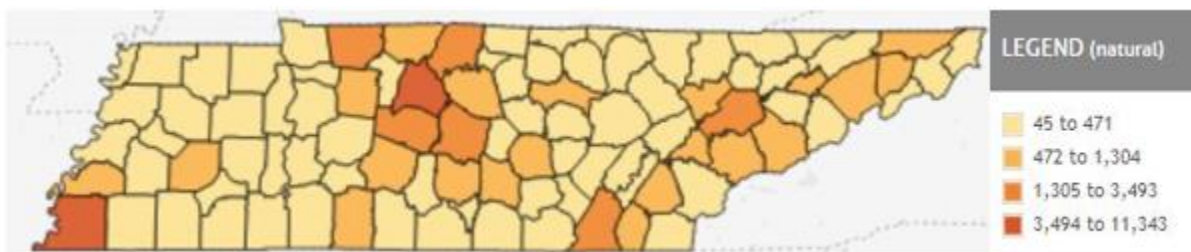


# Why TN children don't have health insurance and how you can fix it

**Medicaid, also known as TennCare,** is a source of health insurance for almost 800,000 TN children. Each state receives federal matching funds and has the flexibility to design its program within federal guidelines. For children, Medicaid provides guaranteed coverage, pediatrician-recommended services, and cost-sharing protections.

**Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as CoverKids in Tennessee,** builds on the foundation of Medicaid to cover 106,000 children in working families who are not eligible for Medicaid and lack access to affordable private coverage

- Almost **50,000** children in Tennessee are uninsured, yet they are eligible for Medicaid (TennCare) or CHIP (CoverKids).
- The counties with the highest numbers of uninsured children are
  - 1. Shelby County – 11,343
  - 2. Davidson County – 6,698
  - 3. Knox County – 3,493



Poverty Level	2016
<b>Below 100%</b>	15,000 (4%)
<b>100%-149%</b>	9,000 (5%)
<b>150%-199%</b>	7,000 (4%)
<b>200%-299%</b>	10,000 (4%)
<b>300% or above</b>	11,000 (2%)

Some families are above the income limit to qualify for TennCare or CoverKids. But many families don't know that they may still qualify under special categories.

## Uninsured children by poverty level

## What can you do?

- Spread the word that almost every uninsured child is eligible for something.
- Support programs that are fundamental to children's coverage in Tennessee.
- Ask candidates for public office and elected officials questions like "What is your plan to ensure every child in Tennessee has access to healthcare?"