

# Meade County

## 2015 Kentucky County Profile

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

	County	KY	US
Total population	29,210	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$46,756	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$20,898	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	16.9%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	13.0%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	17.2%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	58.0%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	9.0%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	98.5%	96.8%	98.6%

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

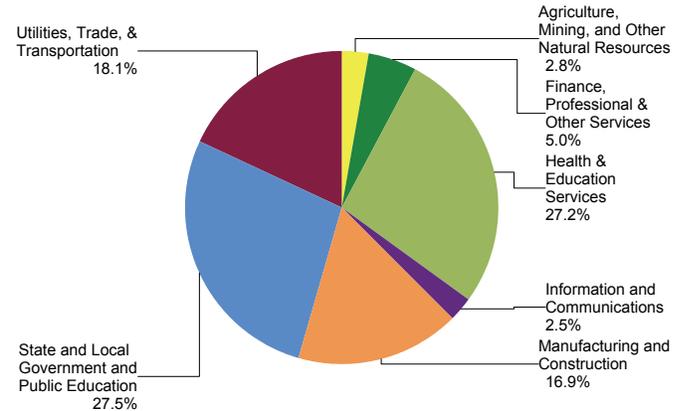
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	13.7%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	39.6%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	25.0%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	9.0%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	6.8%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	5.9%	8.8%	10.8%

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

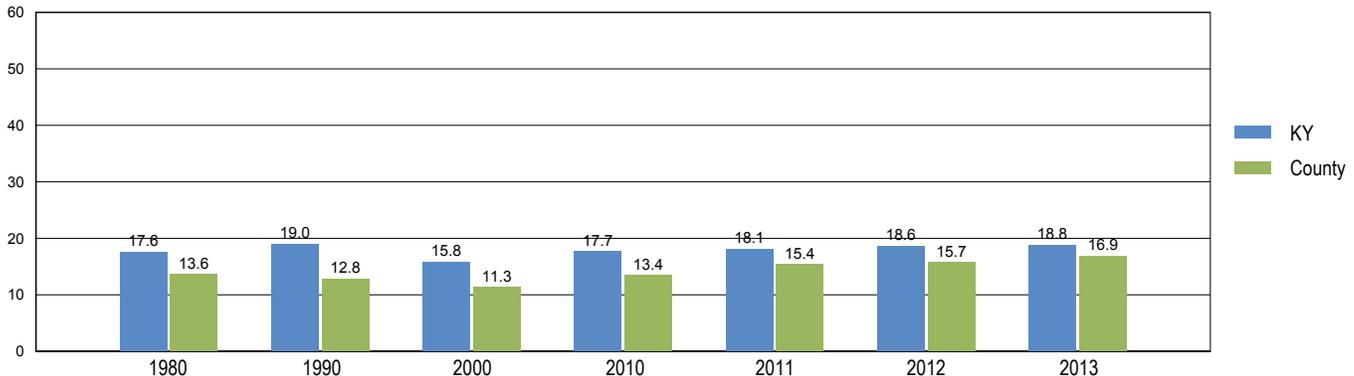
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	66.2%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	62.1%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	18.8%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.87	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	19.7	19.5
Mathematics	19.4	19.1
English	18.8	18.7
Reading	20.3	19.7
Science	19.9	19.7

### What industries provide employment in Meade County?

#### 2013 Employment by Sector



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



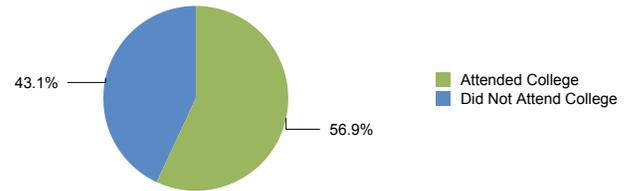


**What is the education pipeline for Meade County?**

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	4,931	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	95	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	39.0%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	12.7%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	52.8%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	353	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	201	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	53.0%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	4.8%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	171	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	16	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	43	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	58	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	97	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	32	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	33	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	137	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	53.9%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	9.6%	11.0%

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

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



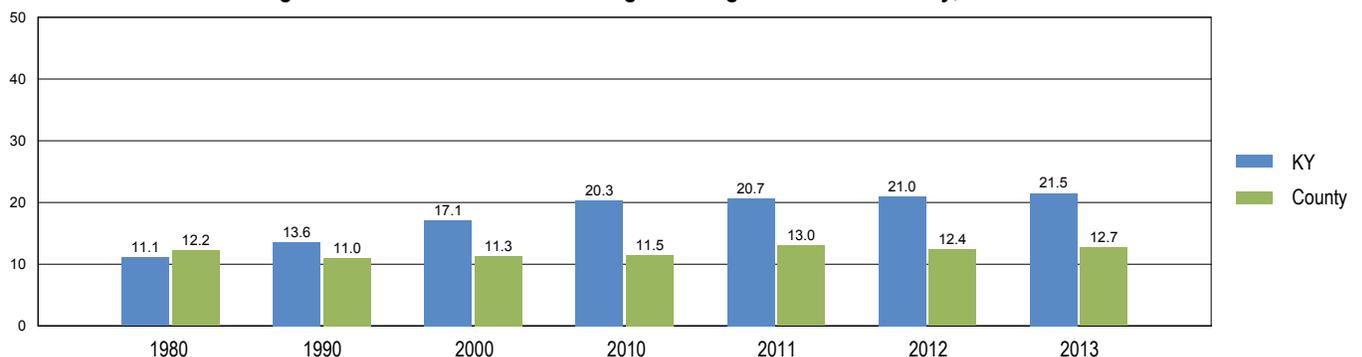
**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	78
University of Louisville	28
University of Kentucky	19
Western Kentucky University	17
Jefferson Community & Technical College	14
Eastern Kentucky University	8
Indiana University Southeast	5
Murray State University	5
Bellarmine University	4
Brescia University	3
Other Institutions	30

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,035	320
State need-based grants	\$429	43
State non-need-based grants	\$1,172	140
Federal Pell grants	\$1,607	77
Federal need-based loans	\$2,440	63
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,006	57
Institutional grants	\$1,396	45

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

