

Bell County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Bell County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	27,885	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$26,228	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$15,091	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	33.5%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	38.8%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	18.1%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	49.4%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	13.3%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	85.8%	96.8%	98.6%

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

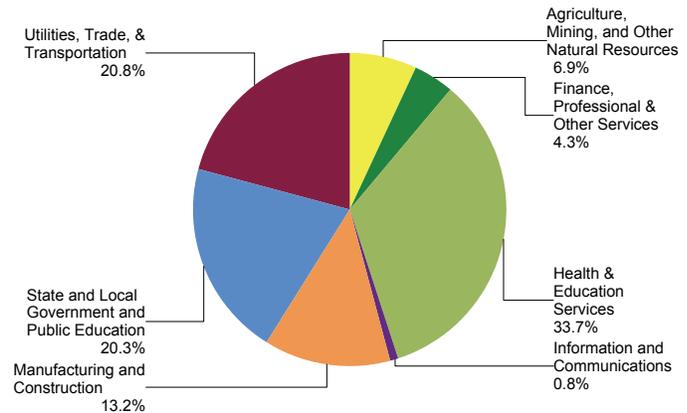
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	57.3%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	48.7%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	23.9%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.89	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	18.2	19.5
Mathematics	17.7	19.1
English	17.5	18.7
Reading	18.2	19.7
Science	18.8	19.7

What is the educational attainment of Bell County residents?

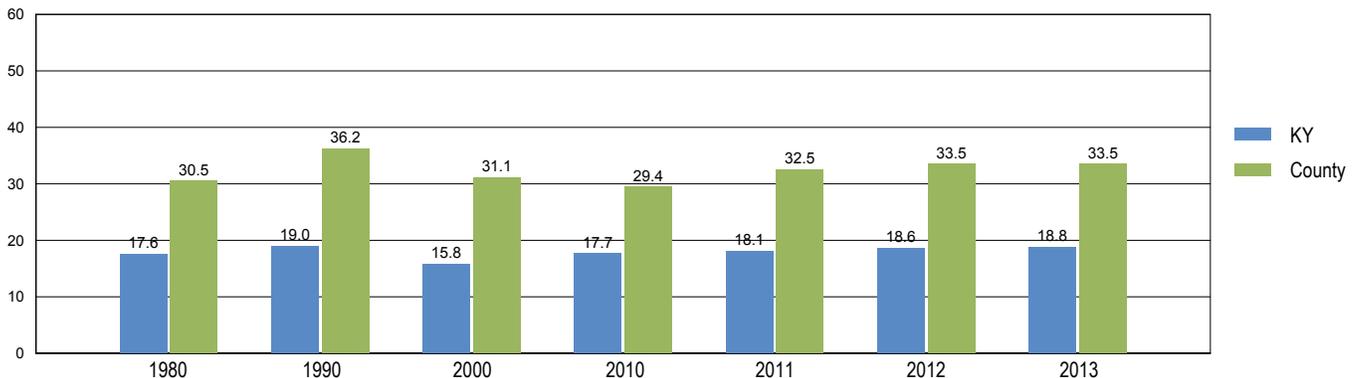
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	31.7%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	35.9%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	15.7%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	5.9%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	4.7%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	6.1%	8.8%	10.8%

What industries provide employment in Bell County?

2013 Employment by Sector



Percentage of Bell County Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2013



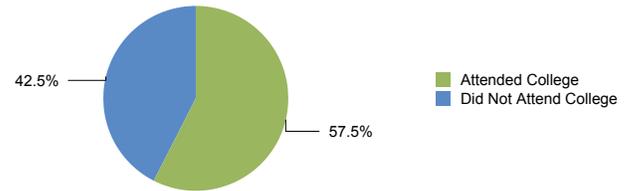


What is the education pipeline for Bell County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	4,664	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	143	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	43.1%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	16.4%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	78.8%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	221	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	127	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	52.9%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	4.5%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	512	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	50	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	137	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	94	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	51	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	16	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	24	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	191	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	48.1%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	13.5%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



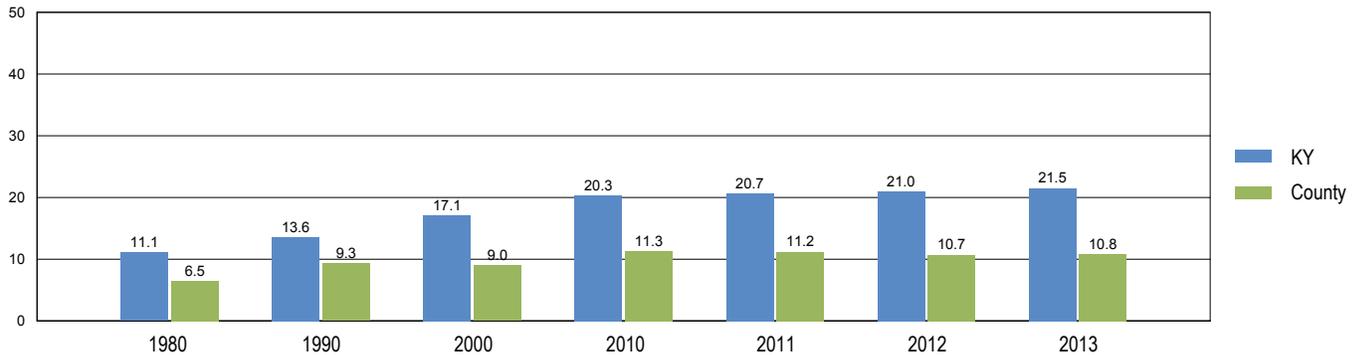
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Southeast Ky Community & Technical College	79
University of Kentucky	8
Lincoln Memorial University	8
Eastern Kentucky University	7
Union College	5
Lindsey Wilson College	4
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	4
University of Cumberlands	3
Western Kentucky University	2
Alice Lloyd College	2
Other Institutions	10

How much financial aid did 2012 public high school graduates from Bell County receive in 2013?

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,015	203
State need-based grants	\$586	36
State non-need-based grants	\$1,098	89
Federal Pell grants	\$2,512	61
Federal need-based loans	\$646	21
Federal non-need-based loans	\$697	21
Institutional grants	\$1,448	32

Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Bell County, 1980-2013



Sources: US Census 2009-2013 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:

