

Barren County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Barren County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	42,631	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$37,587	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$19,613	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	19.9%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	20.6%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	17.5%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	59.2%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	8.1%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	97.9%	95.7%	98.8%

Are Barren County public high school graduates prepared for college and career?

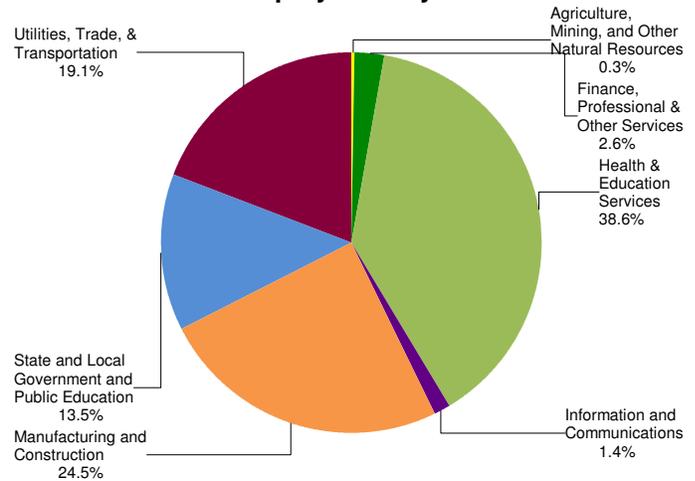
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	19.2	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	40.5%	41.6%
English	56.1%	55.7%
Reading	43.1%	44.7%
Science	26.4%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	45.0%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	22.0%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	55.2%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.91	2.88

What is the educational attainment of Barren County residents?

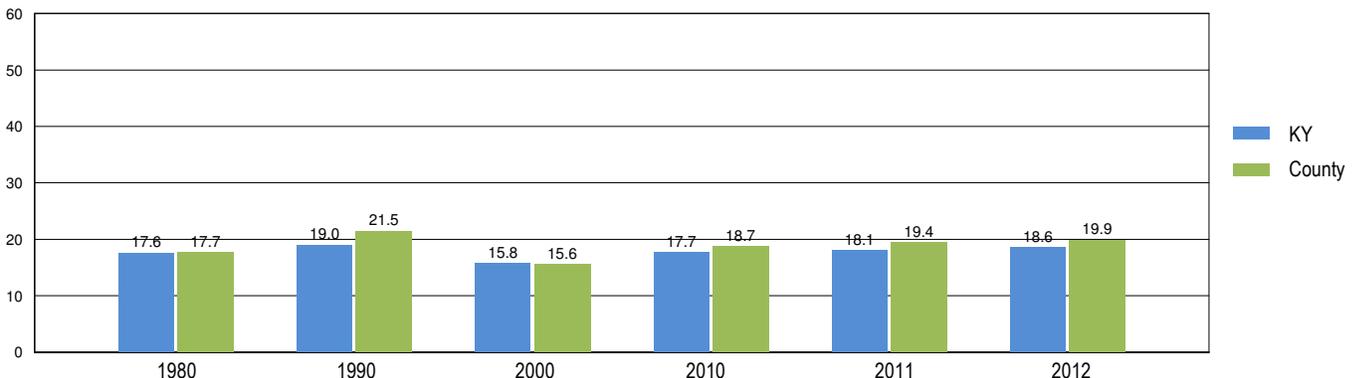
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	21.2%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	41.6%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	16.8%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	6.8%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	8.1%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	5.4%	8.5%	10.6%

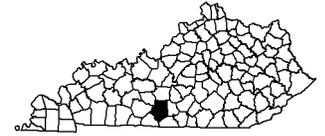
What industries provide employment in Barren County?

2012 Employment by Sector



Percentage of Barren County Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2012



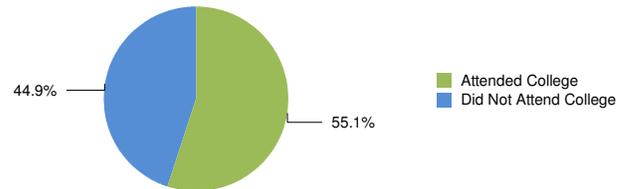


What is the education pipeline for Barren County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	7,425	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	456	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	46.9%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	13.2%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	58.5%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	521	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	287	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	53.0%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	2.3%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	380	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	96	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	98	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	88	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	160	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	46	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	52	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	210	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	49.3%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	10.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

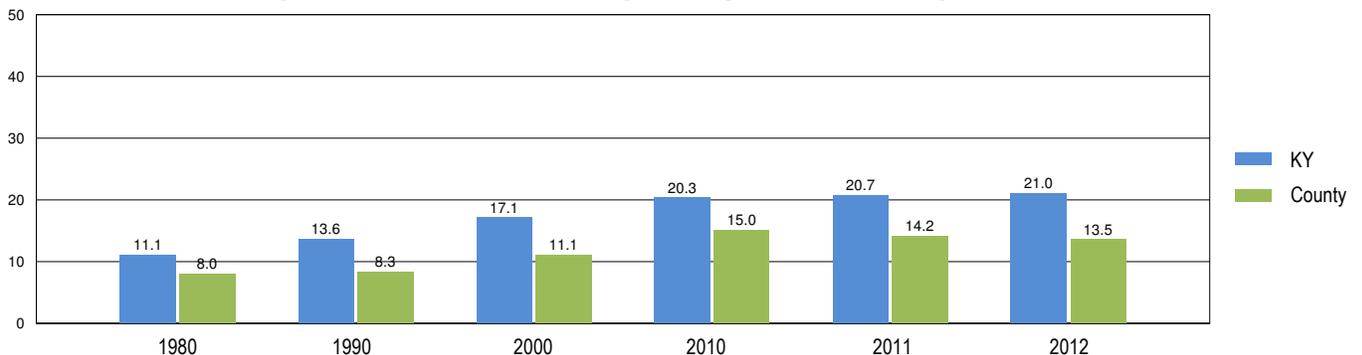
Number of Enrollments

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Western Kentucky University	159
Bowling Green Technical College	36
University of Kentucky	16
Lindsey Wilson College	11
University of Louisville	11
Eastern Kentucky University	8
Campbellsville University	5
Georgetown College	4
Northern Kentucky University	4
University of Cumberlands	4
Other Institutions	35

How much financial aid did 2011 public high school graduates from Barren County receive in 2012?

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,172	473
State need-based grants	\$640	88
State non-need-based grants	\$1,445	218
Federal Pell grants	\$2,260	135
Federal need-based loans	\$1,437	114
Federal non-need-based loans	\$2,345	109
Institutional grants	\$1,660	71

Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Barren County, 1980-2012



Sources: US Census 2008-2012 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 Center for Education & Workforce Statistics website at the address below: