

Bell County

2012 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Bell County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	28,691	4,339,367	308,745,538
Median household income	\$24,724	\$41,576	\$51,914
Per capita income	\$14,627	\$22,515	\$27,334
Living in poverty	29.4%	17.7%	13.8%
Eligible for Medicaid	36.8%	18.2%	n/a
Without medical insurance	20.3%	16.5%	16.1%
Registered voters who voted in the 2008 general election	48.4%	64.0%	72.5%
Unemployment rate	13.7%	10.5%	9.6%
Access to Broadband Internet	89.4%	93.1%	n/a

What is the education attainment of Bell County residents?

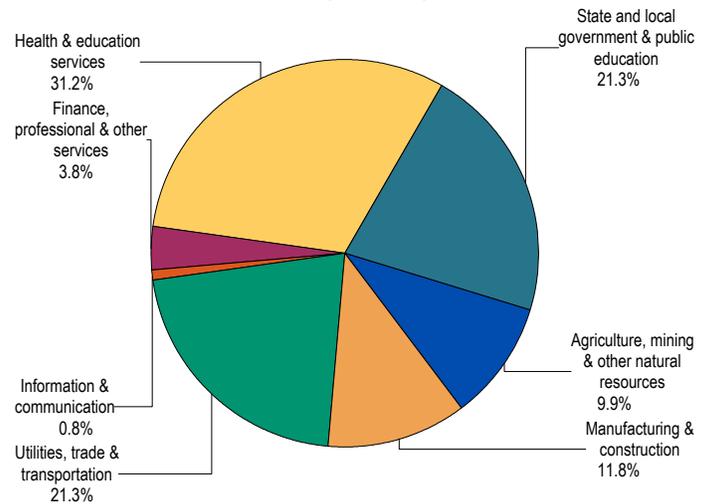
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	34.0%	19.0%	15.0%
High school diploma or equivalent	34.6%	34.4%	29.0%
Some college but no degree	14.6%	19.6%	20.6%
Associate's degree	5.5%	6.6%	7.5%
Bachelor's degree	4.9%	12.1%	17.6%
Graduate or professional degree	6.4%	8.2%	10.3%

Are Bell County graduates prepared for college?

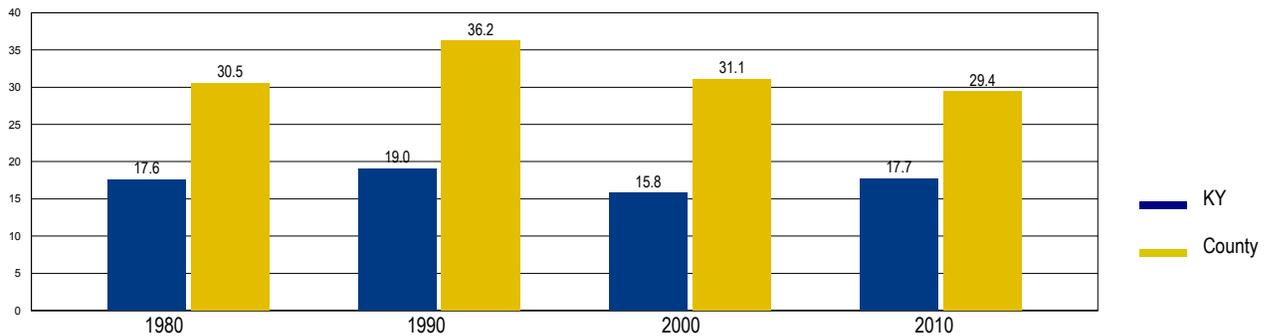
	County	KY
Average GPA for 2010 graduates	2.94	2.84
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2010 graduates	17.6	18.6
Graduates ready for college level mathematics	24.3%	36.9%
Graduates ready for college level English	40.3%	49.3%
Graduates ready for college level reading	32.3%	41.0%

What industries provide employment in Bell County?

2010 Employment by Sector



1980-2010 Percentage of Bell County Households Living in Poverty



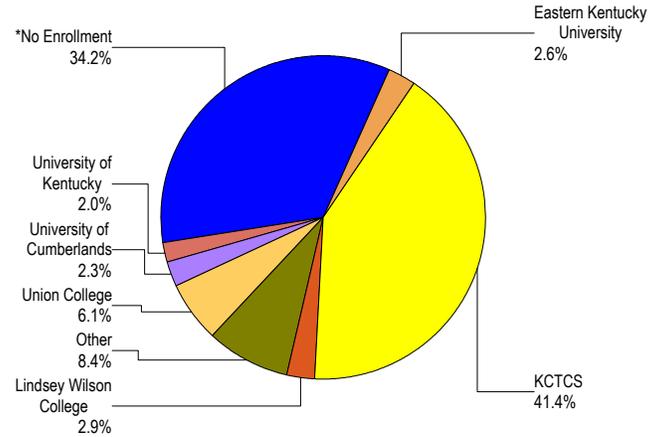


What is the education pipeline for Bell County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2010-2011	4,810	647,827
Private K-12 enrollment in 2010-2011	377	70,862
Special education population in 2010-2011	782	87,181
Students with free and reduced lunch in 2010-2011	80.6%	55.8%
Students enrolled in Kentucky Virtual High School in 2011-2012	3	756
Public high school graduates in 2009-2010	345	43,711
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2010-2011	475	38,654
GEDs awarded in 2010-2011	44	10,294
High school graduates (public) entering postsecondary education in 2010-2011	214	26,858
In-state college going rate in 2010-2011	59.4%	56.7%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2010-2011	2.9%	4.8%
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2010-2011	120	9,659
Students earning an associate's degree in 2010-2011	96	8,519
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2010-2011	64	17,019
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2010-2011	20	4,265
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2010-2011	35	7,138
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2011	161	11,450
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2005 cohort	40.0%	47.7%
Associate's degree three-year graduation rate for 2008 cohort	11.2%	13.8%

What were the top college choices for Bell County public high school graduates?

2010 Public High School Graduates College Enrollments

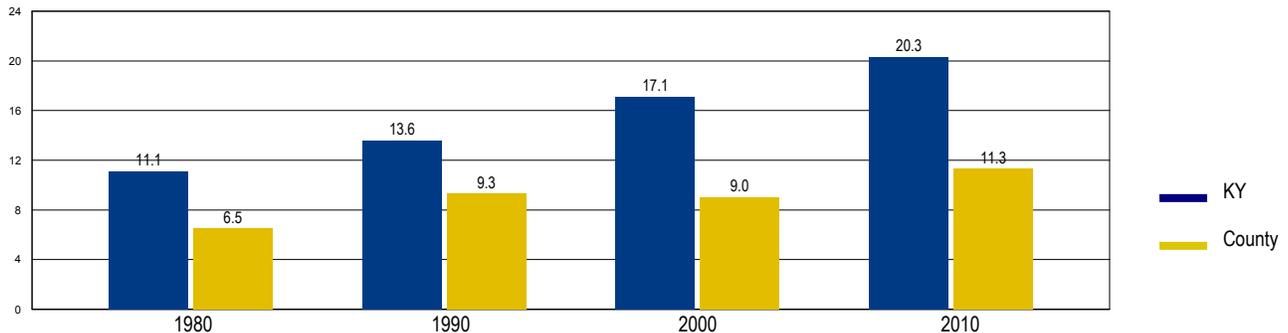


*This percentage may be slightly understated if students attended more than one institution.

How much financial aid do college undergraduates from Bell County receive?

	Dollars	Awards
Federal grants and scholarship awards for 2010-2011	\$3,081,328	1,085
Institutional grants and scholarship awards for 2010-2011	\$556,728	106
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES) awards for 2010-2011	\$505,796	424
Undergraduate student loans for 2010-2011	\$1,410,576	293

1980-2010 Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Bell County



Sources: US Census 2006-2010 American Community Survey, US Department of Education, Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, Kentucky State Board of Elections, US Census Small Area Health Insurance Estimates Program, Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Kentucky Adult Education, and the Council on Postsecondary Education. Complete descriptions of sources and methodologies may be found in the technical notes at the end of the County Profiles or through the Kentucky P-20 Data Collaborative website at the address below: