

TENNESSEE

STATEWIDE HEALTH & WELL-BEING INDEX 2017

DOMAIN: PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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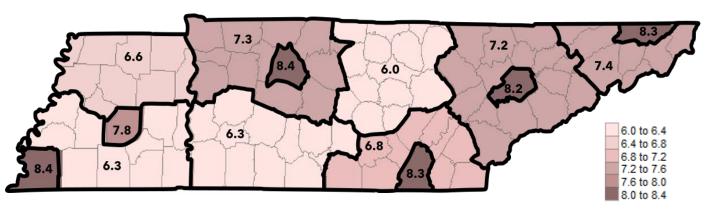
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PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT contributes 10% to a person's health.

Why is physical environment important for health?

The physical environment includes the natural environment, transportation systems, buildings, and public resources. 12 A person's school, work, and home environment influences their health behaviors and has a direct impact on their health. 13 For example, access to sidewalks, parks and playgrounds offer opportunities for physical activity, while exposure to pollution or unsafe drinking water contributes to health conditions like asthma and waterborne illness.





PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT Domain Scores by Region

METRIC	MOST RECENT TENNESSEE DATA	NATIONAL AVERAGE	BETTER/WORSE THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE
Households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen, or lack of plumbing facilities (2014)	16.6%	19.0%	BETTER
Individuals with access to exercise opportunities (e.g. parks, gyms, YMCAs, community centers, dance studios, pools) (2012)	69.3%	77.0%	WORSE

Table 1. Statewide Tennessee Metrics

	MOST RECENT TENNESSEE DATA	NATIONAL AVERAGE	BETTER/WORSE THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE
Social & Economic Environment Domain			
Adults with some college education (2014)	58.2%	46.1%	BETTER
Black-White Residential Segregation Index (2014)	67	59	WORSE
Childless household that are food insecure (2014)	16.9%	13.0%	WORSE
Children who are food insecure (2014)	24.0%	17.0%	WORSE
Children who live in poverty (2014)	25.9%	19.7%	WORSE
High School Graduation rate (2015)	87.7%	82.0%	BETTER
Income Inequality Index (2015)	47.7	47.9	SAME
Individuals who live in poverty (2014)	18.2%	12.4%	WORSE
Unemployment rate (2014)	6.7%	6.2%	WORSE
White-Non-White Residential Segregation Index (2014)	59	41	WORSE
Health Behavior Domain			
Adults currently smoking cigarettes (2013)	24.3%	16.8%	WORSE
Adults who are physically inactive (2012)	32.0%	29.6%	WORSE
Adults who eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day (2013)	9.2% combined	13.1% fruit 8.9% vegetables	-
Clinical Care Domain	Combined	0.770 vegetables	
Adults who are uninsured (2014)	17.4%	10.4%	WORSE
Adults who avoided medical care in the last 12 months due to cost (2013)	17.6%	15.3%	WORSE
Adults with a primary care physician (2013)	77.0%	69.9%	BETTER
Adults with diabetes receiving at least 2 HbA1c measurements in the last year (2013)	86.6%	84.9%	BETTER
Children who are uninsured (2013)	5.3%	7.5%	BETTER
Medicare enrollees readmitted within 30 days of a hospital discharge (2013)	17.9%	18.0%	SAME
Pregnant women who receive adequate prenatal care (2015)	56.6%	74.4%	WORSE
Women who have received a pap test within the past 3 years (2013)	80.1%	75.2%	BETTER
Women, 40 and older, who have received a mammogram in the past 2 years (2013)	73.3%	73.0%	SAME
Physical Environment Domain			
Adults with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen, or lack of plumbing facilities (2012)	16.6%	19.0%	BETTER
Individuals with access to exercise opportunities (e.g. parks, gyms, YMCAs, community centers, dance studios, pools) (2014)	69.3%	77.0%	WORSE

Table 16. Comparison of 2017 and 2016 Index and Domain Scores

	Health & Well-Being Index			Social & Economic Environment Domain		Health Behavior Domain		Clinical Care Domain			Physical Environment Domain				
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
Tennessee	6.5	6.6	\triangle	6.5	6.8	A	5.0	5.1	A	8.0	8.0	4	7.7	7.7	4
Northeast	6.5	6.5	4	6.9	7.0	A	4.8	4.8	4	7.7	7.7	•	7.5	7.4	•
East	6.6	6.4	•	6.9	7.0	A	4.8	4.8	4	8.1	7.5	▼	7.4	7.2	•
Knox	7.0	6.9	•	7.3	7.3	4	5.4	5.3	•	8.2	7.9	•	8.2	8.2	4
Upper- Cumberland	6.5	6.4	•	6.9	7.0	A	5.1	4.9	•	7.9	7.7	V	6.6	6.0	•
Southeast	6.5	6.5	A	7.1	7.1	A	4.8	4.7	•	7.8	7.6	•	7.0	6.8	▼
Hamilton	6.7	6.8		6.9	7.0	A	5.1	5.4		7.8	7.9		8.2	8.3	
Davidson	6.9	6.9	4	7.1	7.1	4	5.5	5.5	•	7.8	7.8	*	8.4	8.4	*
Mid-Cumberland	6.8	6.9		7.3	7.6	A	5.1	5.1	4	8.1	7.9	•	7.3	7.3	4
South Central	6.5	6.6	_	7.2	7.3	A	4.7	5.0	A	7.8	7.6	V	6.6	6.3	•
Northwest	6.5	6.5	4	7.1	7.1	A	4.8	4.9		7.6	7.8	A	6.8	6.6	•
Southwest	6.4	6.4	4	7.1	7.1	4	4.7	4.5	•	7.8	7.7	•	6.3	6.3	4
Shelby	6.5	6.6	Δ	6.5	6.5	4	5.4	5.4	4	7.6	7.8	A	8.4	8.4	4
Madison	6.7	6.7	4	7.1	7.1	4	5.2	5.1	•	8.0	7.9	▼	7.5	7.8	A
Sullivan	6.8	6.7	•	7.2	7.2	4	4.8	4.7	•	8.0	7.9	•	8.3	8.3	4