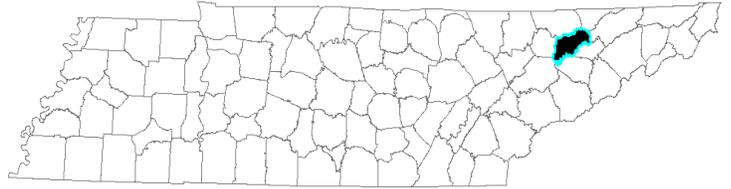
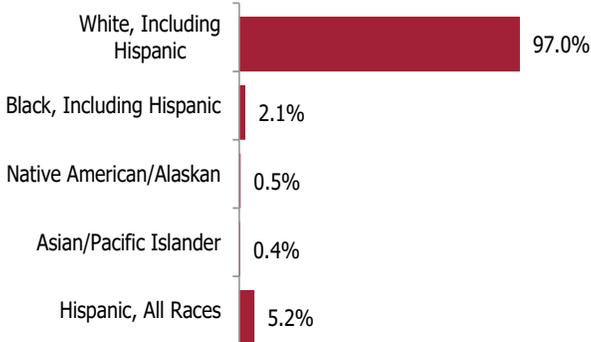


Grainger

TCCY Index Rank 31



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

7.3%

Rank: 40

Rank: 18

Children without health insurance

4.6%

Rank: 63

Child and teen deaths

39.8 per 100,000

Rank: 63

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 47

Child Poverty

25.7%

Rank: 60

Median Household Income

\$43,190

Rank: 48

Fair Market Rent

\$854

Rank: 48



FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 12

School suspension rate

0.0%

Rank: 1

Teen pregnancy

12.6 per 1,000

Rank: 48

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

5.3 per 1,000

Rank: 38

EDUCATION

Rank: 54



27.4%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 73

29.1%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 71

96.9%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 12

Grainger County

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Demographics 	Grainger County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	23,148	NA	6,715,862	0.3%	61
Population under 18 years of age	4,698	20.3%	22.4%	90.8%	65
Economic Well-Being 	Grainger County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	90	22.0%	12.0%	183.3%	85
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$32,317	NA	\$45,517	71.0%	72
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	142	3.0%	3.2%	94.9%	46
Children receiving SNAP	1,785	38.0%	31.8%	119.5%	54
Children under five receiving WIC	616	54.8%	29.6%	185.1%	86
Education 	Grainger County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	490	14.5%	11.9%	121.8%	74
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	17	25.88	23.4	110.5%	52
Cohort high school dropouts	7	2.8%	5.5%	50.9%	37
Event high school dropouts	16	1.3%	2.6%	50.0%	50
Economically disadvantaged students	1,056	31.1%	34.7%	89.6%	22
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	1,223	36.2%	13.6%	266.2%	94
Health 	Grainger County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	11	50.23	13.5	371.7%	87
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	55	25.1%	12.7%	197.6%	70
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	3,182	57.9%	48.4%	119.8%	62
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	6,037	26.1%	21.8%	119.7%	66
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	152	69.4%	52.3%	132.8%	71
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	162	5.2%	5.5%	94.5%	56
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)	1	27.50	22.4	122.8%	65
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	72.00	52.5	137.1%	74
Adequate prenatal care	139	63.5%	57.4%	110.6%	34
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	251	18.3%	17.7%	103.9%	43
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	50.0%	39.2%	127.6%	91
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	<5	0.0	17.3	0.0%	1
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	4	17.3	239.2	7.2%	89
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	2	8.6	49.0	17.6%	87
Family & Community 	Grainger County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	268	5.7%	4.9%	117.5%	52
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	7	1.3	3.9	34.3%	3
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	11	2.1	5.1	41.3%	4
Juvenile court referrals	173	3.7%	4.3%	86.4%	34
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	113	4.9	8.2	59.8%	89
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	87	3.8	3.6	105.6%	47
Births to unmarried females	84	38.4%	43.6%	88.1%	21
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	182	NA	307,218	0.1%	90

Grainger County

At 31st, Grainger County is in the top third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings come from having no school suspensions and a relatively low rate of babies born at a low birthweight. The county's biggest challenges are low rates of 3rd to 8th grade students rated as proficient in both reading and math on TNReady tests.

Additional strengths are a strong high school graduation rate and a relatively low rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

Additional opportunities for improvement include relatively high rates of children without health insurance and of child and teen deaths.

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 3rd to 8th grade math proficiency.
- 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, Grainger County has over 160 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.