

2025 Vanderbilt Child Health Poll

A Voice for Tennessee Parents

Utilization and Schools

9 in 10

parents say their child **has been to a doctor** or **received a health check-up** in the past year



28%

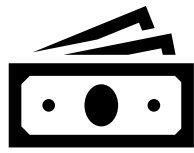
of parents also report taking their child to more than one place for a health-related need

A quarter of parents report their **child takes prescribed medication**, but about **half of those kids miss a dose** of their medication.

Reasons for missing a dose of medication:



Availability



Cost

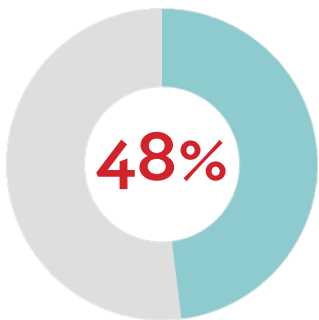


Insurance

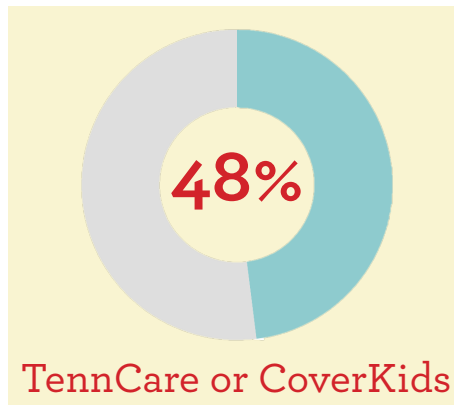


Transportation

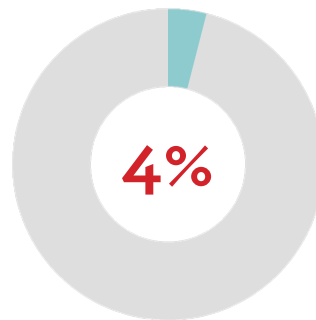
Insurance coverage type for Tennessee children



Private



TennCare or CoverKids



Uninsured

18%

said their child lost TennCare or CoverKids coverage in the past year

A **growing number of parents** (11%, up from 6% in 2024) said their child **had difficulty getting** help for a health concern while **at school**.

Among those who had difficulty at school...

52% because the **school didn't offer the necessary resource**

32% because the **parent couldn't offer permission when needed**

For more information regarding the VCHP, please scan the QR code or email ChildHealthPoll@vumc.org

