

Food Stamp Population Data represent the percent of Tennessee's eligible population who receive food coupons from the federally funded Food Stamp Program. The data in this report were compiled by the Tennessee Department of Human Services for the fiscal year 1997-1998.

Households refer to groupings of individuals living in a residence.

Housing Price Index is calculated by dividing a county's average price paid per home (standardized so that state quality equals the state average price) by the quality measure. A value greater than one indicates housing of comparable quality costs more in that county than it does in the state as a whole. The data in this report were compiled by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for the calendar year 1996.

Noneligible Children are children in a household who do not qualify for the assistance unit.

Per Capita Income by County Data represent the per capita personal income for a county. The data in this report were compiled by the Center of Business and Economic Research, College of Business Administration, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for the calendar year 1996.

Population Data represent the number of persons living in a statistical unit, (i.e., a state or county). The data in this report were compiled by the Center of Business and Economic Research, College of Business Administration, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for the calendar year 1997.

Population Under 18 Data represent the percent of total resident population under the age of 18 years, including dependents of Armed Forces personnel stationed in the defined areas. The data in this report were compiled by the Center of Business and Economic Research, College of Business Administration, the University of Tennessee Knoxville, for the calendar year 1997.

Single Parent Family Data represent the percent of families with "own children" under age 18 living in a household headed by an adult, male or female, without a spouse present in the home. "Own children" are never-married children under age 18 who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. The data in this report were compiled by The Annie E. Casey Foundation. *Kids Count Data Book: State Profiles of Child Well-Being*. Baltimore: The Annie E. Casey Foundation (1999).

Unemployment Rates represent the percent of unemployed persons during the reference week who were available for work, except for temporary illness. In addition, these individuals had made specific efforts to find employment at some time during the four-week period ending with the reference week. (People who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.) The data in this report were compiled by the Tennessee Department of Employment Security for August 1997 and August 1998.

Youth Unemployment Rate represents the percent of people who are 16 to 19 years old and do not yet have a job but are available to work or actively seeking employment. The numbers are estimates based on 1990 U.S. Census population data. The data in this report were compiled by the Tennessee Department of Employment Security for the calendar year 1996.

WIC The Women, Infants, and Children Food Program was established in 1974 by Congress. WIC was designed to ensure positive health benefits for pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to five years of age who are at nutritional risk. WIC provides essential milk and food supplements to aid normal growth and development.