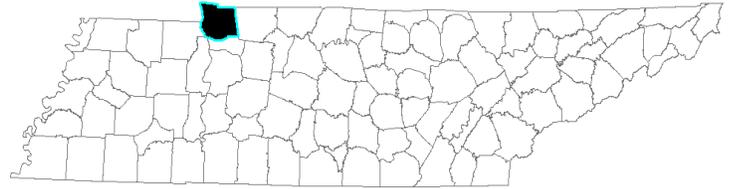
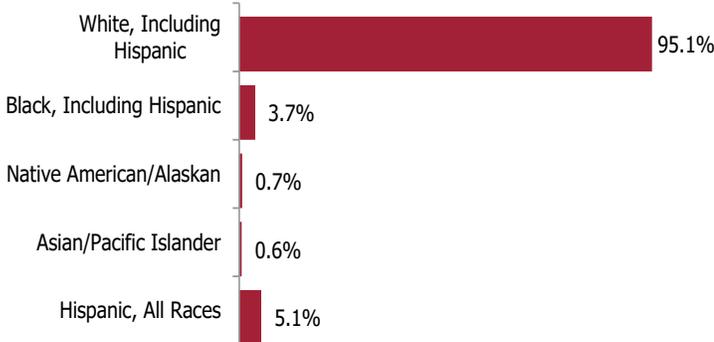


# Stewart



## TCCY Index Rank 21

### Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



### HEALTH

- Low birth-weight babies: 6.5% (Rank: 9)
- Children without health insurance: 5.6% (Rank: 92)
- Child and teen deaths: 0 per 100,000 (Rank: 1)

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 31

- Child Poverty: 23.9% (Rank: 45)
- Median Household Income: \$48,175 (Rank: 30)
- Fair Market Rent: \$885 (Rank: 55)

### FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 68

- School suspension rate: 1.9% (Rank: 32)
- Teen pregnancy: 16.9 per 1,000 (Rank: 75)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 6.9 per 1,000 (Rank: 63)

### EDUCATION

Rank: 7

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 34.5% (Rank: 31)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 45.7% (Rank: 13)
- High school graduation rate: 98.1% (Rank: 6)

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Demographics 	Stewart County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	13,347	NA	6,715,862	0.2%	82
Population under 18 years of age	2,736	20.5%	22.4%	91.7%	61
Economic Well-Being 	Stewart County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	30	13.6%	12.0%	113.3%	48
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$39,523	NA	\$45,517	86.8%	24
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	72	2.6%	3.2%	82.7%	29
Children receiving SNAP	884	32.3%	31.8%	101.7%	31
Children under five receiving WIC	215	30.7%	29.6%	103.6%	26
Education 	Stewart County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	229	11.7%	11.9%	98.3%	19
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	9	21.03	23.4	89.8%	34
Cohort high school dropouts	2	1.3%	5.5%	23.6%	14
Event high school dropouts	4	0.5%	2.6%	19.2%	9
Economically disadvantaged students	571	29.1%	34.7%	83.9%	18
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	300	15.1%	13.6%	111.0%	65
Health 	Stewart County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	3	21.58	13.5	159.7%	62
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	37	26.6%	12.7%	209.4%	81
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	1,665	51.9%	48.4%	107.3%	35
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	3,124	23.4%	21.8%	107.4%	40
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	91	65.5%	52.3%	125.2%	51
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	116	6.6%	5.5%	120.0%	91
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	7.20	7.4	97.3%	53
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)	0	0.00	22.4	0.0%	1
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	0	0.00	52.5	0.0%	1
Adequate prenatal care	73	52.5%	57.4%	91.5%	80
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	159	19.0%	17.7%	107.3%	38
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	39.1%	39.2%	99.7%	25
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	30.0	239.2	12.5%	78
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	3	22.5	49.0	45.9%	54
Family & Community 	Stewart County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	199	7.3%	4.9%	149.9%	80
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	18	5.9	3.9	151.0%	68
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	28	9.2	5.1	179.9%	78
Juvenile court referrals	91	3.3%	4.3%	78.0%	28
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	117	8.8	8.2	107.3%	13
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	42	3.1	3.6	86.1%	20
Births to unmarried females	64	46.0%	43.6%	105.5%	69
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	337	NA	307,218	0.1%	81

## Stewart County

At 21<sup>st</sup>, Stewart County ranks in the top third of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include having no child and teen deaths in 2017 and a low rate of babies born at a low birthweight. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include one of the higher rates of children without health insurance and an above average rate of pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17.

Additional strengths include a strong high school graduation rate and high percentages of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady math tests.

Additional challenges include an above average rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and the fact that almost 1 in 4 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.

- Most uninsured children in Tennessee qualify for either TennCare or CoverKids, so high rates of uninsured children can be improved with outreach to make sure that families are aware of these insurance opportunities. According to Census Bureau estimates, Stewart County has over 100 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.
- 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.
- With a high rate of child poverty, improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP and WIC benefits to be sure they are aware of these services can help ensure basic needs are met. Additionally, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to food security. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.