

Adverse Childhood Experiences in Tennessee

What Adversities Do Children Experience?

Adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs, are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years). ACEs are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness, and substance use problems in adulthood.



61% of adults surveyed in 25 states reported at least one ACE



Nearly 1 in 6 surveyed reported four or more ACEs

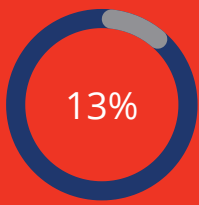
Types of ACEs:

- **Abuse** (physical, emotional, or sexual)
- **Neglect** (physical or emotional)
- **Household dysfunction** (mental illness, incarcerated relative, substance abuse, family violence or divorce)

Risk Factors for ACEs:

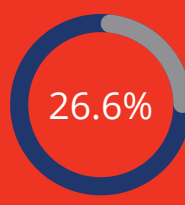
- High unemployment rates
- Low income or education
- Experiencing high levels of stress

Low Income Families



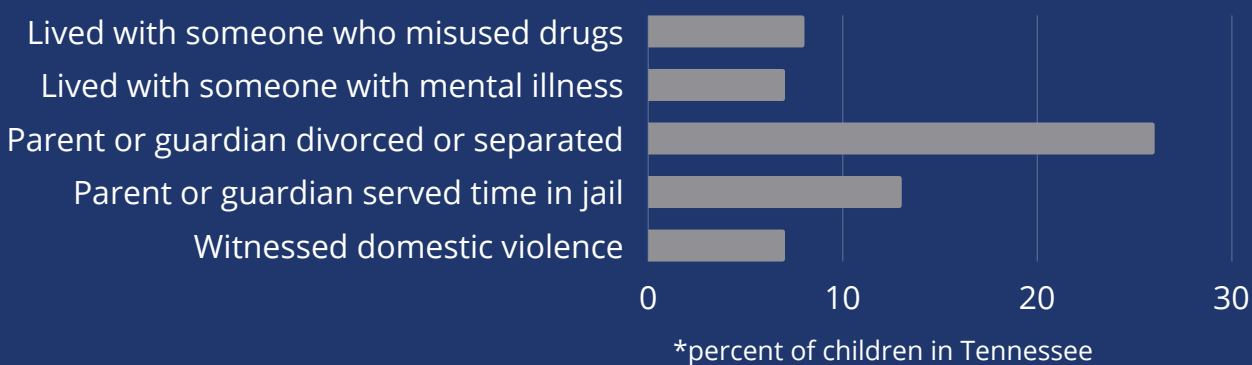
In Tennessee, 13% of people surveyed reported children living in poor working families.

Neighborhood Elements



26.6% of children live in neighborhoods where litter is on the street or sidewalk and housing is poorly kept.

ACEs that affect children of Tennessee



For more information on Adverse Childhood Experiences
 Visit [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov)

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