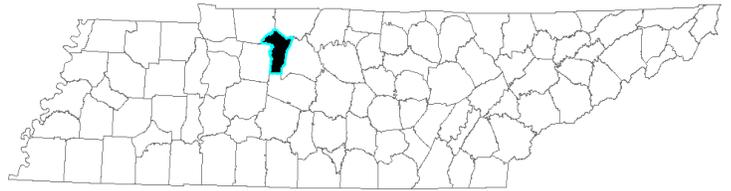
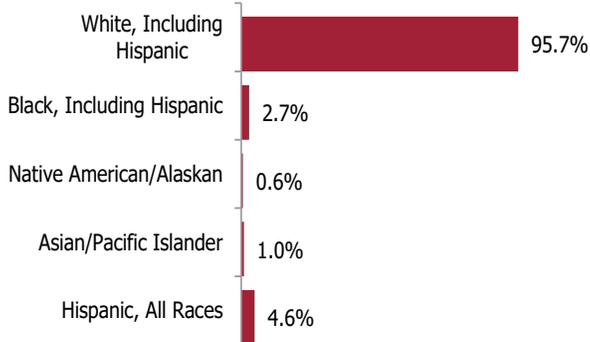


# Cheatham



## TCCY Index Rank 53

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: 9.5% (Rank: 59)
- Children without health insurance: 4.3% (Rank: 44)
- Child and teen deaths: 10.5 per 100,000 (Rank: 17)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 27

- Child Poverty: 14.6% (Rank: 5)
- Median Household Income: \$59,103 (Rank: 7)
- Fair Market Rent: \$1,274 (Rank: 86)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 76

- School suspension rate: 4.5% (Rank: 78)
- Teen pregnancy: 12.9 per 1,000 (Rank: 53)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 7.5 per 1,000 (Rank: 74)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 62

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 28.7% (Rank: 65)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 38.8% (Rank: 31)
- High school graduation rate: 91.1% (Rank: 75)

# Cheatham County

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Demographics 	Cheatham County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	40,334	NA	6,715,862	0.6%	38
Population under 18 years of age	9,014	22.3%	22.4%	100.0%	28
Economic Well-Being 	Cheatham County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	60	7.8%	12.0%	65.0%	17
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$42,250	NA	\$45,517	92.8%	10
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	215	2.4%	3.2%	74.7%	20
Children receiving SNAP	2,130	23.6%	31.8%	74.4%	7
Children under five receiving WIC	543	23.2%	29.6%	78.3%	9
Education 	Cheatham County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	863	13.9%	11.9%	116.8%	68
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	29	20.42	23.4	87.2%	31
Cohort high school dropouts	27	5.3%	5.5%	96.4%	72
Event high school dropouts	40	1.7%	2.6%	65.4%	67
Economically disadvantaged students	1,697	27.1%	34.7%	78.1%	10
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	11	2.0	2.0	100.0%	86
Chronic absenteeism	881	14.1%	13.6%	103.7%	55
Health 	Cheatham County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	4	8.68	13.5	64.2%	36
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	79	17.1%	12.7%	134.6%	27
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	4,297	41.0%	48.4%	84.9%	8
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,280	18.0%	21.8%	82.8%	9
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	212	46.0%	52.3%	88.0%	9
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	248	5.4%	5.5%	98.2%	65
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	7.4	0.0%	1
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	4.6	0.0%	1
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	0	0.00	22.4	0.0%	1
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	38.60	52.5	73.5%	49
Adequate prenatal care	284	61.6%	57.4%	107.3%	45
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	369	13.1%	17.7%	74.4%	76
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	34.3%	39.2%	87.5%	5
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	11	6.9	17.3	39.9%	20
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	13	32.2	239.2	13.5%	73
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	5	12.4	49.0	25.3%	83
Family & Community 	Cheatham County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	554	6.1%	4.9%	126.6%	64
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	45	4.5	3.9	115.3%	42
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	52	5.2	5.1	102.0%	39
Juvenile court referrals	630	7.0%	4.3%	164.0%	71
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	249	6.2	8.2	75.6%	56
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	210	5.2	3.6	144.4%	89
Births to unmarried females	176	38.2%	43.6%	87.6%	20
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,173	NA	307,218	0.7%	26

## Cheatham County

At 53<sup>rd</sup>, Cheatham County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include a high median household income and a relatively low rate of child poverty. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Cheatham County's 14.6 percent child poverty rate is better than most counties in Tennessee. The county's biggest challenges are its high cost of housing and a high percentage of students suspended from school.

Additional strengths include a relatively low rate of child and teen deaths and an average rate of uninsured children.

Additional opportunities for improvement include an above average rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and a relatively low high school graduation rate.

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

- Pro-active housing policy that helps ensure affordable housing is available for people to live where they work can improve negative outcomes related to high housing costs.
- Suspension rates can be reduced through clear definitions of what constitutes suspendable behavior and a focus on restorative discipline practices that aim to improve behavior while keeping children in school.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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.