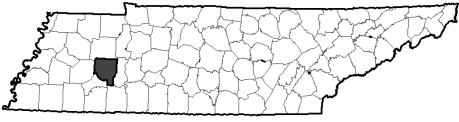
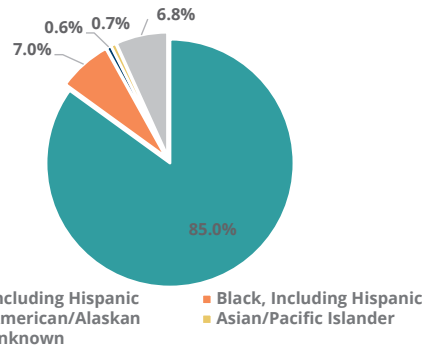


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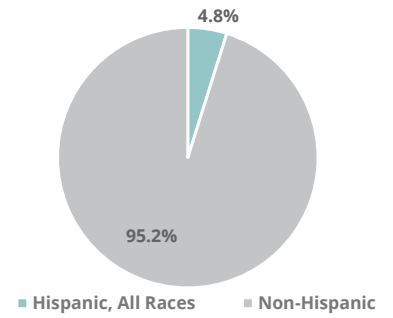
Population Under 18: 22.4%



Child Population by Race



Child Population by Hispanic Ethnicity



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING 29TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Children living in poverty 22.0% <small>2022</small>	55th	19.9%	31st
Severe housing cost burden 8.6% <small>2018-2022</small>	35th	9.5%	43rd
Child care cost burden 20.4% <small>FY2022-23</small>	3rd	21.3%	11th

EDUCATION 14TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
3rd to 8th grade reading proficiency 39.7% <small>2023-24</small>	20th	40.3%	15th
3rd to 8th grade math proficiency 45.7% <small>2023-24</small>	20th	44.5%	22nd
Youth graduating high school on time 97.1% <small>2022-23</small>	18th	93.9%	42nd

HEALTH 49TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Kindergarten full immunization series 94.7% <small>2022-23</small>	33rd	93.3%	74th
Children who lack health insurance 4.7% <small>2021</small>	39th	6.3%	50th
Babies born at a low birth weight 8.5% <small>2020-2022</small>	46th	9.0%	59th

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 50TH

Metric	Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank
Youth Crime Rate Per 1,000 38.4 <small>2022</small>	63rd	50	81st
Children who are chronically absent 17.5% <small>2022-23</small>	42nd	14.9%	30th
Victims of abuse or neglect per 1,000 13.3 <small>FY2022-23</small>	54th	16.2	62nd

Henderson County

	Number	Rate	Tennessee Rate	County Rank	Year
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Demographics

Total population (state value is number not rate)	28,070	NA	7,126,489	54	2023
Population under 18 years of age (percent of total population)	6,289	22.4%	22.0%	24	2023

Economic Well-Being

Median Household Income	\$53,822	NA	\$65,231.00	55	2022
Youth unemployment	100	16.2%	9.8%	81	2023
Per capita personal income (state value is dollars not rate)	\$46,223	NA	\$58,292	42	2022
Median home sales price (state value is dollars not rate)	\$186,632	NA	\$325,000	78	2022
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	153	2.4%	1.5%	78	FY23
Children receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)	1,677	26.7%	22.4%	64	FY23
Fair market rent (percent of monthly median household income)	\$986	22.0%	21.4%	26	FY23
WIC participation (percent of children under 5)	538	34.3%	29.0%	51	FY23

Education

School age special education services (age 3 to 21)	722	11.0%	8.0%	79	2022-23
TEIS participation (percent of children age 0 to 4)	70	4.5%	4.4%	52	2022-23
Economically disadvantaged students	1,575	33.5%	30.2%	52	2022-23
School suspensions	27	0.6%	4.6%	7	2022-23
Graduating seniors scoring 21 or better on the ACT at least once	121	41.7%	35.4%	10	2022-23
Young adult college enrollment (percent of graduating seniors)	NA	66.0%	54.3%	2	2022

Health

Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	7.1	1	2022
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	45	14.8%	9.1%	43	2021
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	4,470	62.1%	53.1%	60	Dec-23
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	8,068	28.7%	23.0%	76	Dec-23
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	207	64.7%	54.5%	53	2022
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	197	5.1%	6.1%	23	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)	0	0.0	69.7	1	2021
Adequate prenatal care	253	83.2%	73.9%	15	2021
Pediatric physicians (per 100,000 children)	2	31.8	76.1	37	2022-23
Children who are food insecure	1,190	18.6%	17.9%	43	2022
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 youth age 15 to 17)	14	13.1	16.1	36	2022
Confirmed elevated blood lead level (per 1,000 screened)	3	3.4%	4.7%	26	2019-23
Breastfeeding initiation at birth	254	79.6%	83.3%	43	2022
Individuals scoring for severe depression (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	30	29.8	44.8	17	2020-23
Individuals reporting frequent suicidal ideation (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	31	30.7	43.6	29	2020-23
Individuals scoring positive for PTSD (all ages) PTSD Screen (per 100K)	29	28.8	22.1	81	2020-23
Individuals scoring at risk for psychotic-like experiences PQ-B (per 100K)	22	21.8	27.7	20	2020-23

Family & Community

Reported child abuse cases	309	4.9%	4.2%	44	FY23
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	22	3.2	2.5	47	FY23
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	50	7.3	5.1	52	FY23
Juvenile court referrals	181	2.9%	1.8%	73	2022
Child restraint use in crashes (age 0 -12)	NA	89.7%	NA	69	2023
Regulated child care spaces (percent of children age 0 to 12)	858	19.7%	29.8%	56	FY23

Henderson

Overall

At 21st, Henderson County is in the top fourth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest area was Education.

Strengths

Henderson's strongest indicator is child care cost burden, where the county ranks 3rd. The county also performs well in the percent of high school students graduating on time at 18th.

Opportunities

The county's biggest challenge is the rate of youth crime per 1,000, where it ranks 63rd. There are opportunities for improvement in the percent of children living below the federal poverty line 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.

With a high rate of child poverty, improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP and WIC benefits to be sure they are aware of these services can help ensure basic needs are met. Additionally, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to food security. In the last year, the Community Eligibility Provision threshold expanded making more LEAs eligible for providing free school lunch and breakfast for all. Providing free breakfast and lunch at school can assure children are fed, reduce household expense, and streamlines the administrative process ensuring no child falls through the cracks. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach families living in poverty. Making parents aware of opportunities to receive education and training through Tennessee Reconnect can also boost household incomes over the longer term. Many neighborhoods with a high concentration of poverty are also food deserts, lacking access to affordable healthy options. Community gardens can provide fresh produce and help mitigate some of the negative health implications of child poverty.

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).