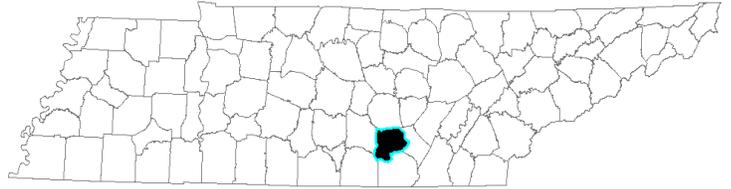
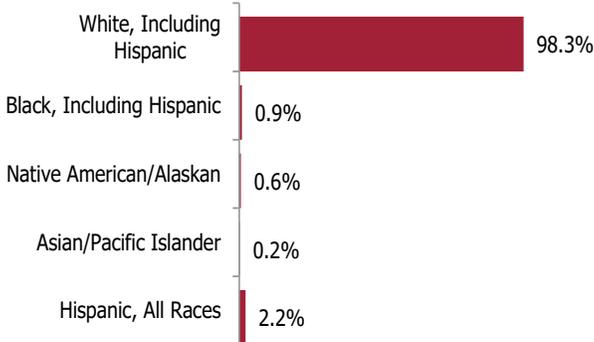


# Grundy

## TCCY Index Rank 79



### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

9.9%

Rank: 89

Rank: 68

Children without health insurance

4.4%

Rank: 49

Child and teen deaths

99.3 per 100,000

Rank: 89

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 89

Child Poverty

31.1%

Rank: 87

Median Household Income

\$34,454

Rank: 91

Fair Market Rent

\$849

Rank: 46

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 9

School suspension rate

0.0%

Rank: 1

Teen pregnancy

8.5 per 1,000

Rank: 21

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

6.3 per 1,000

Rank: 54

### EDUCATION

Rank: 84

23.6%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 87

23.5%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 85

92.2%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 59



# Grundy County

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Demographics 	Grundy County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	13,370	NA	6,715,862	0.2%	81
Population under 18 years of age	2,872	21.5%	22.4%	96.1%	41
Economic Well-Being 	Grundy County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	10	6.7%	12.0%	55.8%	9
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$30,407	NA	\$45,517	66.8%	86
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	149	5.2%	3.2%	162.2%	88
Children receiving SNAP	1,520	52.9%	31.8%	166.5%	92
Children under five receiving WIC	403	53.6%	29.6%	181.0%	83
Education 	Grundy County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	332	16.1%	11.9%	135.3%	86
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	8	17.47	23.4	74.6%	21
Cohort high school dropouts	9	4.7%	5.5%	85.5%	65
Event high school dropouts	9	1.1%	2.6%	42.3%	41
Economically disadvantaged students	951	46.3%	34.7%	133.4%	85
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	243	11.9%	13.6%	87.5%	38
Health 	Grundy County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	6	35.09	13.5	259.6%	79
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	39	22.8%	12.7%	179.5%	64
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	2,334	70.0%	48.4%	144.9%	92
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	4,572	34.2%	21.8%	156.9%	93
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	130	76.0%	52.3%	145.4%	87
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	91	4.3%	5.5%	78.2%	14
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	5.80	7.4	78.4%	41
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	5.80	4.6	126.1%	67
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	89.80	22.4	400.9%	90
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	86	50.3%	57.4%	87.6%	84
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	219	24.3%	17.7%	137.8%	12
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	42.0%	39.2%	107.1%	42
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	29.9	239.2	12.5%	79
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	0	0.0	49.0	0.0%	92
Family & Community 	Grundy County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	191	6.7%	4.9%	137.0%	73
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	6	1.9	3.9	48.4%	7
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	7	2.2	5.1	43.2%	6
Juvenile court referrals	232	8.1%	4.3%	189.5%	79
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	92	6.9	8.2	84.1%	36
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	52	3.9	3.6	108.3%	53
Births to unmarried females	85	49.7%	43.6%	114.0%	77
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	624	NA	307,218	0.2%	59

## Grundy County

At 79<sup>th</sup>, Grundy County is in the bottom fifth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include that there were no school suspensions and a low rate of pregnancies among girls age 15 to 17. Among the county's biggest challenges are its low rates of proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Additional strengths include low housing costs and an above average rate of high school graduation.

Additional opportunities for improvement include a high rate of child and teen deaths, a low median household income and the fact that almost a third of the county's children live in poverty.

*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.
- 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.
- Counties can support children who live in poverty by 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 when income is low, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to nutritionally sound diets. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.