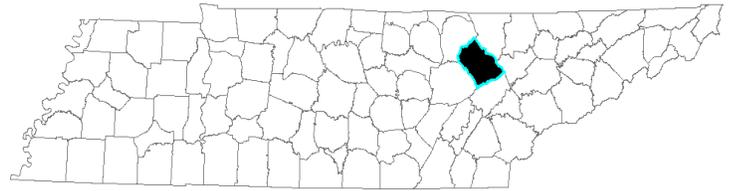
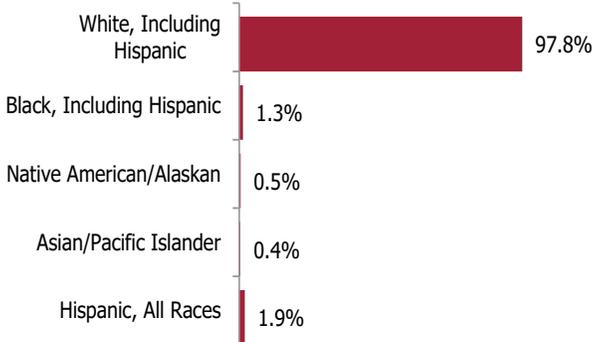


Morgan



TCCY Index Rank 81

Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: **7.5%** (Rank: 20)
- Children without health insurance: **4.4%** (Rank: 49)
- Child and teen deaths: **68** per 100,000 (Rank: 87)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 46

- Child Poverty: **24.8%** (Rank: 52)
- Median Household Income: **\$40,667** (Rank: 62)
- Fair Market Rent: **\$835** (Rank: 33)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 91

- School suspension rate: **3.0%** (Rank: 54)
- Teen pregnancy: **24.9** per 1,000 (Rank: 92)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: **9.2** per 1,000 (Rank: 89)

EDUCATION

Rank: 77

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: **18.8%** (Rank: 93)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: **17.7%** (Rank: 92)
- High school graduation rate: **99.1%** (Rank: 1)

Morgan County

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Demographics 	Morgan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	21,630	NA	6,715,862	0.3%	64
Population under 18 years of age	4,144	19.2%	22.4%	85.7%	83
Economic Well-Being 	Morgan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	30	8.1%	12.0%	67.5%	19
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$28,699	NA	\$45,517	63.1%	90
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	126	3.0%	3.2%	95.3%	47
Children receiving SNAP	1,782	43.0%	31.8%	135.3%	76
Children under five receiving WIC	441	41.2%	29.6%	139.2%	56
Education 	Morgan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	387	13.1%	11.9%	110.1%	53
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	10	15.36	23.4	65.6%	12
Cohort high school dropouts	0	0.0%	5.5%	0.0%	1
Event high school dropouts	1	0.1%	2.6%	3.8%	2
Economically disadvantaged students	1,248	42.0%	34.7%	121.0%	75
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	261	8.8%	13.6%	64.7%	12
Health 	Morgan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	5	25.00	13.5	185.0%	68
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	52	26.0%	12.7%	204.7%	75
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	2,587	52.8%	48.4%	109.2%	39
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	4,673	21.6%	21.8%	99.1%	25
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	130	65.0%	52.3%	124.3%	48
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	135	4.8%	5.5%	87.3%	34
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	5.00	7.4	67.6%	37
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)	3	93.90	22.4	419.2%	91
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	119	59.5%	57.4%	103.7%	52
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	214	16.7%	17.7%	94.6%	53
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	39.7%	39.2%	101.3%	29
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	6	8.3	17.3	48.0%	33
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	2	9.2	239.2	3.9%	93
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	3	13.9	49.0	28.3%	79
Family & Community 	Morgan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	255	6.2%	4.9%	126.8%	65
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	24	5.2	3.9	132.8%	57
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	19	4.1	5.1	80.5%	23
Juvenile court referrals	213	5.1%	4.3%	120.6%	56
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	107	4.9	8.2	59.8%	89
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	62	2.9	3.6	80.6%	17
Births to unmarried females	80	40.0%	43.6%	91.7%	27
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	571	NA	307,218	0.2%	64

Morgan County

At 81st, Morgan County is in the bottom fifth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include the highest high school graduation rate in the state and a comparatively low rate of babies born at a low birthweight. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are low percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests and an above average rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

An additional strength is low housing costs.

Additional challenges include above average rates of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect 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.
- Comprehensive sex education classes that include both encouragement of abstinence and information on birth control have been shown to reduce the number of teen pregnancies.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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.