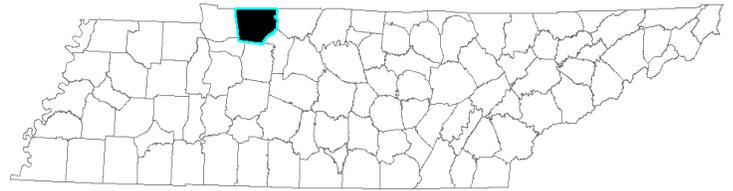
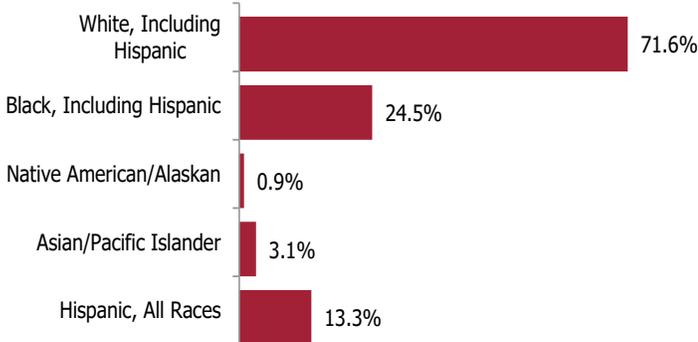


Montgomery



TCCY Index Rank 6

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: 8.1% (Rank: 32)
- Children without health insurance: 3.2% (Rank: 1)
- Child and teen deaths: 32.5 per 100,000 (Rank: 48)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 9

- Child Poverty: 16.2% (Rank: 9)
- Median Household Income: \$57,431 (Rank: 10)
- Fair Market Rent: \$1,056 (Rank: 73)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 58

- School suspension rate: 5.8% (Rank: 85)
- Teen pregnancy: 9.3 per 1,000 (Rank: 29)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 4.6 per 1,000 (Rank: 24)

EDUCATION

Rank: 9

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 41.9% (Rank: 6)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 44.8% (Rank: 16)
- High school graduation rate: 94.2% (Rank: 36)

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Demographics 	Montgomery County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	200,177	NA	6,715,862	3.0%	7
Population under 18 years of age	53,354	26.7%	22.4%	119.2%	2
Economic Well-Being 	Montgomery County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	360	11.7%	12.0%	97.5%	40
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$40,633	NA	\$45,517	89.3%	19
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	974	1.8%	3.2%	57.2%	10
Children receiving SNAP	10,910	20.4%	31.8%	64.3%	6
Children under five receiving WIC	4,447	26.5%	29.6%	89.4%	13
Education 	Montgomery County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	3,993	12.2%	11.9%	102.5%	27
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	226	22.07	23.4	94.2%	38
Cohort high school dropouts	34	1.5%	5.5%	27.3%	17
Event high school dropouts	111	1.0%	2.6%	38.5%	35
Economically disadvantaged students	8,609	26.1%	34.7%	75.2%	8
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	86	3.0	2.0	150.0%	90
Chronic absenteeism	2,819	8.5%	13.6%	62.5%	9
Health 	Montgomery County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	11	3.25	13.5	24.1%	20
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	363	10.7%	12.7%	84.3%	8
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	22,626	36.6%	48.4%	75.6%	6
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	37,502	18.7%	21.8%	86.0%	12
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	1,277	37.7%	52.3%	72.2%	3
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	1,357	4.2%	5.5%	76.4%	12
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	28	8.30	7.4	112.2%	60
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	20	5.90	4.6	128.3%	69
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	12	28.20	22.4	125.9%	66
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	4	31.20	52.5	59.4%	40
Adequate prenatal care	1,910	56.5%	57.4%	98.4%	66
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	2,729	13.6%	17.7%	77.3%	72
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	37.5%	39.2%	95.7%	14
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	226	30.5	17.3	175.9%	77
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	123	61.4	239.2	25.7%	37
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	69	34.5	49.0	70.3%	28
Family & Community 	Montgomery County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	2,669	5.0%	4.9%	103.1%	27
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	264	4.5	3.9	115.3%	41
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	271	4.6	5.1	90.6%	30
Juvenile court referrals	2,472	4.6%	4.3%	108.7%	50
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	2,053	10.3	8.2	125.6%	5
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	1,231	6.1	3.6	169.4%	92
Births to unmarried females	1,107	32.7%	43.6%	75.0%	5
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	10,883	NA	307,218	3.5%	7

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At 6th, Montgomery County is among the top Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include the lowest rate of children who lack health insurance in the state and comparatively high percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students who demonstrate proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are high housing costs and one of the higher percentages of student suspensions from school.

Additional strengths include high median household income and one of the lower rates of child poverty in the state. Though it is still a higher number than one would hope, Montgomery County's 16.2 percent child poverty rate is in the best 10 counties on this measure.

An additional challenge is a child and teen death rate that is close to the average for the state.

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

- Pro-active housing policy that helps ensure affordable housing is available for people to live where they work can improve negative outcomes related to high housing costs.
- 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.
- 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.