

# Lawrence County

## 2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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### What are some basic facts about Lawrence County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	15,848	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$32,622	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$16,595	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	26.9%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	30.2%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	18.4%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	48.9%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	9.9%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	95.4%	95.7%	98.8%

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

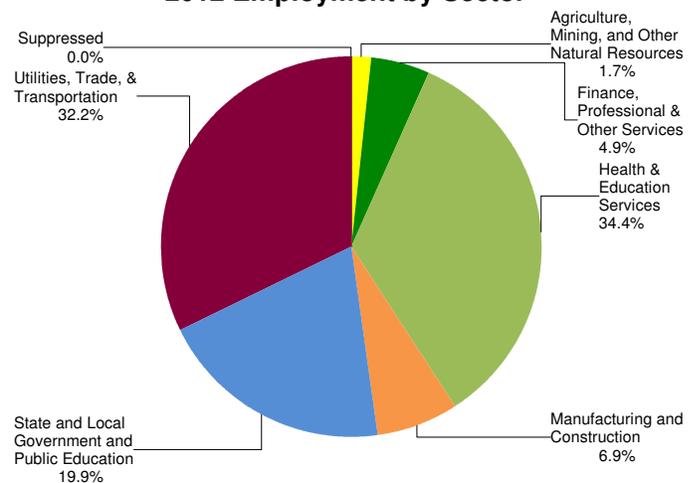
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	18.5	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	25.2%	41.6%
English	50.4%	55.7%
Reading	49.6%	44.7%
Science	14.8%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	35.3%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	25.7%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	50.0%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.91	2.88

### What is the educational attainment of Lawrence County residents?

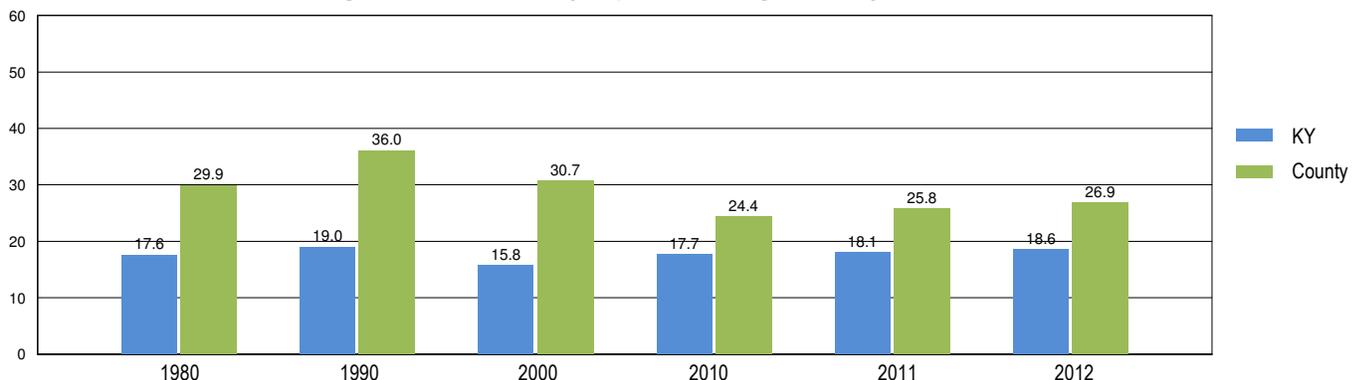
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	28.4%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	39.2%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	16.6%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	6.0%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	5.0%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	4.8%	8.5%	10.6%

### What industries provide employment in Lawrence County?

#### 2012 Employment by Sector



### Percentage of Lawrence County Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2012



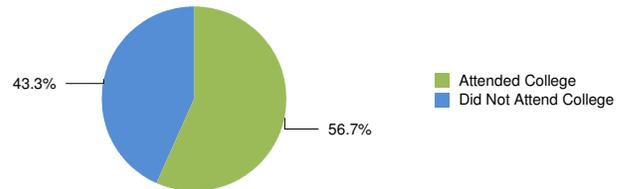


**What is the education pipeline for Lawrence County?**

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	2,375	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	161	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	34.6%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	15.2%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	50.7%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	178	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	101	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	55.1%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	2.2%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	312	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	24	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	28	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	36	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	38	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	12	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	15	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	11	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	48.6%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	6.1%	11.0%

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

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



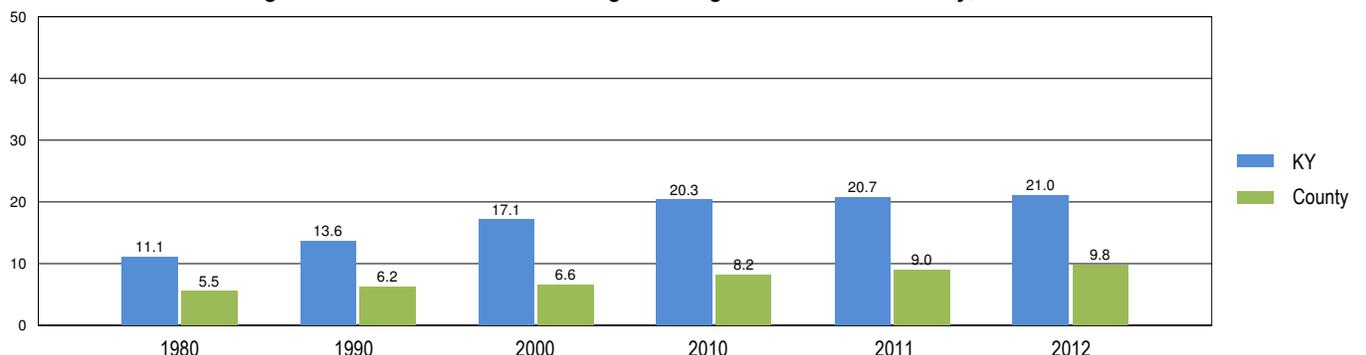
**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Ashland Community & Technical College	38
Morehead State University	19
Big Sandy Community & Technical College	15
Eastern Kentucky University	12
Alice Lloyd College	6
Pikeville College	6
University of Kentucky	4
Berea College	2
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	2
Kentucky Christian University	2
Other Institutions	7

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$984	159
State need-based grants	\$850	37
State non-need-based grants	\$1,283	63
Federal Pell grants	\$2,971	49
Federal need-based loans	\$1,084	26
Federal non-need-based loans	\$753	20
Institutional grants	\$1,589	29

**Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Lawrence 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: