75th 500000000000000000000000000000000000	<ul> <li>Child Population by Race</li> <li>1.36% 0.7% 3.1%</li> <li>94.3%</li> <li>94.3%</li> <li>94.3%</li> <li>Black, Including Hispanic</li> <li>Native American/Alaskan</li> <li>Other/Unknown</li> </ul>		ild Population by Hispanic Ethnicity		
= Other/Unk				Published July 2024	
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING 82ND		Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank	
<b>Children living in poverty 29.5%</b>		88th	34.1%	93rd	
Severe housing cost burden 8.8%		40th	9.6%	47th	
Child care cost burden 38.2% FY2022-23		83rd	41.9%	93rd	
EDUCATION 92ND		Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank	
<b>3rd to 8th grade reading proficienc</b>	<b>y 23.1</b> %	90th	27.0%	80th	
<b>3rd to 8th grade math proficiency</b>	<b>23.0</b> %	88th	24.6%	83rd	
Youth graduating high school on tin	me 85.2%	92nd	95.0%	33rd	
HEALTH 6TH		Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank	
Kindergarten full immunization se	ries 90.1%	88th	97.1%	13th	
Children who lack health insurance	<b>4.5</b> %	29th	5.3%	16th	
Babies born at a low birth weight	<b>7.8</b> %	23th	8.2%	32nd	
FAMILY & COMMUNITY 27TH		Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank	
Youth Crime Rate Per 1,000 21.2		35th	15.4	28th	
Children who are chronically absen	t 11.3%	7th	13.1%	16th	
Victims of abuse or neglect per 1,00 FY2022-23	00 18.1	77th	18.5	78th	

Johnson County			Tennessee	County				
	Number	Rate	Rate	Rank	Year			
Demographics								
Total population (state value is number not rate)	18,375	NA	7,126,489	70	2023			
Population under 18 years of age (percent of total population)	3,027	16.5%	22.0%	93	2023			
Economic Well-Being								
Median Household Income	\$45,495	NA	\$65,231.00	83	2022			
Youth unemployment	62	20.9%	9.8%	89	2023			
Per capita personal income (state value is dollars not rate)	\$38,528	NA	\$58,292	81	2022			
Median home sales price (state value is dollars not rate)	\$282,721	NA	\$325,000	36	2022			
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	76	2.5%	1.5%	80	FY23			
Children receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)	906	29.9%	22.4%	78	FY23			
Fair market rent (percent of monthly median household income)	\$909	24.0%	21.4%	48	FY23			
WIC participation (percent of children under 5)	360	48.1%	29.0%	84	FY23			
Education								
School age special education services (age 3 to 21)	754	23.5%	8.0%	95	2022-23			
TEIS participation (percent of children age 0 to 4)	28	3.7%	4.4%	31	2022-23			
Economically disadvantaged students	1,257	26.0%	30.2%	19	2022-23			
School suspensions	*	*	4.6%	*	2022-23			
Graduating seniors scoring 21 or better on the ACT at least once	106	22.7%	35.4%	78	2022-23			
Young adult college enrollment (percent of graduating seniors)	NA	40.5%	54.3%	90	2022 25			
Health								
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	*	*	7.1	*	2022			
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	32	26.0%	9.1%	90	2021			
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	2,427	69.9%	53.1%	85	Dec-23			
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	4,760	25.9%	23.0%	52	Dec-23			
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	105	70.9%	54.5%	73	2022			
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	86	4.3%	6.1%	12	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)	*	*	20.7	*	2021			
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 youth age 15 to 19)	0	0.0	69.7	1	2021			
Adequate prenatal care	72	64.9%	73.9%	87	2021			
Pediatric physicians (per 100,000 children)	0	0.0	76.1	59	2022-23			
Children who are food insecure	690	23.3%	17.9%	25	2022			
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 youth age 15 to 17)	*	*	16.1	*	2022			
Confirmed elevated blood lead level (per 1,000 screened)	2	1.9%	4.7%	8	2019-23			
Breastfeeding initiation at birth	83	74.8%	83.3%	71	2022			
Individuals scoring for severe depression (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	46	60.2	44.8	84	2020-23			
Individuals reporting frequent suicidal ideation (all ages) PHQ-9 (per 100K)	36	47.2	43.6	80	2020-23			
Individuals scoring positive for PTSD (all ages) PTSD Screeen (per 100K)	19	24.9	22.1	61	2020-23			
Individals scoring at risk for psychotic-like experiences PQ-B (per 100K)	26	34.1	27.7	73	2020-23			

# Family & Community

Reported child abuse cases	234	7.7%	4.2%	94	FY23
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	22	6.6	2.5	84	FY23
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	37	11.0	5.1	81	FY23
Juvenile court referrals	0	0.0%	1.8%	1	2022
Child restriant use in crashes (age 0 -12)	NA	87.5%	NA	75	2023
Regulated child care spaces (percent of children age 0 to 12)	832	41.1%	29.8%	6	FY23

## Johnson

#### **Overall**

At 75th, Johnson County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest area was Health.

#### Strengths

Johnson's strongest indicator is the percent of chronic absenteeism among public school students, where the county ranks 7th. The county also performs well in the percent of babies who were born at a low birthweight at 23rd.

#### **Opportunities**

The county's biggest challenge is the percent of high school students graduating on time, where it ranks 92nd. There are opportunities for improvement in the percent of students who scored "On Track" or "Mastered" in TCAP English Language Arts 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.

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.

Expanding pre-K access, allowing early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed, can improve reading proficiency in later grades. 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. 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. 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 "ontrack" 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).