PROFILES OF HEALTH IN TENNESSEE

BLEDSOE COUNTY

QUICK FACTS
2017 Population: **14,717**
Age <18: **16.0%**
Age 65+: **18.1%**
Median Age: **44**
Percent Rural: **100%**
(Census 2010, 2017)

HEALTH OUTCOMES IN BLEDSOE COUNTY

Our behaviors, physical, social, and economic environments, and access to clinical care are all major drivers of health.

The factors that drive our health are complex and interconnected. They can affect each other while also influencing our health and well-being.

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BLEDSOE COUNTY
EXAMPLES OF THE DRIVERS OF HEALTH

**SOCIAL & ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT**
influences 40% of population health

- **Poverty Rate**
  - Bledsoe: 23.7%
  - TN: 17.2%
  - US: (Census 2012-16)

- **Educational Attainment (Associate’s Degree or More)**
  - Bledsoe: 17.4%
  - TN: 32.2%
  - US: (Census 2012-16)

- **Unemployment Rate**
  - Bledsoe: 5.9%
  - TN: 3.7%
  - US: (BLS 2017)

- **Median Household Income (Census 2012-16)**
  - Bledsoe: $38,535
  - TN: $46,574
  - US: $55,322

- **Crime Rate (per 1K pop.) (TBI 2017)**
  - Bledsoe: 18.3
  - TN: 85.9

**HEALTH BEHAVIOR**
influences 30% of population health

- **Drug Overdose Deaths (per 100K pop.) (CDC 2012-16)**
  - Bledsoe: 26.5
  - TN: 21.1
  - US: n/a

- **Adult Smokers**
  - Bledsoe: 25.6%
  - TN: 22.1%
  - US: (RWJF/CDC 2016)

- **Physically Inactive Adults**
  - Bledsoe: 34.4%
  - TN: 30.1%
  - US: (RWJF/CDC 2014)

- **Excessive Drinking**
  - Bledsoe: 13.9%
  - TN: 14.4%
  - US: (RWJF/CDC 2016)

**CLINICAL CARE**
influences 20% of population health

- **Uninsured Rate, Age <65 (Census 2016)**
  - Bledsoe: 14.0%
  - TN: 10.6%
  - US: 

- **Pregnant Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care (Kids Count 2016)**
  - Bledsoe: 61.6%
  - TN: 52.4%

- **Mental Health Providers (per 100K pop.) (RWJF/CMS 2017)**
  - Bledsoe: 20
  - TN: 135
  - US: 213

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**
influences 10% of population health

- **Air Quality (micrograms of particulate matter per cubic meter)**
  - Bledsoe: 9.4
  - TN: 10.0*
  - US: (CDC 2014)

- **Percent with Severe Housing Problems**
  - Bledsoe: 17.5%
  - TN: 15.1%
  - US: (HUD 2011-15)

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## Bledsoe County Data Appendix

### Quick Facts:

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<td>Population (2017)</td>
<td>14,717</td>
<td>6,715,984</td>
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<td>% of population under age 18 (2017)</td>
<td>16.0%</td>
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<td>Median age (2017)</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>% of population residing in a rural area (2010)</td>
<td>100%</td>
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### Health Outcomes:

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<td>% of adults who rate their health as “poor” or “fair” (2016)</td>
<td>22.0%</td>
<td>19.1%</td>
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<td>% of adults age 20+ diagnosed with diabetes (2014)</td>
<td>13.7%</td>
<td>12.8%</td>
<td>9.6%</td>
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<td>Avg # of mentally unhealthy days reported in the past month (2016)</td>
<td>4.8</td>
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<td>% of adults who are obese (2014)</td>
<td>31.7%</td>
<td>32.4%</td>
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<td>% of public school students who are overweight or obese (2017)</td>
<td>43.1%</td>
<td>39.2%</td>
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<td>% of births that are considered low birth weight births (2016)</td>
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<td>9.3%</td>
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### Social & Economic Environment:

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<td>% of adults age 25+ with at least an associate’s degree (2012-2016)</td>
<td>17.4%</td>
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<td>% of labor force that is unemployed (2017)</td>
<td>5.9%</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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<td>Median household income (2012-2016)</td>
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<td># of drug overdose deaths per 100K population (2012-2016)</td>
<td>n/a*</td>
<td>n/a**</td>
<td>26.5</td>
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<td>% of adults who currently smoke cigarettes (2016)</td>
<td>25.6%</td>
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<td>% of adults age 20+ reporting no leisure-time physical activity (2014)</td>
<td>34.4%</td>
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<td>% of adults reporting binge or heavy drinking (2016)</td>
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### Clinical Care:

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<td>% of pregnant women receiving adequate prenatal care (2016)</td>
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<td># of mental health providers per 100K population (2017)</td>
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<td>Avg annual micrograms of particulate per cubic meter of air (2014)</td>
<td>9.4</td>
<td>10.0***</td>
<td>12.0***</td>
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<td>% of households with at least 1 severe housing problem (spend &gt;50% of income on housing, overcrowded housing, or lack of complete kitchen or plumbing) (2011-2015)</td>
<td>17.5%</td>
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* "n/a" means that data are not available. In some cases, national data comparable to state/county data are unavailable. In others, low figures in some counties were suppressed for privacy reasons.

** For "Quick Facts," a rank of 1 indicates highest value. For all other measures, a rank of 1 is best and 95 worst. For example, the county with the highest diabetes rate ranks 95th. Due to data availability, only 72 counties are ranked for overdose deaths and 87 counties for mental health providers.

*** TN value represents the 95-county average. US value represents the national recommended maximum.

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