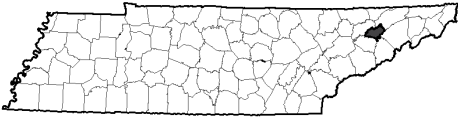
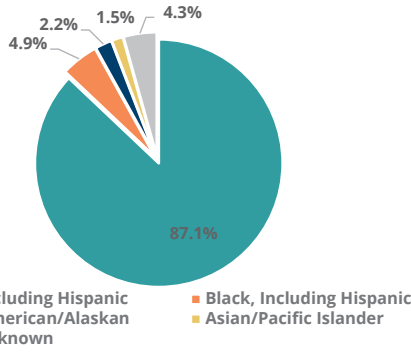


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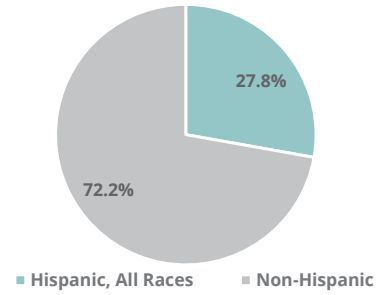
Population Under 18: 23.8%



Child Population by Race



Child Population by Hispanic Ethnicity



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING 41ST

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Children living in poverty 18.9% 2022	33rd	25.2%	76th
Severe housing cost burden 9.1% 2018-2022	48th	9.8%	52nd
Child care cost burden 28.2% FY2022-23	47th	24.8%	38th

EDUCATION 55TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
3rd to 8th grade reading proficiency 36.8% 2023-24	34th	36.3%	40th
3rd to 8th grade math proficiency 39.7% 2023-24	40th	39.8%	39th
Youth graduating high school on time 90.5% 2022-23	74th	92.7%	52nd

HEALTH 38TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Kindergarten full immunization series 93.1% 2022-23	66th	94.3%	58th
Children who lack health insurance 4.9% 2021	51st	6.7%	64th
Babies born at a low birth weight 8.3% 2020-2022	36th	8.8%	54th

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 81ST

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Youth Crime Rate Per 1,000 83 2022	91st	65.5	88th
Children who are chronically absent 16.1% 2022-23	33rd	13.9%	22nd
Victims of abuse or neglect per 1,000 12.2 FY2022-23	44th	17.7	71st

Hamblen County

	Number	Rate	Tennessee Rate	County Rank	Year
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Demographics

Total population (state value is number not rate)	66,216	NA	7,126,489	21	2023
Population under 18 years of age (percent of total population)	15,777	23.8%	22.0%	12	2023

Economic Well-Being

Median Household Income	\$56,734	NA	\$65,231.00	43	2022
Youth unemployment	161	11.3%	9.8%	58	2023
Per capita personal income (state value is dollars not rate)	\$46,766	NA	\$58,292	40	2022
Median home sales price (state value is dollars not rate)	\$255,481	NA	\$325,000	47	2022
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	242	1.5%	1.5%	44	FY23
Children receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)	3,806	24.1%	22.4%	47	FY23
Fair market rent (percent of monthly median household income)	\$1,132	23.9%	21.4%	47	FY23
WIC participation (percent of children under 5)	1792	46.1%	29.0%	81	FY23

Education

School age special education services (age 3 to 21)	1,413	8.9%	8.0%	40	2022-23
TEIS participation (percent of children age 0 to 4)	231	5.9%	4.4%	80	2022-23
Economically disadvantaged students	3,292	33.0%	30.2%	49	2022-23
School suspensions	190	1.9%	4.6%	31	2022-23
Graduating seniors scoring 21 or better on the ACT at least once	216	32.1%	35.4%	46	2022-23
Young adult college enrollment (percent of graduating seniors)	NA	49.0%	54.3%	61	2022

Health

Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	18	23.20	7.1	29	2022
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	95	12.6%	9.1%	29	2021
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	11,561	66.7%	53.1%	80	Dec-23
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	18,780	28.4%	23.0%	73	Dec-23
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	565	72.8%	54.5%	79	2022
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	520	5.6%	6.1%	41	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)	*	*	20.7	*	2021
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 youth age 15 to 19)	*	*	69.7	*	2021
Adequate prenatal care	606	80.5%	73.9%	32	2021
Pediatric physicians (per 100,000 children)	10	63.4	76.1	12	2022-23
Children who are food insecure	2,930	19.6%	17.9%	79	2022
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 youth age 15 to 17)	23	9.1	16.1	26	2022
Confirmed elevated blood lead level (per 1,000 screened)	15	3.6%	4.7%	27	2019-23
Breastfeeding initiation at birth	579	75.1%	83.3%	68	2022
Individuals scoring for severe depression (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	122	51.6	44.8	78	2020-23
Individuals reporting frequent suicidal ideation (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	106	44.8	43.6	73	2020-23
Individuals scoring positive for PTSD (all ages) PTSD Screen (per 100K)	60	25.4	22.1	68	2020-23
Individuals scoring at risk for psychotic-like experiences PQ-B (per 100K)	83	35.1	27.7	77	2020-23

Family & Community

Reported child abuse cases	564	3.6%	4.2%	13	FY23
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	76	4.4	2.5	63	FY23
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	140	8.1	5.1	58	FY23
Juvenile court referrals	325	2.2%	1.8%	62	2022
Child restraint use in crashes (age 0 -12)	NA	91.2%	NA	66	2023
Regulated child care spaces (percent of children age 0 to 12)	2,813	26.6%	29.8%	34	FY23

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Overall

At 52nd, Hamblen County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest area was Health.

Strengths

Hamblen's strongest indicator is the percent of children living below the federal poverty line, where the county ranks 33rd. The county also performs well in the percent of chronic absenteeism among public school students at 33rd.

Opportunities

The county's biggest challenge is the rate of youth crime per 1,000, where it ranks 91st. There are opportunities for improvement in the percent of high school students graduating on time 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.

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. Having counselors available to work with students with personal challenges staying in school can also decrease dropout rates. Studies have found that school climate can play a significant role in students' academic success. Communities can conduct school climate surveys addressing topics such as academics, community, safety, and institutional environment to better gauge a student's experience.

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).