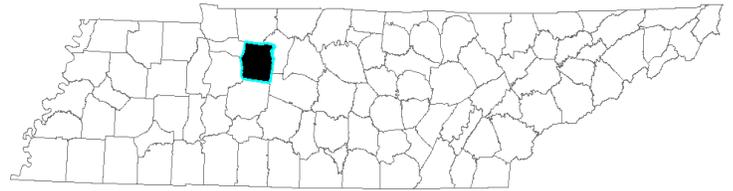
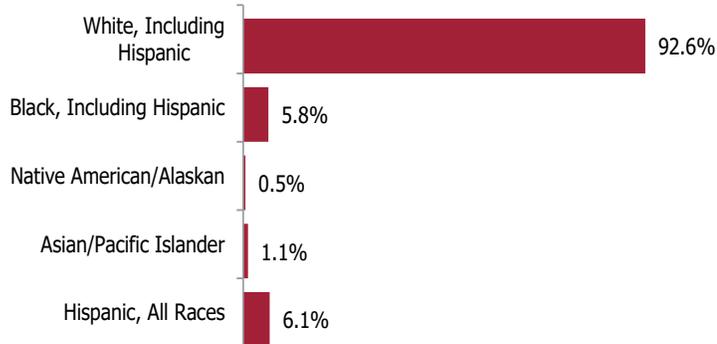


# Dickson



## TCCY Index Rank 12

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

5.4%

Rank: 7

Rank: 5

Children without health insurance

3.9%

Rank: 16

Child and teen deaths

39 per 100,000

Rank: 62

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 70

Child Poverty

17.2%

Rank: 13

Median Household Income

\$49,518

Rank: 23

Fair Market Rent

\$1,274

Rank: 86

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 14

School suspension rate

1.9%

Rank: 32

Teen pregnancy

9.5 per 1,000

Rank: 30

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

4.6 per 1,000

Rank: 25

### EDUCATION

Rank: 17



38.5%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 11

42.7%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 18

94.1%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 38

# Dickson County

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Demographics 	Dickson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	52,854	NA	6,715,862	0.8%	30
Population under 18 years of age	12,182	23.0%	22.4%	103.1%	21
Economic Well-Being 	Dickson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	80	7.3%	12.0%	60.8%	15
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$39,055	NA	\$45,517	85.8%	28
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	222	1.8%	3.2%	57.1%	9
Children receiving SNAP	3,453	28.3%	31.8%	89.2%	17
Children under five receiving WIC	1,074	32.8%	29.6%	110.8%	32
Education 	Dickson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,118	13.6%	11.9%	114.3%	62
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	43	21.86	23.4	93.3%	37
Cohort high school dropouts	19	3.2%	5.5%	58.2%	43
Event high school dropouts	41	1.5%	2.6%	57.7%	59
Economically disadvantaged students	2,379	28.8%	34.7%	83.0%	15
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	894	10.8%	13.6%	79.4%	31
Health 	Dickson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	5	7.76	13.5	57.4%	33
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	127	19.7%	12.7%	155.1%	44
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	6,462	45.9%	48.4%	95.0%	18
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	11,138	21.1%	21.8%	96.7%	21
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	357	55.4%	52.3%	106.0%	20
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	309	4.5%	5.5%	81.8%	20
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	7	10.90	7.4	147.3%	76
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	3	4.70	4.6	102.2%	61
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	3	31.60	22.4	141.1%	70
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	2	60.20	52.5	114.7%	64
Adequate prenatal care	391	60.7%	57.4%	105.7%	48
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	468	11.9%	17.7%	67.4%	81
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	37.6%	39.2%	95.9%	15
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	12	5.9	17.3	34.0%	14
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	47	88.9	239.2	37.2%	23
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	22	41.6	49.0	84.9%	15
Family & Community 	Dickson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	661	5.4%	4.9%	111.8%	42
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	56	4.2	3.9	106.7%	34
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	96	7.1	5.1	140.0%	59
Juvenile court referrals	577	4.7%	4.3%	111.1%	51
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	510	9.6	8.2	117.1%	7
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	204	3.9	3.6	108.3%	53
Births to unmarried females	288	44.7%	43.6%	102.5%	61
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,415	NA	307,218	0.8%	24

## Dickson County

At 12<sup>th</sup>, Dickson County is in the top fifth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include a relatively low rate of babies born at low birthweight, of children lacking health insurance and of child poverty. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Dickson County's 17.2 percent child poverty rate is better than most counties in Tennessee. The county's biggest challenges are a high cost of housing and a relatively high rate of child and teen deaths.

Additional strengths include a relatively high percent of 3<sup>d</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade children rated proficient in reading and in math on TNReady tests.

An additional opportunity for improvement is a high school graduation rate that does not match reading and math proficiency levels.

*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.
- 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.
- 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.