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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING 14TH		Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank		
Children living in poverty 23.4%		71st	24.8%	73rd		
Severe housing cost burden 6.4%	I	5th	7.6%	9th		
Child care cost burden 23.8% FY2022-23		18th	22.5%	17th		
EDUCATION 60TH		Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank		
3rd to 8th grade reading proficien	cy 26.6%	81st	27.1%	79th		
3rd to 8th grade math proficiency 2023-24	28.1 %	78th	26.2%	79th		
Youth graduating high school on ti	i me 98.7 %	2nd	95.0%	34th		
HEALTH 41ST		Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank		
Kindergarten full immunization se	eries 92.5%	75th	98.5%	5th		
Children who lack health insuranc	e 6.1%	86th	8.0%	87th		
Babies born at a low birth weight	6.8 %	8th	8.9%	58th		
FAMILY & COMMUNITY 25TH		Rank	Previous Percent/Rate	Previous Rank		
Youth Crime Rate Per 1,000 0		1st	5.2	6th		
Children who are chronically absen	nt 17.4 %	40th	42.0%	95th		
Victims of abuse or neglect per 1,0 FY2022-23	00 16.2	66th	30.7	93rd		

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Family & Community

Reported child abuse cases	118	5.9%	4.2%	78	FY23
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	21	9.7	2.5	89	FY23
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	35	16.2	5.1	93	FY23
Juvenile court referrals	39	2.1%	1.8%	56	2022
Child restriant use in crashes (age 0 -12)	NA	100.0%	NA	1	2023
Regulated child care spaces (percent of children age 0 to 12)	121	8.6%	29.8%	94	FY23

Perry

Overall

At 26th, Perry County is in the top half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's strongest area was Economic Well-Being.

Strengths

Perry's strongest indicator is the rate of youth crime per 1,000, where the county ranks 1st. The county also performs well in the percent of high school students graduating on time at 2nd.

Opportunities

The county's biggest challenge is the percent of children without health insurance, where it ranks 86th. 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.

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, Perry County has 74 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.

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).