

Key Facts on Child Poverty in Tennessee

All children

- Poverty rate: 22.3 percent
- 9th highest in the country
- 330,998 children

- Extreme poverty rate: 9.9 percent
- 8th highest in the country
- 147,449 children

Children under 6

- Poverty rate: 26.2 percent
- 6th highest in the country
- 124,371 children

- Extreme poverty rate: 12.9 percent
- 4th highest in the country
- 61,233 children

Black child poverty

- Poverty rate: 40.4 percent
- 10th highest in the country
- 115,403 children

White child poverty

- Poverty rate: 15.4 percent
- 4th highest in the country
- 147,692 children

From this publication: <https://www.childrensdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Child-Poverty-in-America-2018-State-Factsheet.pdf>

Key Facts on Families First

Grant amount for a family of three: \$277 for a family of three (up from \$185 last year)

- Grant is 15.6 percent of the Federal Poverty Line for a family of three
- Grant is the 7th lowest in the country
- Grant covers less than a third of the cost of the fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment

Families First Caseload

- Average of 20,000 families per month (from October 2018 through March 2019)
- Down from 62,000 families in 2010 (a decline of two-thirds)
- Down from 95,000 families in 1996 (a decline of almost 80 percent)