

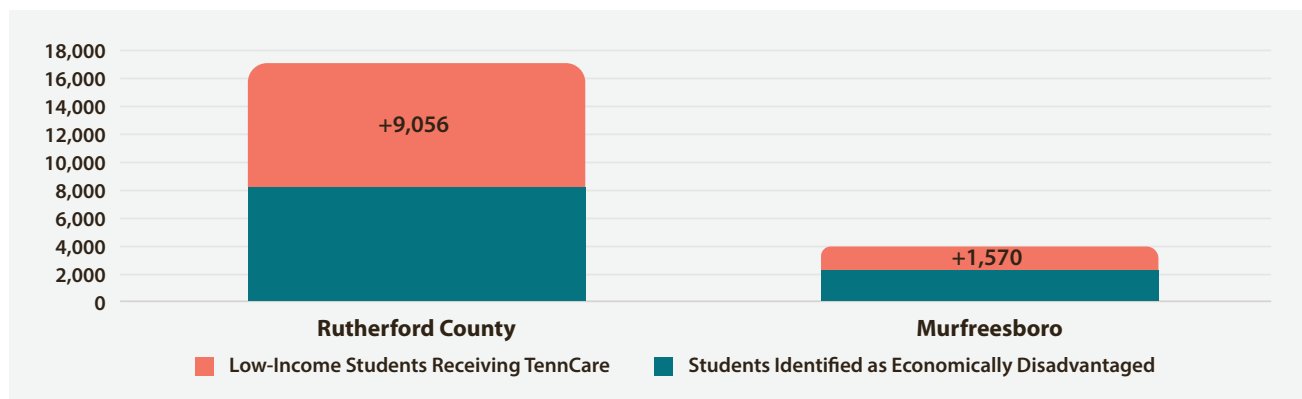
# Who We Measure Determines Who Gets Support

*Addressing the Needs of Students from Low-Income Backgrounds*

## Tennessee Uses Direct Certification to Identify Economically Disadvantaged Students

Direct certification uses participation in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to identify low-income students for funding through TISA. This method is undercounting students experiencing poverty.

## Additional Students Identified Using TennCare Data



Source: Tennessee Department of Education. (2024) Profile Data Files [Dataset]; Tennessee Department of Education (2024). Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Annual Notification of Local Education Agencies. [Dataset]

## Incorporating TennCare Data Would Improve Accuracy and Ensure Adequate Funding

Tennessee already uses TennCare data to identify students eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch. Including TennCare alongside SNAP and TANF for school funding would better meet the needs of students using data that is already being collected in schools and districts.

Districts	Potential Additional Funding Generated by Including TennCare
Rutherford County	\$15,531,405
Murfreesboro	\$2,691,889

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