

# Commonwealth of Kentucky

## 2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

The 2014-2015 County Profile is produced by the Kentucky Center for Education & Workforce Statistics utilizing data from the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS), which includes data from the Department of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education, Education Professional Standards Board, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The report includes the most current data available for Kentucky counties, Area Development Districts (ADDs), and Workforce Investment Areas (WIAs) on demographics, employment, college readiness and educational attainment.

### What are some basic facts about Kentucky residents?

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

### What is the educational attainment of Kentucky residents?

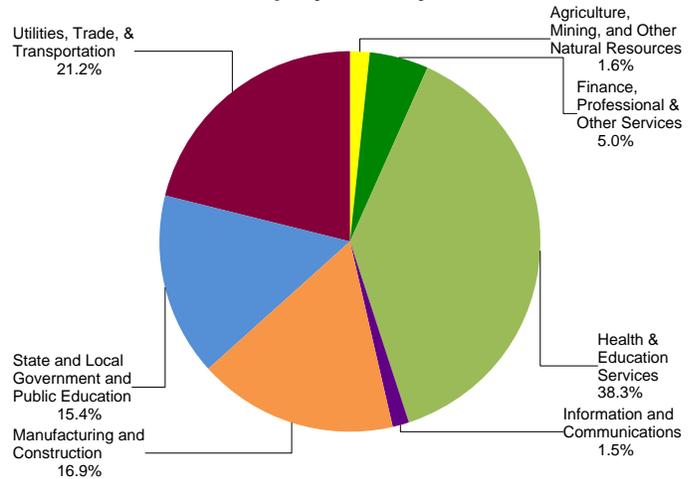
	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	8.5%	10.6%

### Are Kentucky public high school graduates prepared for college and career?

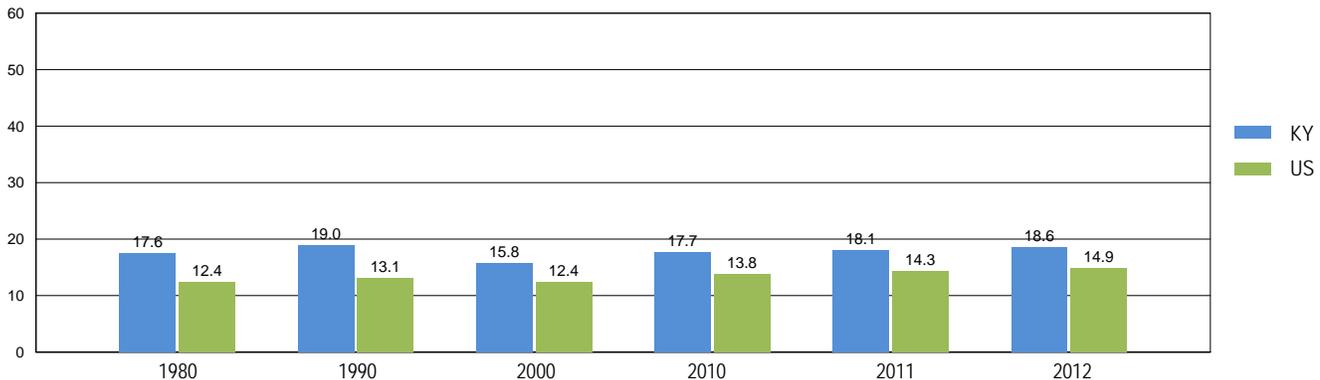
	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT	
Mathematics	41.6%
English	55.7%
Reading	44.7%
Science	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career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

### What industries provide employment in Kentucky?

#### 2012 Employment by Sector



### Percentage of Kentucky Population Living in Poverty Compared to United States, 1980-2012



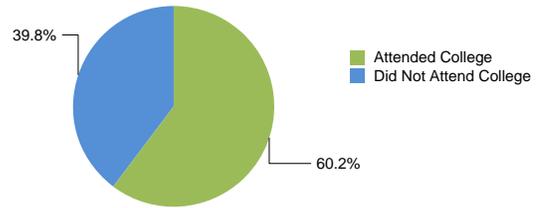


**What is the education pipeline for Kentucky?**

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

**What were the top college choices for Kentucky public high school graduates?**

**Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates**



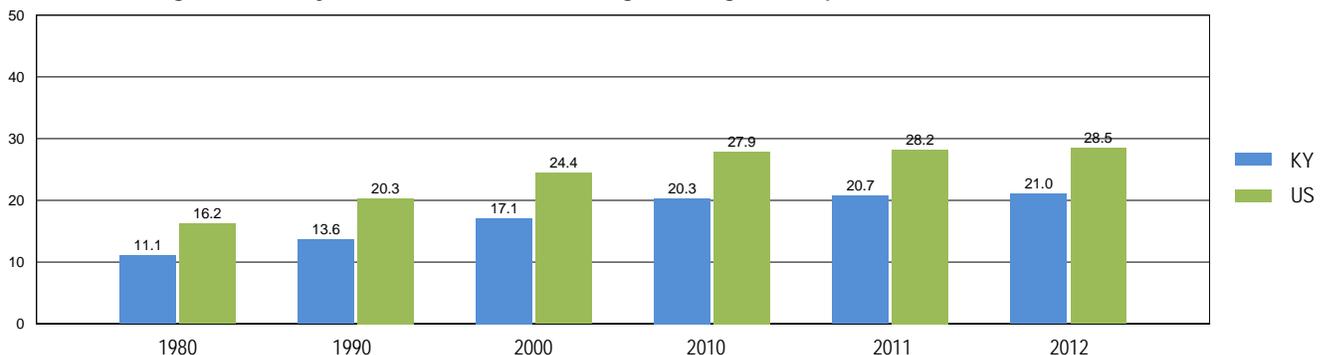
**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

College/University	Number of Enrollments
University of Kentucky	2,376
Western Kentucky University	2,340
Eastern Kentucky University	1,812
University of Louisville	1,707
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	1,700
Jefferson Community & Technical College	1,463
Northern Kentucky University	1,228
Morehead State University	1,098
Somerset Community College	983
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	911
Other Institutions	12,523

**How much financial aid did 2011 public high school graduates from Kentucky receive in 2012?**

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,029	39,344
State need-based grants	\$541	5,965
State non-need-based grants	\$1,215	16,526
Federal Pell grants	\$2,288	10,916
Federal need-based loans	\$1,168	7,333
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,753	7,400
Institutional grants	\$1,702	6,311

**Percentage of Kentucky Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher Compared to United States, 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:

