

Spencer County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Spencer County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	17,416	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$62,652	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$26,507	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	7.0%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	11.3%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	14.6%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	68.1%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.6%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	99.0%	95.7%	98.8%

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

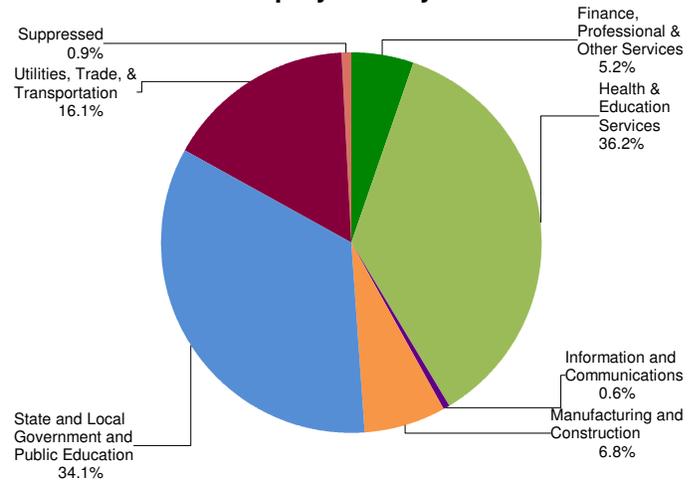
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	18.2	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	27.1%	41.6%
English	41.9%	55.7%
Reading	41.4%	44.7%
Science	16.7%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	27.2%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	9.4%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	30.2%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.70	2.88

What is the educational attainment of Spencer County residents?

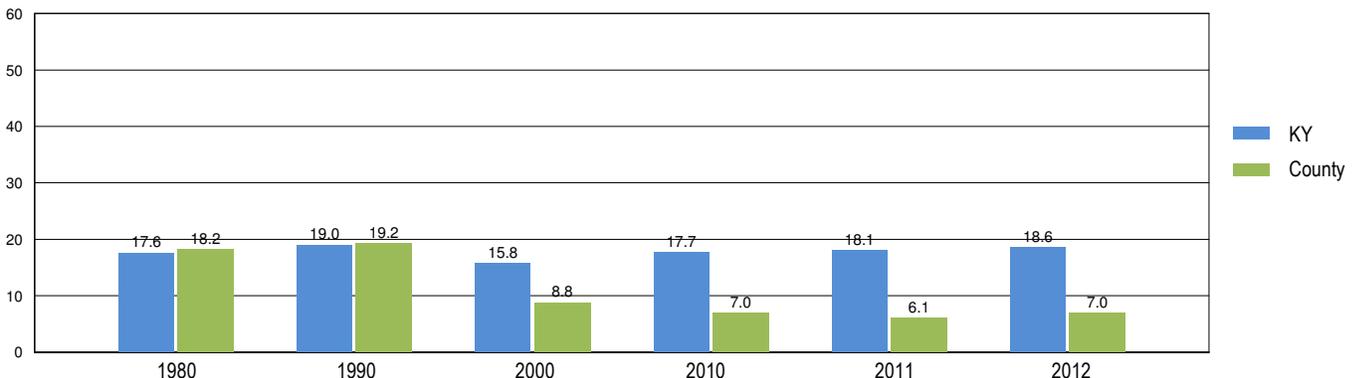
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	13.6%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	35.8%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	26.4%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	8.5%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	10.9%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	4.7%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in Spencer County?

2012 Employment by Sector



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



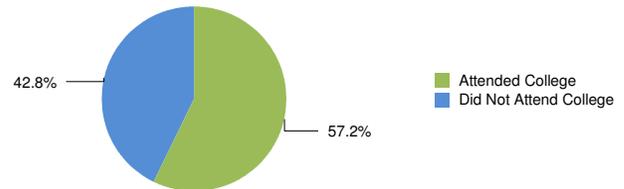


What is the education pipeline for Spencer County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	2,812	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	182	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	47.1%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	13.3%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	43.9%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	194	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	111	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	54.6%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	2.6%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	89	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	18	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	22	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	14	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	61	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	22	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	19	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	5	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	66.7%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	14.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

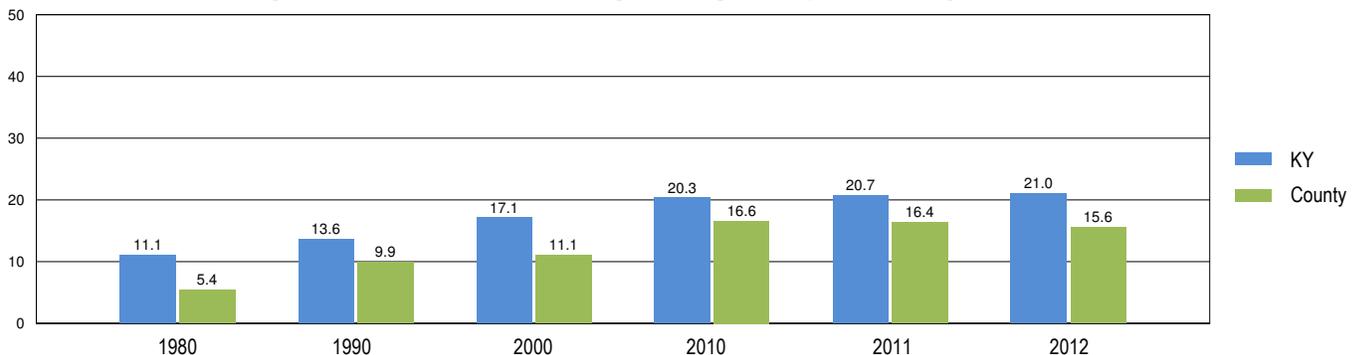
Number of Enrollments

Jefferson Community & Technical College	32
Western Kentucky University	18
University of Louisville	16
Eastern Kentucky University	9
University of Kentucky	8
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	4
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	4
Spalding University	4
Bellarmino University	3
Lindsey Wilson College	3
Other Institutions	19

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,008	176
State need-based grants	\$342	15
State non-need-based grants	\$1,259	72
Federal Pell grants	\$1,564	34
Federal need-based loans	\$951	27
Federal non-need-based loans	\$2,090	35
Institutional grants	\$1,052	20

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