventions

For more targeted interventions OJJDP provides a Model Programs Guide with research and evaluations for various topics in youth behavior and the justice system. The Model Programs Guide can be found here: <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/model-programs-guide/literature-reviews>. In counties with a Juvenile Detention Center, working with the LEA to reduce the time between a child coming into custody and receiving education should be a priority. Additionally, these counties can partner with community programs to engage youth while they are in detention, providing additional educational or developmental support.

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 families are aware of these insurance opportunities. According to Census Bureau estimates, Cheatham County has 309 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance. Communities can utilize free outreach resources from the Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign at <https://www.insurekidsnow.gov/outreach-tool-library/index.html>. Those insured by TennCare or CoverKids must keep current contact information with TennCare to prevent unnecessary breaks in coverage. Members can update information at tenncareconnect.tn.gov or by calling 855-259-0701.

Indicator Definitions and History

Children living in poverty - Percent of children living in a household below the federal poverty line. In 2022, the federal poverty level for a family of 3 was \$23,030. Source: US Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (2022).

Severe housing cost burden - Percent of households (including rented, owned and mortgaged) spending 50% or more of their income on housing. Source: American Community Survey, 5-year estimates (2018-2022). Table B25140.

Child care cost burden - Child care cost burden reflects the average estimate market-rate price for care for full-time care of an infant and 2+ year old but less than school age child as a percentage of the county's estimated median household income. The market-rate is calculated by taking an average of the median market-rate fee for licensed providers in the county. When available, this includes Child Care Centers, Group Homes, and Family Homes. In instances where the county does not have all three, the providers existing in the county averaged. In instances where there are no licensed providers providing care to that age group in the county, the statewide average of Tier 2 market-rates are used. This average rate for infant care and 2+ care is then combined to get the total cost of care. Source: Determining Child Care Market Rates in the State of Tennessee (FY2022-23).

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 (2023-24).

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 (2023-24).

Youth graduating high school on time - Percent of ninth-grade cohort that graduates in four years. Source: Tennessee Department of Education (2022-23).

Kindergarten Immunization - Percent of public-school kindergarten students fully immunized for all required vaccine series at the time of survey completion. Required series includes: Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccine (DTaP), Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine (MMR), Hepatitis A Virus vaccine (HAV)2 Hepatitis B Virus vaccine (HBV), Poliomyelitis vaccine (IPV or OPV), and Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine/credible history of disease. Source: Tennessee Department of Health Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program. Kindergarten Immunization Compliance Assessment. (2022-23).

Children who lack health insurance - Percent of children who lack health insurance. Source: US Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (2021).

Babies born at a low birth weight - Percent of live births where baby weighs less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds), averaged over three years. Source: Tennessee Department of Health (2020-22).

Youth Crime Rate Per 1,000 - Rate of reported crimes alleged to have been committed by someone under 18 to county population of youth 12 to 17. Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (2022). Accessed May 28, 2024.

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 (2022-23).

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. The rate is per 1,000 children. Source: Tennessee Department of Children's Services (FY2022-23).