

# Letcher County

## 2015 Kentucky County Profile

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### What are some basic facts about Letcher County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	23,619	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$31,200	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$17,886	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	25.3%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	31.4%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	17.5%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	55.4%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	16.7%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	87.4%	96.8%	98.6%

### What is the educational attainment of Letcher County residents?

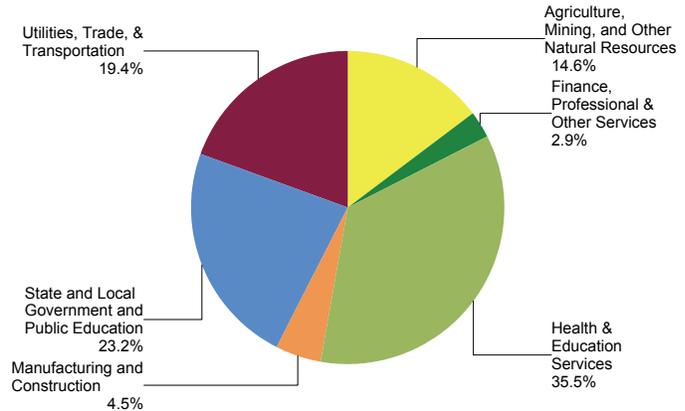
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	25.2%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	36.6%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	17.9%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	8.8%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	7.3%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	4.2%	8.8%	10.8%

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

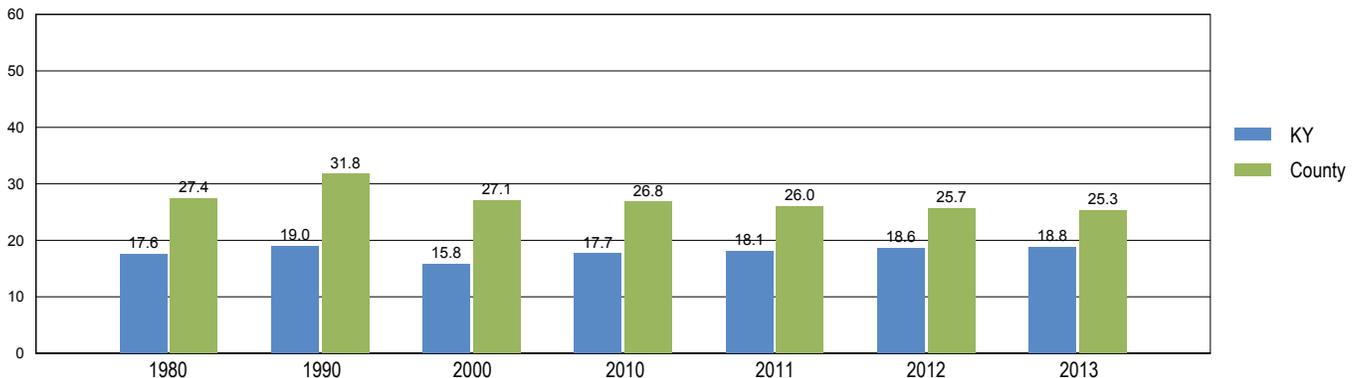
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	73.4%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	61.6%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	31.6%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.87	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	18.2	19.5
Mathematics	17.8	19.1
English	17.1	18.7
Reading	18.5	19.7
Science	19.1	19.7

### What industries provide employment in Letcher County?

#### 2013 Employment by Sector



### Percentage of Letcher County Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2013



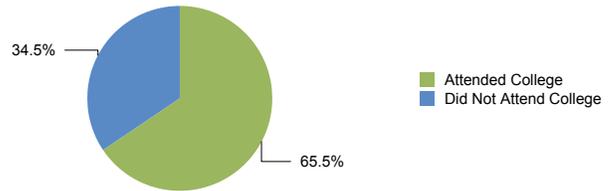


**What is the education pipeline for Letcher County?**

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	3,678	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	122	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	56.7%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	24.7%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	70.6%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	252	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	165	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	62.3%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	4.0%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	142	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	33	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	70	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	71	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	55	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	21	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	38	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	122	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	50.8%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	13.5%	11.0%

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

**Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates**



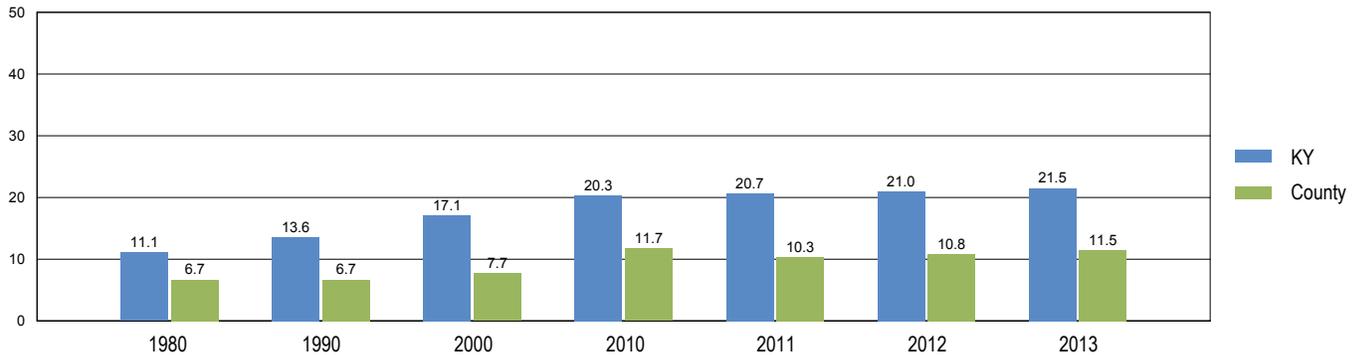
**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Southeast Ky Community & Technical College	74
Eastern Kentucky University	18
Alice Lloyd College	15
Hazard Community & Technical College	14
Pikeville College	14
Morehead State University	11
University of Kentucky	9
University Of Va'S College At Wise	3
Mountain Empire Community College	3
Big Sandy Community & Technical College	2
Other Institutions	8

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,061	239
State need-based grants	\$828	38
State non-need-based grants	\$1,240	116
Federal Pell grants	\$2,647	72
Federal need-based loans	\$1,521	40
Federal non-need-based loans	\$891	32
Institutional grants	\$2,229	47

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

