

TN & U.S. HEALTH RANKINGS

This chart compares education, health, housing, income, and mortality in Tennessee and the United States to see where Tennessee does better, worse, or the same.

Health Outcomes	Tennessee	USA
Life Expectancy	74.1	77.6
Child Mortality	70	50
Infant Mortality	7	6
Food Insecurity	12%	10%
Drug Overdose Deaths	43	27
Patients to Primary Care Physicians Ratio	1,440:1	1,330:1
Patients to Dentists Ratio	1,780:1	1,360:1
Patients to Mental Health Providers Ratio	530:1	320:1
Uninsured Adults	15%	12%
Uninsured Children	5%	5%
High School Completion	89%	89%
Some College	63%	68%
Children in Poverty	18%	16%
Median Household Income	\$65,200	\$74,800
Severe Housing Problems	13%	17%
Medical Debt	7%	5%

APPENDIX

Term	Definition
Life Expectancy	the average number of years a person may be expected to live
Child Mortality	the number of deaths among residents under age 20 per 100,000 population
Infant Mortality	the number of infant deaths (within 1 year) per 1,000 live births
Food Insecurity	the percentage of population who lack adequate access to food
Drug Overdose Deaths	the number of drug poisoning deaths per 100,000 population
Uninsured Adults	the percentage of adults under age 65 without health insurance
Uninsured Children	the percentage of children under age 19 without health insurance
High School Completion	the percentage of adults ages 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent
Some College	the percentage of adults ages 25-44 with some post-secondary education
Children in Poverty	the percentage of people under age 18 in poverty
Median Household Income	the income where half of households in a county earn more and half of households earn less
Severe Housing Problems	the percentage of households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities
Medical Debt*	the percentage of the population with medical debt in collections
Patients to Primary Care Physicians Ratio	the number of people served by one primary care physician
Patients to Dentists Ratio	the number of people served by one dentist
Patients to Mental Health Providers Ratio	the number of people served by one mental health provider

Sources: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. County Health Rankings & Roadmaps 2024. www.countyhealthrankings.org.

*Kassandra Martinchek, Miranda Santillo, Breno Braga, and Signe-Mary McKernan. 2024. Debt in America 2024. Accessible from <https://datacatalog.urban.org/dataset/debt-america-2024>