

West Kentucky Workforce Investment Area

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about West Kentucky WIA residents?

	WIA	KY	US
Total population	417,151	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	n/a	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$21,643	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	18.2%	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	60.0%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	8.4%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	94.7%	95.7%	98.8%

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

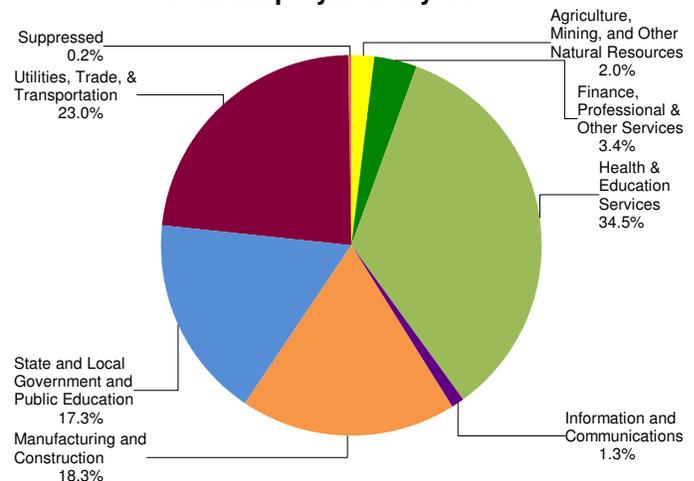
	WIA	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	19.3	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	41.8%	41.6%
English	57.2%	55.7%
Reading	44.2%	44.7%
Science	26.9%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	53.5%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	17.2%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	58.8%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.89	2.88

What is the educational attainment of West Kentucky WIA residents?

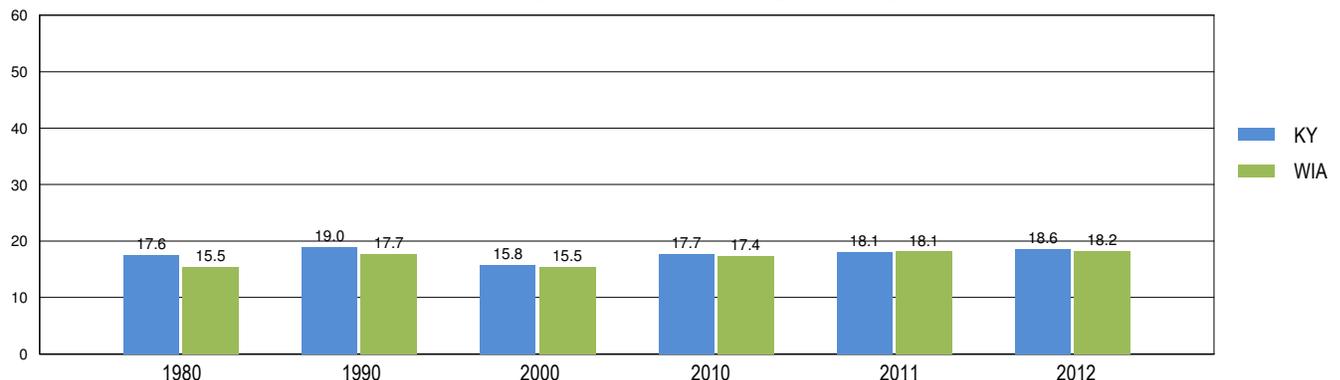
	WIA	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	16.9%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	36.8%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	22.5%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	7.5%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	9.7%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	6.6%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in the West Kentucky WIA?

2012 Employment by Sector



Percentage of West Kentucky WIA Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2012



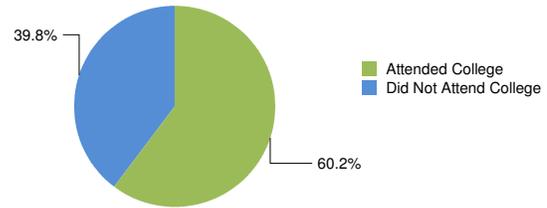


What is the education pipeline for the West Kentucky WIA?

	WIA	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	58,951	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	4,561	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	48.3%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	12.7%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	58.2%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	4,277	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	2,575	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	56.0%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	4.6%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	4,000	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	887	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	1,417	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	1,428	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	1,375	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	404	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	594	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	1,852	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	42.3%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	16.0%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



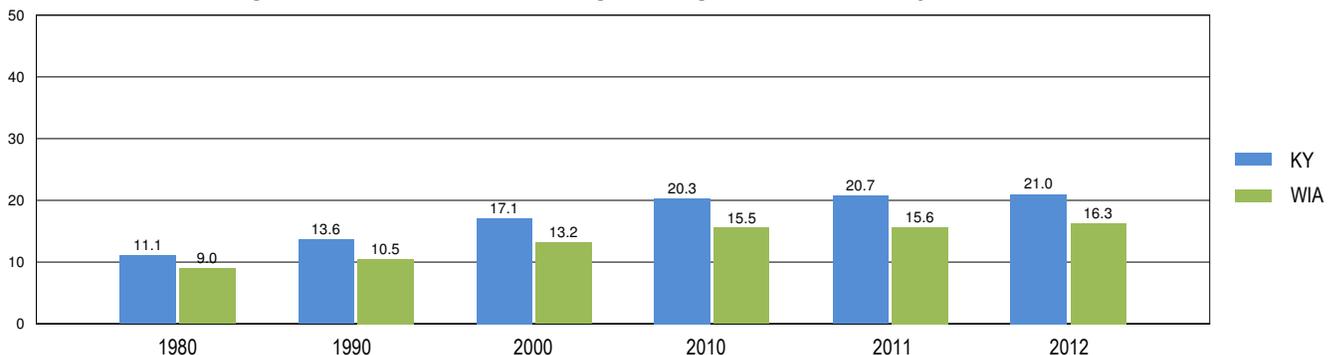
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
West Ky Community & Technical College	690
Murray State University	555
Madisonville Community College	340
Hopkinsville Community College	255
University of Kentucky	189
Western Kentucky University	167
University of Louisville	73
Midcontinent University	36
Kentucky Wesleyan College	26
Eastern Kentucky University	24
Other Institutions	374

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$994	3,705
State need-based grants	\$568	617
State non-need-based grants	\$1,220	1,631
Federal Pell grants	\$2,414	1,134
Federal need-based loans	\$1,090	658
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,385	638
Institutional grants	\$1,518	657

Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in West Kentucky WIA, 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: