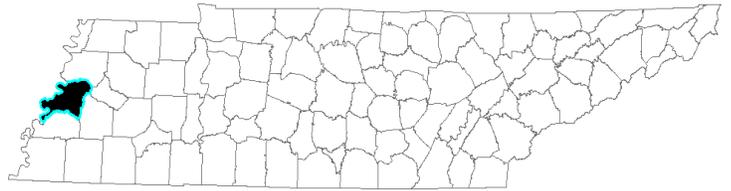
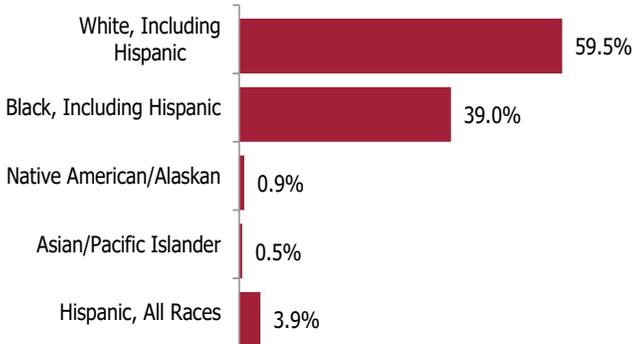


Lauderdale

TCCY Index Rank 84



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: 13.3% (Rank: 95)
- Children without health insurance: 3.6% (Rank: 8)
- Child and teen deaths: 110.6 per 100,000 (Rank: 90)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 69

- Child Poverty: 28.0% (Rank: 72)
- Median Household Income: \$38,718 (Rank: 74)
- Fair Market Rent: \$832 (Rank: 31)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 81

- School suspension rate: 6.9% (Rank: 90)
- Teen pregnancy: 15.5 per 1,000 (Rank: 69)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 5.4 per 1,000 (Rank: 41)

EDUCATION

Rank: 48

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 24.8% (Rank: 84)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 31.6% (Rank: 65)
- High school graduation rate: 97.9% (Rank: 7)

Lauderdale County

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Demographics 	Lauderdale County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	25,271	NA	6,715,862	0.4%	58
Population under 18 years of age	5,934	23.5%	22.4%	105.0%	17
Economic Well-Being 	Lauderdale County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	50	19.2%	12.0%	160.0%	76
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$28,141	NA	\$45,517	61.8%	91
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	293	4.9%	3.2%	154.9%	86
Children receiving SNAP	2,886	48.6%	31.8%	153.0%	87
Children under five receiving WIC	628	41.6%	29.6%	140.6%	57
Education 	Lauderdale County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	598	14.7%	11.9%	123.5%	77
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	23	25.87	23.4	110.4%	51
Cohort high school dropouts	2	0.7%	5.5%	12.7%	8
Event high school dropouts	3	0.2%	2.6%	7.7%	4
Economically disadvantaged students	2,090	50.9%	34.7%	146.7%	90
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	398	9.8%	13.6%	72.1%	22
Health 	Lauderdale County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	1	3.24	13.5	23.9%	18
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	64	20.7%	12.7%	163.0%	50
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	4,309	62.0%	48.4%	128.3%	82
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	7,780	30.8%	21.8%	141.3%	88
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	236	76.4%	52.3%	146.1%	88
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	159	3.5%	5.5%	63.6%	1
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	4	12.90	7.4	174.3%	80
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	3	9.70	4.6	210.9%	86
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	3	65.30	22.4	291.5%	86
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	3	172.60	52.5	328.8%	92
Adequate prenatal care	181	58.6%	57.4%	102.1%	56
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	404	22.1%	17.7%	125.3%	20
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	43.9%	39.2%	112.0%	59
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	38	36.1	17.3	208.0%	79
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	5	19.8	239.2	8.3%	88
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	4	15.8	49.0	32.3%	74
Family & Community 	Lauderdale County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	297	5.0%	4.9%	103.1%	28
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	31	4.7	3.9	120.2%	44
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	24	3.6	5.1	71.2%	19
Juvenile court referrals	1,042	17.6%	4.3%	412.0%	95
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	132	5.2	8.2	63.4%	84
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	97	3.8	3.6	105.6%	47
Births to unmarried females	199	64.4%	43.6%	147.7%	93
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	1,178	NA	307,218	0.4%	42

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At 84th, Lauderdale County is near the bottom of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include one of the strongest high school graduation rates in the state and low housing costs. The county's biggest challenges include the highest rate of babies born at a low birthweight in the state and a high rate of child and teen deaths.

An additional strength is a low percentage of children who lack health insurance.

Additional opportunities for improvement include low percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students rated proficient on TNReady reading tests and a high rate of students suspended from school.

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.
- 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.
- Increased access to pre-K can help reading proficiency in later grades. Early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed can improve reading proficiency in 3rd to 8th grade.
- 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.