

Union County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Union County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	14,850	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$37,445	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$18,613	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	26.1%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	17.2%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	17.5%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	59.4%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.0%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	98.9%	95.7%	98.8%

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

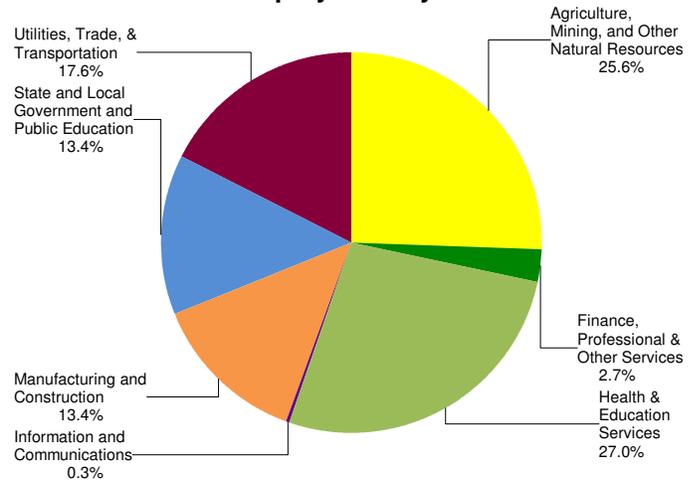
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	18.4	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	33.3%	41.6%
English	51.0%	55.7%
Reading	32.0%	44.7%
Science	20.3%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	41.4%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	27.8%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	50.0%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.96	2.88

What is the educational attainment of Union County residents?

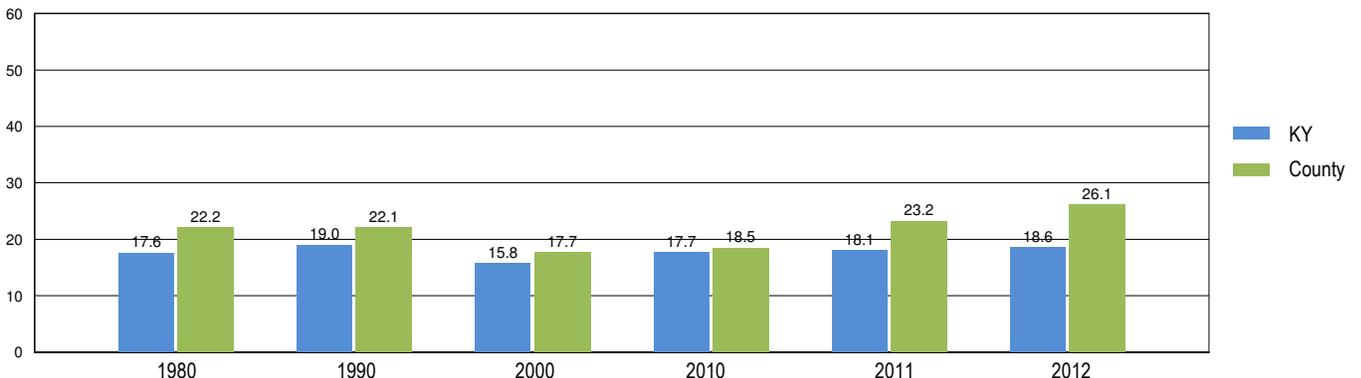
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	17.7%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	39.6%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	21.3%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	11.2%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	6.0%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	4.2%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in Union County?

2012 Employment by Sector



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



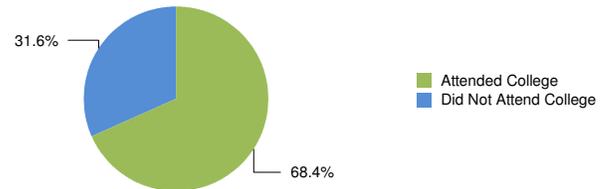


What is the education pipeline for Union County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	2,246	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	242	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	44.1%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	14.2%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	54.5%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	174	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	119	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	58.0%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	11.5%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	143	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	21	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	51	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	53	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	43	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	11	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	32	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	24	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	82.8%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	12.5%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

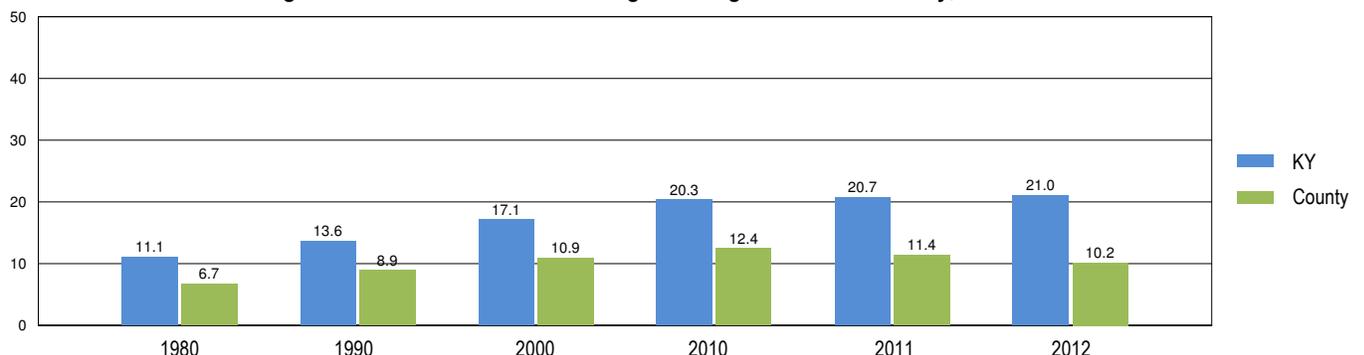
Number of Enrollments

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Henderson Community College	43
Western Kentucky University	19
University Of Southern Indiana	8
Brescia University	7
Madisonville Community College	7
Campbellsville University	6
University of Kentucky	5
Southeastern Illinois College	4
Kentucky Wesleyan College	3
Murray State University	3
Other Institutions	17

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,053	162
State need-based grants	\$724	27
State non-need-based grants	\$990	52
Federal Pell grants	\$2,451	40
Federal need-based loans	\$1,500	29
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,786	26
Institutional grants	\$1,058	20

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