

The Vanderbilt Child Health poll surveyed 1,026 Tennessee parents with children under 18 years old from October 19 —November 28, 2021. All reported percentages have survey weights applied, so their interpretation can be broadened to all parents in Tennessee. For example, “34% 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	42.0% ± 2.3
Bullying, including cyber bullying	34.0% ± 2.2
Child mental health and suicide	31.2% ± 2.1
Getting sick from COVID	24.2% ± 1.9
Disruptions to schooling due to COVID	22.7% ± 2.0
Drug and alcohol use	21.4% ± 1.9
Not enough exercise or physical activity	18.9% ± 1.9
Gun violence and injuries	15.4% ± 1.7
Sexual behavior and teen pregnancy	14.1% ± 1.6
Car accidents	13.1% ± 1.7
Racial inequality	11.9% ± 1.6
Safe and affordable housing	10.1% ± 1.2
Childcare availability or affordability	10.0% ± 1.4
Smoking and tobacco use (including vaping, e-cigarettes)	9.7% ± 1.3
Body image/eating disorders	9.6% ± 1.2
Obesity	6.9% ± 1.3
Another issue	3.9% ± 1.1

STRATIFIED BY RACE/ETHNICITY GROUPS AND TENNESSEE REGIONS

	N	Education	(Cyber) Bullying	Mental Health	COVID Sickness
Race/Ethnicity				*	*
White, Non-Hispanic	749	42.3% ± 2.7	34.0% ± 2.5	34.8% ± 2.6	22.2% ± 2.0
Black, Non-Hispanic	107	45.3% ± 6.3	31.9% ± 6.2	20.8% ± 4.5	36.1% ± 5.9
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	115	35.3% ± 6.7	37.3% ± 6.8	21.0% ± 5.2	21.3% ± 4.5
TN Region					
East	416	47.0% ± 3.6	34.5% ± 3.3	30.1% ± 3.2	19.7% ± 2.5
Middle	350	37.1% ± 3.7	35.4% ± 3.7	35.7% ± 3.8	27.3% ± 3.2
West	204	42.1% ± 5.2	30.6% ± 4.9	25.0% ± 3.9	27.0% ± 4.3

	N	COVID Disruptions	Drug/Alcohol Use	Physical Activity	Gun Violence
Race/Ethnicity			*		**
White, Non-Hispanic	749	21.6% ± 2.2	24.1% ± 2.3	20.8% ± 2.2	12.2% ± 1.7
Black, Non-Hispanic	107	28.7% ± 6.1	8.3% ± 4.1	10.5% ± 4.2	33.7% ± 6.0
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	115	21.8% ± 5.7	21.7% ± 5.9	17.9% ± 5.9	11.0% ± 3.5
TN Region					**
East	416	20.3% ± 2.9	22.4% ± 2.8	18.3% ± 2.7	13.7% ± 2.4
Middle	350	23.8% ± 3.4	23.3% ± 3.5	20.5% ± 3.2	9.4% ± 1.8
West	204	25.3% ± 4.2	16.3% ± 3.7	16.9% ± 4.3	29.8% ± 4.9

	N	Sexual Behavior	Car Accidents	Racial Inequality	Housing
Race/Ethnicity				**	
White, Non-Hispanic	749	14.8% ± 1.8	13.8% ± 2.0	5.0% ± 1.2	9.0% ± 1.3
Black, Non-Hispanic	107	9.9% ± 4.0	6.5% ± 3.0	34.8% ± 6.2	16.1% ± 4.0
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	115	14.7% ± 4.9	18.3% ± 6.5	26.3% ± 6.0	8.5% ± 3.0
TN Region				*	
East	416	14.4% ± 2.3	16.7% ± 3.0	6.0% ± 1.6	9.6% ± 1.7
Middle	350	12.8% ± 2.6	10.1% ± 2.4	14.4% ± 2.8	10.9% ± 2.0
West	204	15.9% ± 3.7	12.2% ± 3.5	17.9% ± 4.0	9.5% ± 3.0

	N	Childcare	Smoking	Body Image	Obesity
Race/Ethnicity					
White, Non-Hispanic	749	10.6% ± 1.6	10.6% ± 1.5	10.7% ± 1.5	7.8% ± 1.7
Black, Non-Hispanic	107	4.4% ± 2.3	4.0% ± 1.8	3.9% ± 2.0	4.0% ± 1.9
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	115	14.3% ± 5.3	12.2% ± 5.1	10.1% ± 4.0	5.4% ± 2.8
TN Region					
East	416	12.1% ± 2.6	12.7% ± 2.5	9.4% ± 1.7	5.2% ± 1.4
Middle	350	8.8% ± 1.9	8.1% ± 1.6	10.5% ± 2.2	8.4% ± 2.4
West	204	8.3% ± 2.5	7.2% ± 2.4	7.8% ± 2.7	7.4% ± 3.2

Note: N's are unweighted; row-wise percentages presented (e.g. "33.7% of Black, Non-Hispanic parents selected gun violence as one of their Top 3 concerns for their children, compared to 12.2% of White, Non-Hispanic parents")

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

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