

Harlan County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Harlan County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	28,499	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$25,906	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$16,257	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	31.3%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	35.5%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	18.0%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	54.7%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	18.0%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	77.3%	96.8%	98.6%

What is the educational attainment of Harlan County residents?

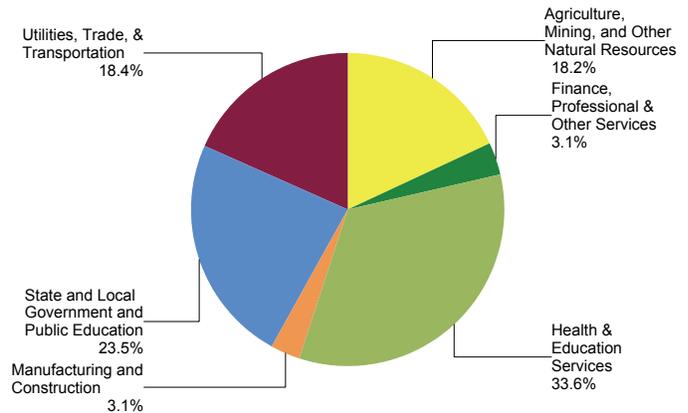
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	29.0%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	36.0%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	16.5%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	7.9%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	5.6%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	5.0%	8.8%	10.8%

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

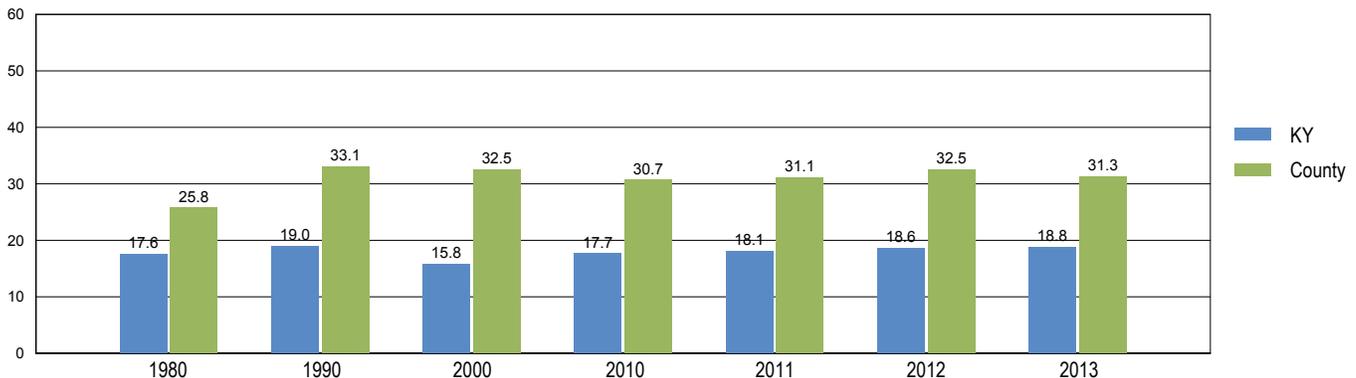
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	54.4%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	43.2%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	20.1%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	3.02	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	18.3	19.5
Mathematics	17.9	19.1
English	17.3	18.7
Reading	18.6	19.7
Science	19.0	19.7

What industries provide employment in Harlan County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



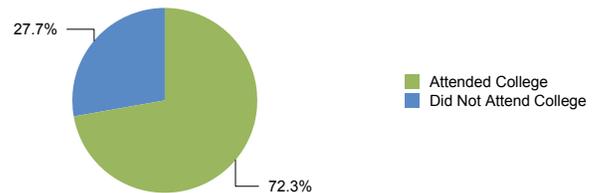


What is the education pipeline for Harlan County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	4,788	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	310	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	44.3%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	19.4%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	77.2%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	267	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	193	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	70.4%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	1.9%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	489	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	53	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	136	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	100	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	54	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	17	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	29	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	69	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	39.1%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	13.0%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



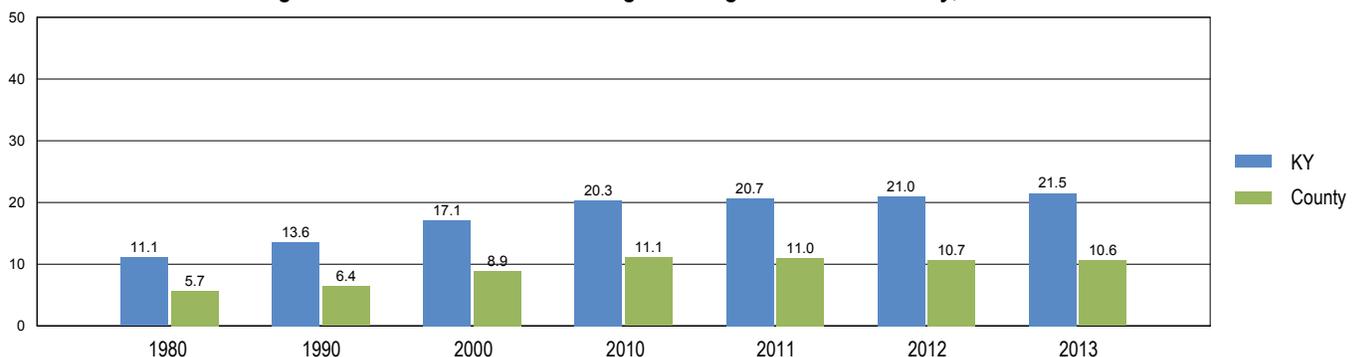
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Southeast Ky Community & Technical College	155
Eastern Kentucky University	8
University of Cumberlands	6
University of Kentucky	5
Somerset Community College	4
Lindsey Wilson College	3
Alice Lloyd College	3
Pikeville College	3
Georgetown College	2
Transylvania University	2
Other Institutions	11

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,054	246
State need-based grants	\$593	55
State non-need-based grants	\$1,045	142
Federal Pell grants	\$2,783	113
Federal need-based loans	\$500	19
Federal non-need-based loans	\$409	21
Institutional grants	\$989	41

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

