

79,572 children were born in Tennessee in 2004.



This year (3 years later), approximately 14,000 3- and 4-year-olds will be enrolled in a Tennessee pre-kindergarten program.



The state spends about \$ 7,000 per child for each year he or she attends K-12 school.



The American states now spend more on Medicaid than elementary and secondary education.

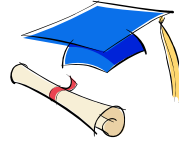


Only 7 out of every 10 teenagers who entered 9th grade in 2004 will graduate high school in May 2008 with their classmates.



The other 3 teenagers will not.

Between 1967 and 2004, households headed by someone with a high school degree or less actually saw their earnings *decline*.



In 2005, someone with a bachelor's degree in Tennessee earned \$ 51,554 per year, while someone with a high school degree earned \$ 28,645 per year.



Tuition at Tennessee's higher education institutions remains relatively low compared to other states.



The state's most rapidly growing jobs require at least some post-secondary education.



Tennessee's business leaders tell us they want to locate where the workforce is well educated.

Infant mortality rates fall as a mother's educational attainment rises.



A high-school dropout lives 2.5 fewer years than the average person.



In 2003, cigarette companies spent over \$ 15.2 billion on advertising.



In 2006, TennCare spending totaled \$ 6.9 billion.



Education has everything to do with it. *Quality* education has everything to do with all of it.

Education crossroads: opportunity for you, me, Tennessee, and
society

Explore many paths—

We have 6,038,803 reasons to care.

**Census Bureau estimate for 2006,
<http://cber.bus.utk.edu/census/06stpop.xls>*

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