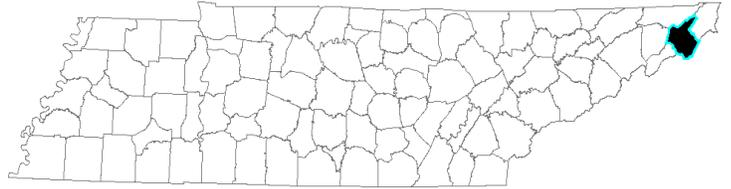
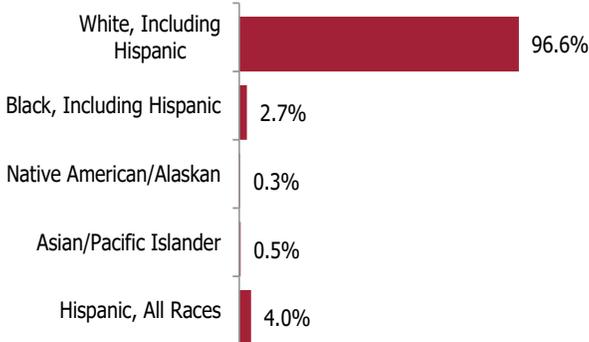


## TCCY Index Rank 58



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



- Low birth-weight babies: **9.8%** (Rank: 66)
- Children without health insurance: **3.7%** (Rank: 10)
- Child and teen deaths: **44.7** per 100,000 (Rank: 69)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 76

- Child Poverty: **29.0%** (Rank: 79)
- Median Household Income: **\$39,725** (Rank: 68)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$846** (Rank: 41)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 75

- School suspension rate: **4.0%** (Rank: 68)
- Teen pregnancy: **14.7** per 1,000 (Rank: 64)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **7.1** per 1,000 (Rank: 66)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 39

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **35.0%** (Rank: 28)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **36.8%** (Rank: 40)
- High school graduation rate: **92.1%** (Rank: 60)

# Carter County

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Demographics 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	56,479	NA	6,715,862	0.8%	24
Population under 18 years of age	10,510	18.6%	22.4%	83.2%	87
Economic Well-Being 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	70	8.3%	12.0%	69.2%	20
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$33,506	NA	\$45,517	73.6%	61
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	261	2.5%	3.2%	77.8%	23
Children receiving SNAP	4,398	41.8%	31.8%	131.7%	72
Children under five receiving WIC	1,139	43.8%	29.6%	148.0%	66
Education 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,136	14.9%	11.9%	125.2%	80
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	71	46.28	23.4	197.6%	89
Cohort high school dropouts	22	3.5%	5.5%	63.2%	51
Event high school dropouts	55	2.0%	2.6%	76.7%	73
Economically disadvantaged students	3,049	40.9%	34.7%	117.9%	71
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,686	27.4%	13.6%	201.5%	93
Health 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	38	79.00	13.5	584.6%	92
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	124	25.8%	12.7%	203.1%	74
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	6,912	56.4%	48.4%	116.6%	57
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	13,233	23.4%	21.8%	107.5%	41
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	335	69.6%	52.3%	133.2%	72
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	286	3.8%	5.5%	69.1%	5
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	4.20	7.4	56.8%	29
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	2	4.20	4.6	91.3%	54
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	24.50	22.4	109.4%	60
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	33.20	52.5	63.2%	42
Adequate prenatal care	153	31.8%	57.4%	55.4%	93
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	692	22.0%	17.7%	124.4%	22
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	42.0%	39.2%	107.1%	42
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	13	7.1	17.3	41.0%	24
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	36	63.7	239.2	26.7%	36
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	16	28.3	49.0	57.8%	42
Family & Community 	Carter County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	768	7.3%	4.9%	150.6%	82
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	100	8.6	3.9	219.5%	84
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	108	9.2	5.1	181.5%	79
Juvenile court referrals	376	3.6%	4.3%	83.9%	31
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	287	5.1	8.2	62.2%	85
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	231	4.1	3.6	113.9%	66
Births to unmarried females	192	39.9%	43.6%	91.5%	26
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,818	NA	307,218	0.9%	21

## Carter County

At 58<sup>th</sup>, Carter County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include that it has just 3.7 percent of children lacking health insurance and a relatively high percent of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade children rated proficient in reading and math on TNReady tests. The county's biggest challenges are a low median household income and the fact almost a third of its children live in poverty.

Additional strengths include low housing costs and a below average rate of school suspensions.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a high rate of child and teen deaths and of babies born at low birthweight.

*Policy/Practice/Program Options to Improve Outcomes.* Many of these policies have multiple models for delivery, including public-private partnership and non-profit leadership.

- With a high rate of child poverty and a relatively low median household income, improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and TennCare 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. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.
- Low birthweight is a persistent and difficult problem, but improvements can occur when care is made available for chronic physical and mental health and substance abuse conditions for women of childbearing age.
- Child and teen deaths can be reduced with consistent enforcement of safety measures like proper car seat and seat belt use, bicycle helmet use and life preserver use around water. The fastest-growing cause of child and teen deaths in recent years has been homicide and suicide, often involving a firearm. Families who own firearms can reduce the risk to children and teens by following safe storage practices.