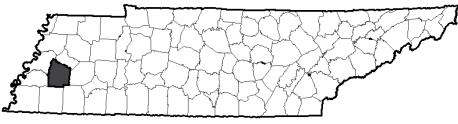
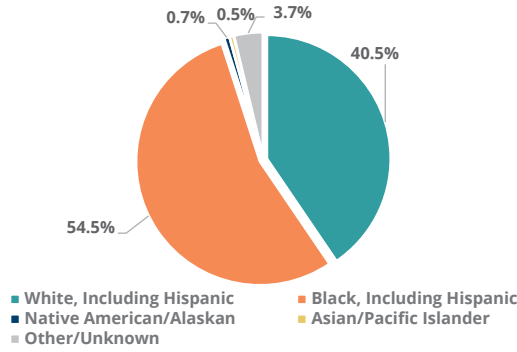


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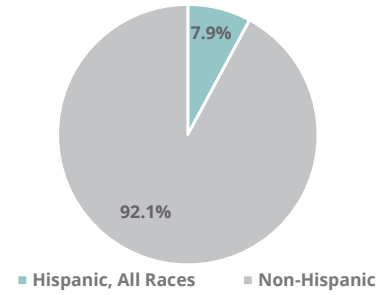
Population Under 18: 22.2%



Child Population by Race



Child Population by Hispanic Ethnicity



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING 90TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Children living in poverty 31.8% <small>2022</small>	90th	31.4%	91st
Severe housing cost burden 14.4% <small>2018-2022</small>	91st	14.7%	91st
Child care cost burden 25.1% <small>FY2022-23</small>	25th	26.4%	56th

EDUCATION 95TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
3rd to 8th grade reading proficiency 18.7% <small>2023-24</small>	95th	13.7%	95th
3rd to 8th grade math proficiency 10.9% <small>2023-24</small>	95th	8.6%	95th
Youth graduating high school on time 87.8% <small>2022-23</small>	89th	96.6%	18th

HEALTH 17TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Kindergarten full immunization series 90.0% <small>2022-23</small>	89th	93.3%	72nd
Children who lack health insurance 4.7% <small>2021</small>	39th	7.1%	73rd
Babies born at a low birth weight 9.1% <small>2020-2022</small>	68th	10.1%	82nd

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 45TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Youth Crime Rate Per 1,000 57.5 <small>2022</small>	79th	30.9	59th
Children who are chronically absent 19.9% <small>2022-23</small>	65th	39.1%	94th
Victims of abuse or neglect per 1,000 4.8 <small>FY2022-23</small>	5th	11	34th

Haywood County

	Number	Rate	Tennessee Rate	County Rank	Year
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Demographics

Total population (state value is number not rate)	17,328	NA	7,126,489	74	2023
Population under 18 years of age (percent of total population)	3,843	22.2%	22.0%	27	2023

Economic Well-Being

Median Household Income	\$46,351	NA	\$65,231.00	81	2022
Youth unemployment	79	15.2%	9.8%	74	2023
Per capita personal income (state value is dollars not rate)	\$37,528	NA	\$58,292	84	2022
Median home sales price (state value is dollars not rate)	\$139,041	NA	\$325,000	92	2022
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	113	2.9%	1.5%	86	FY23
Children receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)	1,604	41.7%	22.4%	93	FY23
Fair market rent (percent of monthly median household income)	\$987	25.6%	21.4%	66	FY23
WIC participation (percent of children under 5)	343	36.1%	29.0%	55	FY23

Education

School age special education services (age 3 to 21)	388	9.6%	8.0%	59	2022-23
TEIS participation (percent of children age 0 to 4)	28	2.9%	4.4%	12	2022-23
Economically disadvantaged students	1,058	42.0%	30.2%	83	2022-23
School suspensions	68	2.7%	4.6%	38	2022-23
Graduating seniors scoring 21 or better on the ACT at least once	13	6.7%	35.4%	95	2022-23
Young adult college enrollment (percent of graduating seniors)	NA	45.9%	54.3%	76	2022

Health

Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	7.1	1	2022
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	20	10.5%	9.1%	17	2021
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,111	71.0%	53.1%	88	Dec-23
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	5,704	32.9%	23.0%	88	Dec-23
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	124	70.5%	54.5%	71	2022
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	145	5.3%	6.1%	32	2021
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	6.2	1	2021
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	3.2	1	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	153	81.4%	73.9%	22	2021
Pediatric physicians (per 100,000 children)	0	0.0	76.1	59	2022-23
Children who are food insecure	1,320	33.6%	17.9%	48	2022
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 youth age 15 to 17)	15	23.2	16.1	51	2022
Confirmed elevated blood lead level (per 1,000 screened)	6	5.5%	4.7%	56	2019-23
Breastfeeding initiation at birth	118	67.0%	83.3%	88	2022
Individuals scoring for severe depression (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	18	20.0	44.8	4	2020-23
Individuals reporting frequent suicidal ideation (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	22	24.5	43.6	7	2020-23
Individuals scoring positive for PTSD (all ages) PTSD Screen (per 100K)	8	8.9	22.1	1	2020-23
Individuals scoring at risk for psychotic-like experiences PQ-B (per 100K)	11	12.2	27.7	3	2020-23

Family & Community

Reported child abuse cases	132	3.4%	4.2%	10	FY23
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	7	1.7	2.5	22	FY23
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	13	3.1	5.1	19	FY23
Juvenile court referrals	45	1.2%	1.8%	32	2022
Child restraint use in crashes (age 0 -12)	NA	91.3%	NA	65	2023
Regulated child care spaces (percent of children age 0 to 12)	836	31.5%	29.8%	19	FY23

Haywood

Overall

At 89th, Haywood County is in the near the bottom of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest area was Health.

Strengths

Haywood's strongest indicator is the number of children who were victims of abuse or neglect, where the county ranks 5th. The county also performs well in child care cost burden at 25th.

Opportunities

The county's biggest challenge is the percent of students who scored "On Track" or "Mastered" in TCAP English Language Arts, where it ranks 95th. 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.

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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).