

Carter County

County seat: Elizabethton

Health Indicators

	SOC* 1996	SOC* 1992	% CHANGE
Percent of total population enrolled in TennCare**	25.8%	26.4%	-2.3%
Percent of births lacking adequate prenatal care	35.1%	30.2%	16.2%
Percent of low-birth-weight babies born	8.3%	8.1%	2.5%
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	12.3	6.8	80.9%
Child death rate per 100,000 children ages 1-14	47.3	34.4	37.5%
Teen violent death rate per 100,000 teens ages 15-19	0.0	51.1	***
Teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 females ages 15-17	44.3	41.2	7.5%
Sexually transmitted disease rate per 100,000 teens ages 15-17	959.7	127.8	650.9%

Social Indicators

Percent of students receiving special education	23.7%	16.5%	43.6%
Percent of high school (grades 9-12) dropouts	4.5%	5.3%	-15.1%
Indicated child abuse & neglect rate per 1,000	17.3	7.1	143.7%
Percent of children under 18 referred to juvenile court	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%
Rate of children in state care per 1,000	8.7	5.0	74.0%

Economic Indicators

Per capita income by county	\$13,725	\$11,635	18.0%
Percent of children under 18 who received AFDC	11.0%	11.2%	-1.8%
Percent of population receiving food stamps	13.9%	15.4%	-9.7%
Percent of children participating in the National School Lunch Program	46.3%	40.3%	14.9%

* Acronym for The State of the Child in Tennessee for 1992 and current report, 1996.

** TennCare data is from 1994, the earliest year available

*** Small number of observations make the percent of change over time inadvisable.