

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, “81.6% of Tennessee parents polled in 2022 report their child being in very good or excellent health, as opposed to 84.4% of parents polled in 2021.”

Unless otherwise noted, all summaries are listed as weighted proportions of Tennessee Parents ± Standard Error. Additionally, N’s are unweighted, row-wise percentages are presented.

OVERALL HEALTH

In general, how is your child’s health?

	Excellent/Very good				Good/Fair/Poor			
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2022	2021	2020	2019
Overall	81.6% ± 1.6	84.4% ± 1.5	83.6% ± 1.6	87.1% ± 1.4	18.4% ± 1.6	15.6% ± 1.5	16.4% ± 1.6	12.9% ± 1.4
Race/Ethnicity								
White, Non-Hispanic	82.0% ± 1.8	85.7% ± 1.6	84.7% ± 1.8	86.6% ± 1.7	18.0% ± 1.8	14.3% ± 1.6	15.3% ± 1.8	13.4% ± 1.7
Black, Non-Hispanic	78.6% ± 4.2	81.5% ± 4.3	79.4% ± 4.5	86.2% ± 3.5	21.4% ± 4.2	18.5% ± 4.3	20.6% ± 4.5	13.8% ± 3.5
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	82.8% ± 4.7	79.5% ± 5.3	82.5% ± 5.6	91.8% ± 2.7	17.2% ± 4.7	20.5% ± 5.3	17.5% ± 5.6	8.2% ± 2.7
TN Region								
West	81.6% ± 3.1	83.1% ± 3.5			18.4% ± 3.1	16.9% ± 3.5		
Middle	82.3% ± 2.4	84.5% ± 2.4	<i>Not recorded</i>		17.7% ± 2.4	15.5% ± 2.4	<i>Not recorded</i>	
East	80.7% ± 2.7	84.9% ± 2.2			19.3% ± 2.7	15.1% ± 2.2		

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE

Is your child currently covered by insurance?

	2022 (N=1,034)	2021 (N=1,026)	2020 (N=1,066)	2019 (N=1,100)
Private insurance including on the health insurance exchange	50.8% ± 2.2	49.7% ± 2.3	45.3% ± 2.3	53.2% ± 2.1
Race/Ethnicity				
White, Non-Hispanic	55.0% ± 2.5	53.3% ± 2.6	49.7% ± 2.7	59.1% ± 2.3
Black, Non-Hispanic	40.4% ± 5.7	40.3% ± 6.1	25.4% ± 4.4	35.3% ± 5.3
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	38.3% ± 6.7	39.9% ± 6.6	44.2% ± 7.5	36.7% ± 7.5
TN Region				
West	42.8% ± 4.5	47.4% ± 5.0		
Middle	56.2% ± 3.3	52.7% ± 3.7	<i>Not recorded</i>	
East	48.6% ± 3.5	48.1% ± 3.5		
	2022 (N=1,034)	2021 (N=1,026)	2020 (N=1,066)	2019 (N=1,100)
TennCare or Cover Kids	45.5% ± 2.1	44.3% ± 2.2	45.5% ± 2.2	42.7% ± 2.1
Race/Ethnicity				
White, Non-Hispanic	40.7% ± 2.4	40.4% ± 2.5	40.9% ± 2.6	37.5% ± 2.2
Black, Non-Hispanic	57.4% ± 5.7	54.6% ± 6.1	70.1% ± 5.0	63.4% ± 5.4
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	60.0% ± 6.7	54.9% ± 6.8	40.4% ± 7.4	49.1% ± 8.1
TN Region				
West	54.8% ± 4.5	48.6% ± 5.0		
Middle	39.3% ± 3.2	40.0% ± 3.6	<i>Not recorded</i>	
East	48.0% ± 3.5	46.2% ± 3.4		
	2022 (N=1,034)	2021 (N=1,026)	2020 (N=1,066)	2019 (N=1,100)
Uninsured	3.7% ± 0.8	6.0% ± 1.0	9.1% ± 1.4	4.1% ± 0.9
Race/Ethnicity				
White, Non-Hispanic	4.3% ± 1.0	6.3% ± 1.2	9.3% ± 1.5	3.4% ± 0.8
Black, Non-Hispanic	2.2% ± 1.6	5.1% ± 2.3	4.5% ± 3.4	1.3% ± 0.9
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	1.7% ± 1.1	5.2% ± 2.1	15.5% ± 5.7	14.1% ± 6.3
TN Region				
West	2.5% ± 1.2	4.0% ± 1.5		
Middle	4.5% ± 1.4	7.3% ± 2.0	<i>Not recorded</i>	
East	3.4% ± 1.1	5.8% ± 1.4		

If your child was covered by TennCare or Cover Kids over the last two years, did they lose coverage for any period of time?

	2022 (N=734)	2021 (N=706)	2020 (N=752)	2019 (N=737)
Lost coverage	15.4% ± 1.8	14.8% ± 1.7	21.8% ± 2.3	17.9% ± 1.9
Race/Ethnicity				
White, Non-Hispanic	13.8% ± 1.8	15.1% ± 2.0	21.0% ± 2.6	19.1% ± 2.3
Black, Non-Hispanic	21.0% ± 5.3	16.0% ± 4.0	24.4% ± 5.9	15.9% ± 3.9
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	15.1% ± 5.4	11.3% ± 6.1	21.7% ± 7.7	13.3% ± 6.1
TN Region				
West	18.7% ± 4.1	12.8% ± 2.9		
Middle	12.7% ± 2.6	16.5% ± 3.3	<i>Not recorded</i>	
East	16.3% ± 3.0	14.3% ± 2.5		

*If your child has been covered by TennCare or Cover Kids in the past 2 years and lost coverage for any period of time, for which of the following reasons did your child lose coverage? *It was possible to select more than one answer*

	2022 (N=115)	2021 (N=122)	2020 (N=163)	2019 (N=148)
Our family income was too high	24.5% ± 5.2	29.8% ± 6.3	32.5% ± 5.3	25.0% ± 5.5
My child was able to switch to insurance from my employer	46.5% ± 6.4	25.1% ± 5.2	25.1% ± 4.6	10.4% ± 3.1
I had issues with the paperwork	24.3% ± 5.0	22.0% ± 4.6	33.2% ± 6.2	32.0% ± 5.2
I never received a renewal notice	12.3% ± 3.4	24.9% ± 5.3	14.1% ± 3.2	31.1% ± 5.3
I didn't know how to apply	3.8% ± 1.7	9.6% ± 2.8	4.5% ± 1.9	1.5% ± 0.9
Some other reason	13.2% ± 4.8	8.9% ± 3.0	9.9% ± 4.2	18.8% ± 4.2