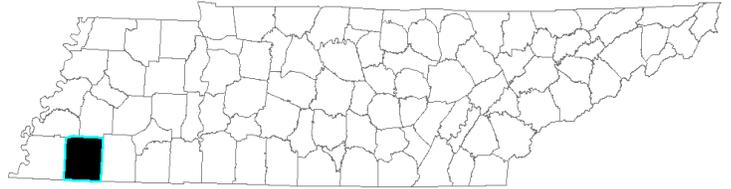
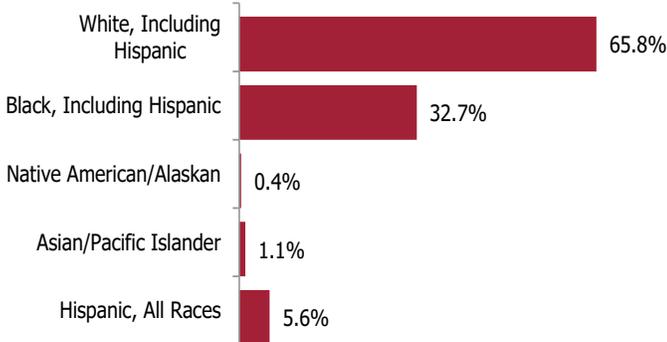


# Fayette

## TCCY Index Rank 72



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

8.2%

Rank: 46 Rank: 36

Children without health insurance

4.5%

Rank: 56

Child and teen deaths

36.7 per 100,000

Rank: 57

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 28

Child Poverty

20.7%

Rank: 24

Median Household Income

\$60,112

Rank: 5

Fair Market Rent

\$1,137

Rank: 83

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 40

School suspension rate

6.4%

Rank: 89

Teen pregnancy

9.7 per 1,000

Rank: 31

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

2.5 per 1,000

Rank: 3

### EDUCATION

Rank: 91

17.6%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 94

13.5%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 95

93.0%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 49



# Fayette County

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Demographics 	Fayette County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	40,042	NA	6,715,862	0.6%	39
Population under 18 years of age	7,726	19.3%	22.4%	86.3%	81
Economic Well-Being 	Fayette County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	70	12.5%	12.0%	104.2%	44
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$53,942	NA	\$45,517	118.5%	3
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	172	2.2%	3.2%	69.7%	17
Children receiving SNAP	2,705	35.0%	31.8%	110.1%	42
Children under five receiving WIC	602	28.9%	29.6%	97.5%	21
Education 	Fayette County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	402	12.3%	11.9%	103.4%	32
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	36	28.57	23.4	122.0%	63
Cohort high school dropouts	10	4.8%	5.5%	87.3%	67
Event high school dropouts	26	2.5%	2.6%	96.2%	83
Economically disadvantaged students	1,814	55.0%	34.7%	158.5%	92
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	13	4.0	2.0	200.0%	92
Chronic absenteeism	444	13.5%	13.6%	99.3%	52
Health 	Fayette County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	1	2.34	13.5	17.3%	14
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	30	7.0%	12.7%	55.1%	4
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,950	43.8%	48.4%	90.6%	12
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,002	17.5%	21.8%	80.2%	8
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	209	48.9%	52.3%	93.6%	12
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	227	5.9%	5.5%	107.3%	82
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	2	4.70	7.4	63.5%	36
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	2.30	4.6	50.0%	36
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	33.70	22.4	150.4%	72
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	254	59.5%	57.4%	103.7%	52
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	266	10.6%	17.7%	60.3%	87
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	54.6%	39.2%	139.3%	93
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	24	17.5	17.3	101.1%	64
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	11	27.5	239.2	11.5%	82
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	12	30.0	49.0	61.2%	37
Family & Community 	Fayette County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	249	3.2%	4.9%	66.4%	4
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	11	1.3	3.9	32.8%	2
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	14	1.6	5.1	32.0%	3
Juvenile court referrals	143	1.9%	4.3%	43.4%	11
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	240	6.0	8.2	73.2%	66
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	136	3.4	3.6	94.4%	33
Births to unmarried females	180	42.2%	43.6%	96.8%	40
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	523	NA	307,218	0.2%	68

## Fayette County

At 72<sup>nd</sup>, Fayette County ranks in the bottom third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings are having a low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and a high median household income. The county's biggest challenges are in the area of Education, where it has among the lowest rate in the state of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students rated as proficient both in reading and math on TNReady tests and one of the highest rates of school suspension in the state.

Additional strengths include below average rates of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and of babies born at a low birthweight.

Additional opportunities for improvement include high housing costs and an above average child and teen death 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.

- Increased access to pre-K can help both math and reading proficiency in later grades. Early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed can improve reading proficiency, while increasing STEM opportunities in elementary and middle schools can help improve 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade math proficiency.
- 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.
- 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.