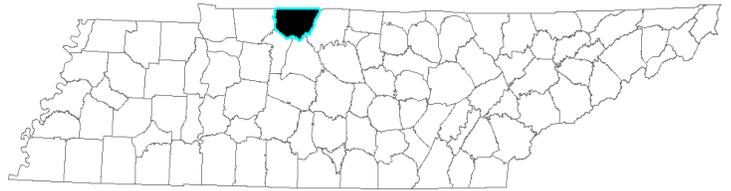
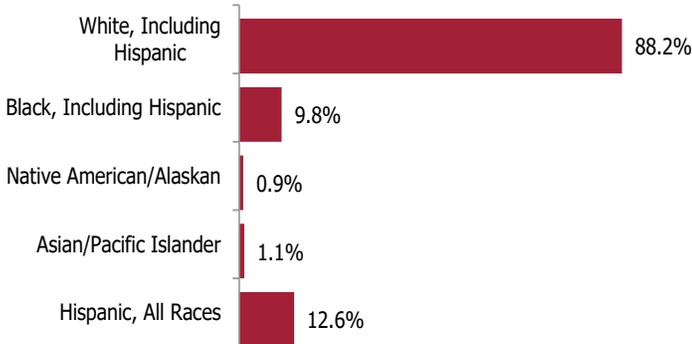


# Robertson



## TCCY Index Rank 26

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

6.4%

Rank: 8

Children without health insurance

4.1%

Rank: 26

Child and teen deaths

11.3 per 100,000

Rank: 18

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 39

Child Poverty

16.6%

Rank: 10

Median Household Income

\$59,771

Rank: 6

Fair Market Rent

\$1,274

Rank: 86

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 46

School suspension rate

5.1%

Rank: 81

Teen pregnancy

7.3 per 1,000

Rank: 17

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

5.2 per 1,000

Rank: 37

### EDUCATION

Rank: 56

28.7%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 65

31.5%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 66

94.5%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 33



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Demographics 	Robertson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	70,177	NA	6,715,862	1.0%	19
Population under 18 years of age	16,778	23.9%	22.4%	106.9%	11
Economic Well-Being 	Robertson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	190	12.0%	12.0%	100.0%	41
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$40,463	NA	\$45,517	88.9%	20
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	408	2.4%	3.2%	76.2%	22
Children receiving SNAP	4,587	27.3%	31.8%	86.0%	15
Children under five receiving WIC	861	19.5%	29.6%	66.0%	5
Education 	Robertson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	1,484	13.3%	11.9%	111.8%	56
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	39	14.96	23.4	63.9%	10
Cohort high school dropouts	13	1.6%	5.5%	29.1%	20
Event high school dropouts	49	1.3%	2.6%	50.0%	50
Economically disadvantaged students	3,741	33.4%	34.7%	96.3%	32
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	828	7.4%	13.6%	54.4%	5
Health 	Robertson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	17	19.70	13.5	145.8%	61
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	126	14.6%	12.7%	115.0%	17
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	8,480	43.9%	48.4%	90.7%	13
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	13,619	19.4%	21.8%	89.1%	15
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	396	45.9%	52.3%	87.8%	8
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	477	5.3%	5.5%	96.4%	61
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	4	4.60	7.4	62.2%	35
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	1.20	4.6	26.1%	27
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	1	7.60	22.4	33.9%	30
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	1	22.00	52.5	41.9%	37
Adequate prenatal care	479	55.5%	57.4%	96.7%	71
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	813	15.3%	17.7%	86.5%	61
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	39.0%	39.2%	99.5%	24
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	23	8.2	17.3	47.5%	32
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	37	52.7	239.2	22.0%	47
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	14	19.9	49.0	40.7%	61
Family & Community 	Robertson County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	1,054	6.3%	4.9%	129.4%	67
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	66	3.6	3.9	91.4%	30
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	78	4.2	5.1	82.7%	24
Juvenile court referrals	749	4.5%	4.3%	104.7%	48
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	457	6.5	8.2	79.3%	48
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	292	4.2	3.6	116.7%	72
Births to unmarried females	361	41.8%	43.6%	95.9%	35
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	2,935	NA	307,218	1.0%	19

## Robertson County

At 26<sup>th</sup>, Robertson County ranks in the top third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. Some of the county's strongest rankings include a high median household income and a relatively low rate of child poverty (at 16.6 percent, Robertson County's child poverty rate is still too high, but it is among the lowest in the state). The county's biggest opportunities for improvement are a high housing costs and low percentages of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students rated proficient on TNReady math and reading tests.

Additional strengths include a relatively low rate of babies born at a low birthweight as well as below average rates of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 and of child and teen deaths.

Additional challenges include above average rates of students suspended from school and of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.

*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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.