

The Vanderbilt Child Health poll surveyed 1,034 Tennessee parents with children under 18 years old from November 3 — November 28, 2022. All reported percentages have survey weights applied, so their interpretation can be broadened to all parents in Tennessee. For example, “35.9% of Tennessee parents list Bullying, including cyber bullying as one of their top 3 concerns for their child.”

All summaries are listed as weighted proportions of Tennessee Parents ± Standard of Error.

OVERALL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Which 3 of these issues affecting the health and wellbeing of children in Tennessee are you most concerned about for your child(ren)?

*It was possible to choose 3 answers

Education and school quality	41.1% ± 2.2
Child mental health and suicide	36.1% ± 2.1
Bullying, including cyber bullying	35.9% ± 2.1
School gun violence	26.7% ± 1.9
Drug and alcohol use	23.9% ± 1.9
Safe and affordable housing	16.7% ± 1.6
Not enough exercise or physical activity	16.1% ± 1.7
Childcare availability or affordability	13.3% ± 1.4
Car accidents	12.9% ± 1.5
Sexual behavior and teen pregnancy	12.8% ± 1.5
Community gun violence	12.7% ± 1.4
Racial inequality	12.4% ± 1.6
Smoking and tobacco use (including vaping, e-cigarettes)	11.3% ± 1.3
Getting sick from COVID	11.3% ± 1.3
Body image/eating disorders	10.6% ± 1.3
Obesity	6.1% ± 1.0

STRATIFIED BY RACE/ETHNICITY GROUPS AND TENNESSEE REGIONS

	N	Education	(Cyber) Bullying	Mental Health	COVID Sickness
Race/Ethnicity					
White, Non-Hispanic	761	41.9% ± 2.5	38.2% ± 2.4	38.3% ± 2.5	9.6% ± 1.4
Black, Non-Hispanic	119	40.6% ± 5.5	34.5% ± 5.7	31.9% ± 5.5	15.0% ± 3.9
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	105	37.2% ± 6.7	23.2% ± 5.7	28.5% ± 6.0	17.3% ± 5.1
TN Region					
East	386	39.2% ± 3.5	36.0% ± 3.4	38.6% ± 3.5	11.3% ± 2.3
Middle	392	45.0% ± 3.5	38.6% ± 3.4	32.7% ± 3.2	10.9% ± 2.1
West	207	35.8% ± 4.3	29.4% ± 3.9	39.3% ± 4.5	12.4% ± 2.6

	N	Drug/Alcohol Use	Physical Activity	School Gun Violence	Community Gun Violence
Race/Ethnicity		*			*
White, Non-Hispanic	761	25.4% ± 2.3	18.0% ± 2.0	26.0% ± 2.3	10.5% ± 1.5
Black, Non-Hispanic	119	12.5% ± 3.9	10.3% ± 3.0	21.9% ± 4.3	21.7% ± 4.6
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	105	30.8% ± 6.1	12.6% ± 5.4	37.5% ± 6.6	14.1% ± 4.7
TN Region		*			**
East	386	29.7% ± 3.3	13.0% ± 2.5	22.0% ± 2.8	6.6% ± 1.8
Middle	392	19.7% ± 2.8	18.3% ± 2.8	30.3% ± 3.3	14.0% ± 2.4
West	207	22.0% ± 3.8	17.3% ± 3.4	27.5% ± 3.8	21.9% ± 3.6

	N	Sexual Behavior	Car Accidents	Racial Inequality	Housing
Race/Ethnicity				**	*
White, Non-Hispanic	761	13.9% ± 1.9	14.7% ± 1.8	6.9% ± 1.5	14.3% ± 1.7
Black, Non-Hispanic	119	8.1% ± 2.6	8.8% ± 3.1	38.1% ± 5.7	28.5% ± 5.1
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	105	12.6% ± 4.4	6.8% ± 2.7	11.0% ± 3.8	15.6% ± 4.7
TN Region					
East	386	12.5% ± 2.7	15.0% ± 2.6	9.5% ± 2.2	17.3% ± 2.7
Middle	392	13.3% ± 2.4	11.0% ± 2.0	12.7% ± 2.7	14.9% ± 2.4
West	207	12.2% ± 2.8	13.0% ± 3.6	17.6% ± 3.6	19.7% ± 3.3

	N	Childcare	Smoking	Body Image	Obesity
Race/Ethnicity				*	*
White, Non-Hispanic	761	12.3% ± 1.5	12.1% ± 1.6	12.6% ± 1.6	5.5% ± 1.0
Black, Non-Hispanic	119	18.8% ± 4.7	4.7% ± 1.9	0.9% ± 0.6	3.6% ± 1.7
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	105	12.1% ± 4.4	15.3% ± 4.9	11.7% ± 4.3	13.8% ± 4.7
TN Region			*		
East	386	17.0% ± 2.6	15.3% ± 2.4	10.2% ± 2.0	6.7% ± 1.7
Middle	392	11.2% ± 2.0	9.3% ± 2.1	12.5% ± 2.2	5.4% ± 1.4
West	207	10.9% ± 3.2	7.7% ± 2.0	6.8% ± 1.8	6.6% ± 2.2

Note: N's are unweighted; row-wise percentages presented (e.g. "21.9% of Black, Non-Hispanic parents selected school gun violence as one of their Top 3 concerns for their children, compared to 26.0% of White, Non-Hispanic parents")

* $p < 0.05$ by Rao-Scott corrected Chi-Square test

** $p < 0.001$ by Rao-Scott corrected Chi-Square test