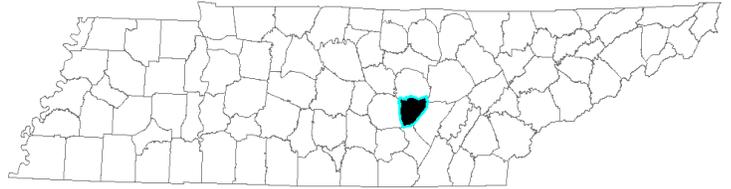
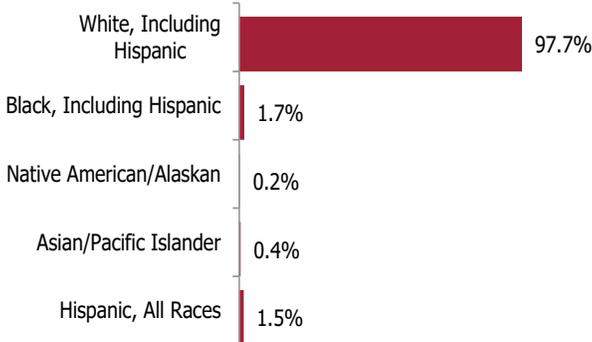


Van Buren

TCCY Index Rank 11



Child Population by Race/Ethnicity



HEALTH



Low birth-weight babies

4.2%

Rank: 3

Rank: 2

Children without health insurance

4.8%

Rank: 68

Child and teen deaths

0 per 100,000

Rank: 1

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank: 55

Child Poverty

27.4%

Rank: 69

Median Household Income

\$38,478

Rank: 75

Fair Market Rent

\$761

Rank: 1

FAMILY and COMMUNITY

Rank: 3

School suspension rate

0.1%

Rank: 5

Teen pregnancy

0 per 1,000

Rank: 1

Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

7.4 per 1,000

Rank: 70

EDUCATION

Rank: 46

26.0%

Third to eighth grade reading proficiency

Rank: 78

31.0%

Third to eighth grade math proficiency

Rank: 68

98.2%

High school graduation rate

Rank: 4



Van Buren County

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Demographics 	Van Buren County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Total population (state comparison is number not rate)	5,711	NA	6,715,862	0.1%	94
Population under 18 years of age	1,079	18.9%	22.4%	84.5%	85
Economic Well-Being 	Van Buren County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Youth unemployment	20	15.4%	12.0%	128.3%	57
Per capita personal income (state is dollars not rate)	\$30,793	NA	\$45,517	67.7%	84
Children receiving Families First grants (TANF)	23	2.1%	3.2%	66.6%	13
Children receiving SNAP	412	38.2%	31.8%	120.2%	57
Children under five receiving WIC	154	48.4%	29.6%	163.6%	74
Education 	Van Buren County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
School age special education services	109	15.7%	11.9%	131.9%	85
TEIS participation (per 1,000 in age group)	6	30.00	23.4	128.1%	70
Cohort high school dropouts	2	4.1%	5.5%	74.5%	57
Event high school dropouts	4	1.6%	2.6%	61.5%	63
Economically disadvantaged students	278	39.7%	34.7%	114.4%	66
School expulsions (per 1,000 students)	0	0.0	2.0	0.0%	1
Chronic absenteeism	71	10.1%	13.6%	74.3%	26
Health 	Van Buren County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Neonatal abstinence syndrome (per 1,000 live births)	0	0.00	13.5	0.0%	1
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	16	22.2%	12.7%	174.8%	58
Children on TennCare (Medicaid)	736	58.8%	48.4%	121.7%	67
Total TennCare (Medicaid) enrollees	1,387	24.3%	21.8%	111.5%	46
Births covered by TennCare (Medicaid)	45	62.5%	52.3%	119.6%	41
Children qualified for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured	45	5.6%	5.5%	101.8%	73
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1	0.00	7.4	0.0%	1
Neonatal death (per 1,000 live births)	1	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	40	55.6%	57.4%	96.9%	70
Children under age six screened for lead poisoning	49	13.0%	17.7%	73.8%	77
Public school students measured as overweight/obese	NA	43.3%	39.2%	110.5%	51
Teens with STDs (per 1,000 children age 15 to 17)	0	0.0	17.3	0.0%	1
Medical doctors by county (per 100,000 residents)	0	0.0	239.2	0.0%	94
Dentists by county (per 100,000 residents)	0	0.0	49.0	0.0%	92
Family & Community 	Van Buren County		Tennessee Rate	County Rate as a percentage of State Rate	County Rank
	Number	Rate			
Reported child abuse cases	57	5.3%	4.9%	108.8%	38
Commitment to state custody (per 1,000 children)	9	7.6	3.9	193.8%	80
Remaining in state custody (per 1,000 children)	17	14.3	5.1	280.2%	92
Juvenile court referrals	46	4.3%	4.3%	100.0%	45
Recorded marriages (per 1,000 residents)	78	13.7	8.2	167.1%	2
Recorded divorces (per 1,000 residents)	5	0.9	3.6	25.0%	1
Births to unmarried females	18	25.0%	43.6%	57.3%	2
Regulated child care spaces (state is number not rate)	225	NA	307,218	0.1%	87

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At 11th, Van Buren County ranks in the top fifth of Tennessee counties in child well-being. The county's best rankings include having no child and teen deaths and just one pregnancy among girls age 15 to 17 in 2017. The county also had one of the lowest rates of students suspended from school in the state in 2017-18. The county's biggest opportunity for improvement is that a low percentage of students demonstrate proficiency on TNReady math and reading tests.

Additional strengths are low housing costs, a strong high school graduation rate and below average rate of babies born at a low birthweight.

Additional challenges include a high rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect and an above average percentage of children who lack health insurance.

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 reading proficiency in later grades. Early assessment of reading skills coupled with appropriate interventions where needed can improve reading proficiency in 3rd to 8th grade. Expanding pre-K access and increasing STEM opportunities in elementary and middle schools can help improve 3rd to 8th grade math proficiency.
- Two-generation programs such as evidence-based home visiting have been shown to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect.
- 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, Van Buren County has about 45 children who qualify for these health insurance programs but who nonetheless lack insurance.