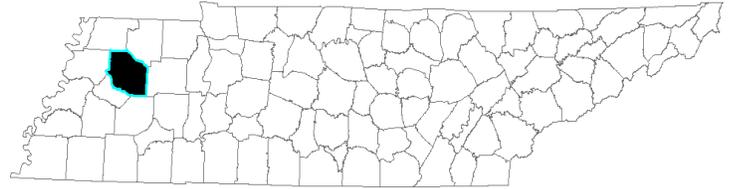
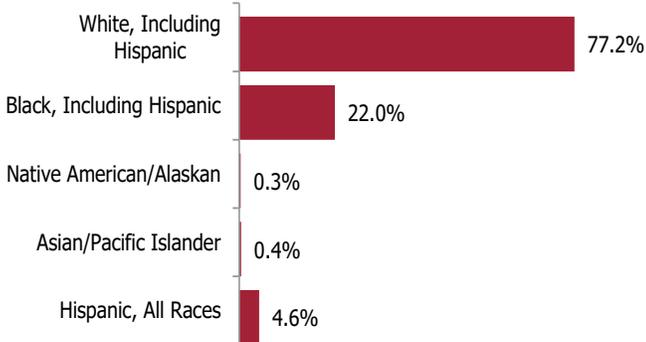


# Gibson



## TCCY Index Rank 10

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH

Low birth-weight babies: 9.7% (Rank: 63)

Children without health insurance: 3.5% (Rank: 4)

Child and teen deaths: 64.1 per 100,000 (Rank: 85)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 18

Child Poverty: 21.5% (Rank: 30)

Median Household Income: \$42,859 (Rank: 49)

Fair Market Rent: \$809 (Rank: 23)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 7

School suspension rate: 3.2% (Rank: 58)

Teen pregnancy: 7.1 per 1,000 (Rank: 16)

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 3.3 per 1,000 (Rank: 7)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 11

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 37.7% (Rank: 14)

Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 51.8% (Rank: 4)

High school graduation rate: 93.5% (Rank: 43)

# Gibson County

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Demographics 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	49,110	NA	6,715,862	0.7%	32
Population under 18 years of age	11,865	24.2%	22.4%	108.1%	9
Economic Well-Being 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	140	16.5%	12.0%	137.5%	62
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$37,464	NA	\$45,517	82.3%	42
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	489	4.1%	3.2%	129.1%	72
Children receiving SNAP	4,045	34.1%	31.8%	107.3%	38
Children under five receiving WIC	1,169	37.0%	29.6%	125.1%	43
Education 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,045	12.3%	11.9%	103.4%	32
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	64	34.15	23.4	145.8%	77
Cohort high school dropouts	21	3.2%	5.5%	58.7%	46
Event high school dropouts	29	1.0%	2.6%	38.4%	34
Economically disadvantaged students	2,836	39.0%	34.7%	112.4%	61
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	769	9.7%	13.6%	71.3%	19
Health 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	2	3.33	13.5	24.6%	21
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	104	17.3%	12.7%	136.2%	28
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	7,162	52.4%	48.4%	108.4%	38
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	12,948	26.4%	21.8%	121.0%	68
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	397	66.1%	52.3%	126.4%	53
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	299	4.0%	5.5%	72.7%	8
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	5	8.30	7.4	112.2%	60
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	2	3.30	4.6	71.7%	46
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	4	43.10	22.4	192.4%	78
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	4	125.20	52.5	238.5%	88
Adequate prenatal care	406	67.6%	57.4%	117.8%	19
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	839	22.0%	17.7%	124.9%	21
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	44.1%	39.2%	112.5%	62
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	49	24.9	17.3	143.7%	73
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	17	34.6	239.2	14.5%	70
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	16	32.6	49.0	66.5%	33
Family & Community 	Gibson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	581	4.9%	4.9%	100.9%	24
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	86	6.6	3.9	168.6%	72
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	102	7.8	5.1	153.1%	69
Juvenile court referrals	1,256	10.6%	4.3%	248.4%	86
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	303	6.2	8.2	75.6%	56
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	164	3.3	3.6	91.7%	26
Births to unmarried females	304	50.6%	43.6%	116.1%	80
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,042	NA	307,218	0.7%	28

## Gibson County

At 10<sup>th</sup>, Gibson County is among the top Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings are in the Education domain, where it has high rates of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students rated as proficient in both reading and math on TNReady tests. The county's biggest challenges are high rate of babies born at a low birthweight and of child and teen deaths.

Additional strengths include a low rate of children without health insurance and of substantiated cases of abuse and neglect.

Additional challenges include a low median household income and a relatively high rate of school suspension.

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

- 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 as well as improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and/or TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services. Additionally, especially with below average median household income, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to nutritionally sound diets for women in their childbearing years. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can help reach these vulnerable populations.
- 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.
- 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.