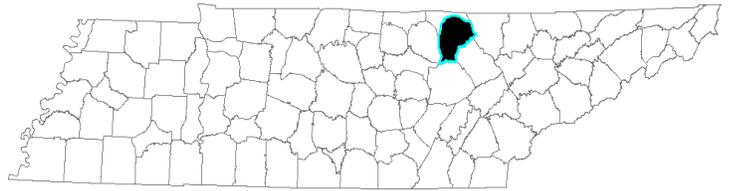
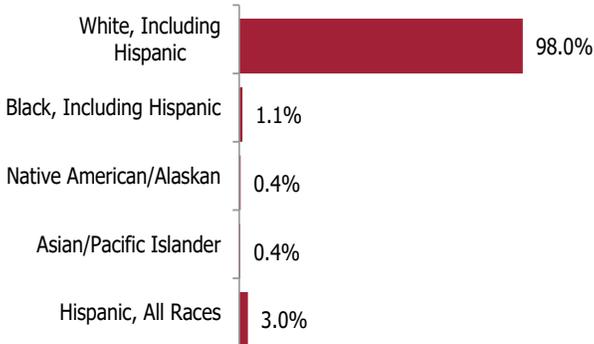


# Fentress



## TCCY Index Rank 49

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: **11.2%** (Rank: 86)
- Children without health insurance: **5.1%** (Rank: 80)
- Child and teen deaths: **0** per 100,000 (Rank: 1)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 83

- Child Poverty: **31.2%** (Rank: 88)
- Median Household Income: **\$32,895** (Rank: 93)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$761** (Rank: 1)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 22

- School suspension rate: **0.3%** (Rank: 10)
- Teen pregnancy: **9.1** per 1,000 (Rank: 25)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **7.6** per 1,000 (Rank: 76)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 23

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **31.7%** (Rank: 46)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **35.6%** (Rank: 45)
- High school graduation rate: **98.2%** (Rank: 4)

# Fentress County

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Demographics 	Fentress County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	18,129	NA	6,715,862	0.3%	69
Population under 18 years of age	3,819	21.1%	22.4%	94.2%	51
Economic Well-Being 	Fentress County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	20	6.7%	12.0%	55.8%	9
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$31,462	NA	\$45,517	69.1%	80
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	145	3.8%	3.2%	118.7%	60
Children receiving SNAP	1,768	46.3%	31.8%	145.7%	83
Children under five receiving WIC	530	53.2%	29.6%	179.7%	82
Education 	Fentress County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	251	12.2%	11.9%	102.5%	27
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	33	54.91	23.4	234.4%	94
Cohort high school dropouts	1	1.1%	5.5%	20.0%	12
Event high school dropouts	9	2.7%	2.6%	103.8%	88
Economically disadvantaged students	984	47.6%	34.7%	137.2%	86
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	262	12.7%	13.6%	93.4%	45
Health 	Fentress County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	3	16.85	13.5	124.7%	54
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	50	28.1%	12.7%	221.3%	86
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,039	68.1%	48.4%	140.8%	91
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	6,048	33.4%	21.8%	153.1%	92
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	141	79.2%	52.3%	151.5%	92
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	154	5.3%	5.5%	96.4%	61
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)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	120	67.4%	57.4%	117.4%	24
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	267	22.4%	17.7%	126.7%	19
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	49.3%	39.2%	125.8%	89
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	0	0.0	17.3	0.0%	1
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	11	60.7	239.2	25.4%	39
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	1	5.5	49.0	11.3%	91
Family & Community 	Fentress County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	163	4.3%	4.9%	87.9%	12
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	50	11.7	3.9	300.9%	92
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	54	12.7	5.1	248.8%	85
Juvenile court referrals	188	4.9%	4.3%	115.5%	55
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	115	6.3	8.2	76.8%	55
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	71	3.9	3.6	108.3%	53
Births to unmarried females	76	42.7%	43.6%	97.9%	42
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	462	NA	307,218	0.2%	72

## Fentress County

At 49<sup>th</sup>, Fentress County is in the bottom half of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's highest rankings come from having no child and teen deaths in 2017 and the lowest housing costs in the state. The county's biggest challenges are a low median household income and the fact that almost a third of its children live in poverty.

Additional strengths are a low rate of school suspensions and a strong high school graduation rate.

Additional opportunities for improvement include relatively high rates of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect, of children without health insurance and of babies born at a 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.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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 that families are aware of these insurance opportunities. According to Census Bureau estimates, Fentress County has over 150 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.