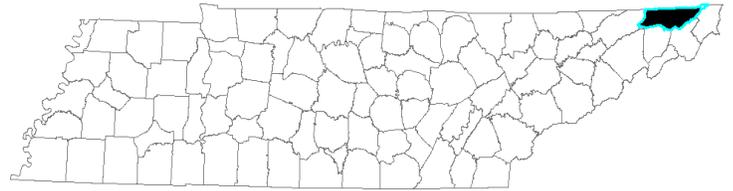
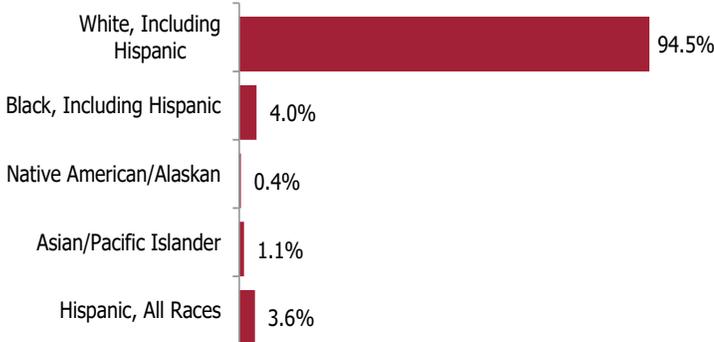


Sullivan



TCCY Index Rank 15

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: 18.6 per 100,000 (Rank: 24)

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 26

- Child Poverty: 23.7% (Rank: 42)
- Median Household Income: \$45,224 (Rank: 39)
- Fair Market Rent: \$836 (Rank: 35)

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 64

- School suspension rate: 4.3% (Rank: 74)
- Teen pregnancy: 11 per 1,000 (Rank: 40)
- Substantiated Abuse and Neglect: 6.3 per 1,000 (Rank: 53)

EDUCATION

Rank: 22

- Third to eighth grade reading proficiency: 35.1% (Rank: 26)
- Third to eighth grade math proficiency: 39.1% (Rank: 28)
- High school graduation rate: 95.1% (Rank: 26)

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Demographics 	Sullivan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	157,161	NA	6,715,862	2.3%	9
Population under 18 years of age	30,363	19.3%	22.4%	86.4%	80
Economic Well-Being 	Sullivan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	400	13.9%	12.0%	115.8%	50
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$41,431	NA	\$45,517	91.0%	13
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	1,270	4.2%	3.2%	131.1%	75
Children receiving SNAP	10,901	35.9%	31.8%	113.0%	45
Children under five receiving WIC	2,876	36.9%	29.6%	124.5%	41
Education 	Sullivan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	3,099	14.8%	11.9%	124.4%	79
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	164	35.37	23.4	151.0%	80
Cohort high school dropouts	53	3.0%	5.5%	54.0%	42
Event high school dropouts	99	1.3%	2.6%	50.1%	52
Economically disadvantaged students	7,300	34.9%	34.7%	100.6%	40
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	18	2.0	2.0	100.0%	86
Chronic absenteeism	3,163	17.4%	13.6%	127.9%	79
Health 	Sullivan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	80	51.95	13.5	384.4%	88
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	368	23.9%	12.7%	188.2%	68
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	18,389	51.7%	48.4%	106.9%	34
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	34,272	21.8%	21.8%	100.1%	30
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	956	62.1%	52.3%	118.7%	38
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	663	3.6%	5.5%	65.5%	2
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	13	8.40	7.4	113.5%	63
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	6	3.90	4.6	84.8%	51
Child deaths (per 100,000 children age 1 to 14)	2	8.50	22.4	37.9%	31
Teen violent deaths (per 100,000 children age 15 to 19)	4	45.10	52.5	85.9%	56
Adequate prenatal care	771	50.1%	57.4%	87.3%	85
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	1,785	19.0%	17.7%	107.3%	37
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	37.2%	39.2%	94.9%	11
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	65	12.1	17.3	70.0%	52
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	402	255.8	239.2	107.0%	5
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	93	59.2	49.0	120.8%	4
Family & Community 	Sullivan County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	2,595	8.5%	4.9%	176.1%	95
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	166	4.9	3.9	125.8%	53
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	217	6.4	5.1	125.9%	52
Juvenile court referrals	2,327	7.7%	4.3%	179.8%	77
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	920	5.9	8.2	72.0%	69
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	608	3.9	3.6	108.3%	53
Births to unmarried females	657	42.7%	43.6%	97.9%	42
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	5,260	NA	307,218	1.7%	13

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At 15th, Sullivan County ranks in the top fifth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include a low rate of children without health insurance and high percentages of 3rd to 8th grade students demonstrating proficiency on TNReady reading and math tests. The county's biggest opportunities for improvement include a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and an above average rate of students suspended from school.

Additional strengths include a below average rate of child and teen deaths and a strong high school graduation rate.

An additional challenge is that almost one in four 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.

- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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.
- Counties can support children who live in poverty by improving outreach to those who may qualify to receive SNAP, WIC and/or TennCare benefits to be sure they are aware of these services. Additionally, nutrition programs that provide food for school-age children to take home can contribute to nutritionally sound diets. Expanding services through Family Resource Centers can also help reach these vulnerable populations.