

Nelson County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Nelson County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	44,540	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$43,833	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$23,545	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	18.2%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	16.4%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	15.7%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	60.9%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.6%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	98.2%	96.8%	98.6%

What is the educational attainment of Nelson County residents?

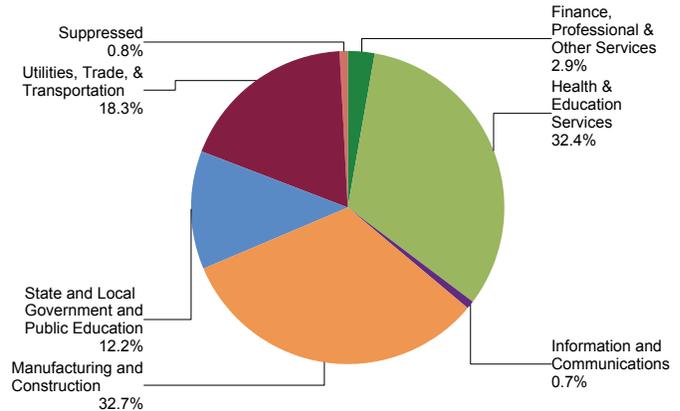
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	13.1%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	42.9%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	18.8%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	8.5%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	9.9%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	6.7%	8.8%	10.8%

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

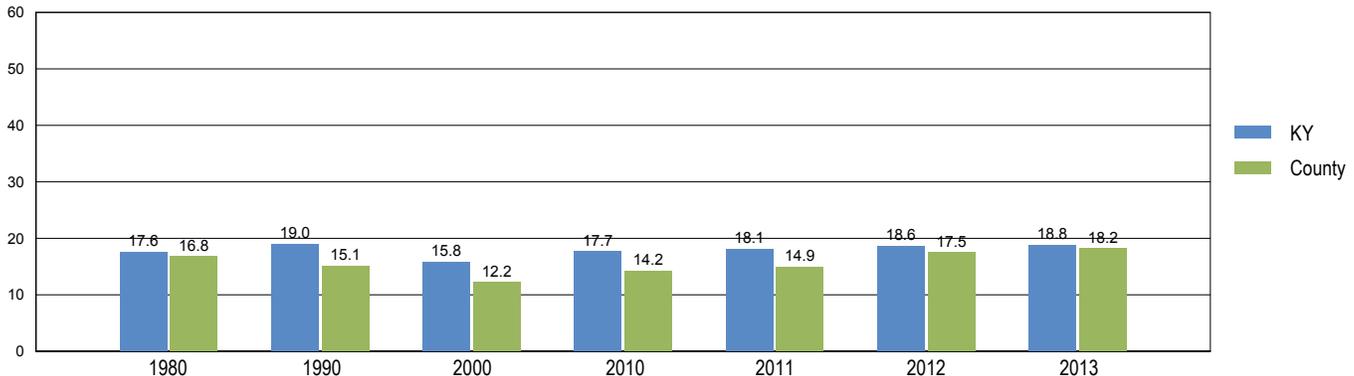
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	57.6%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	52.9%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	14.1%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.85	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	19.7	19.5
Mathematics	19.2	19.1
English	19.5	18.7
Reading	19.6	19.7
Science	20.2	19.7

What industries provide employment in Nelson County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



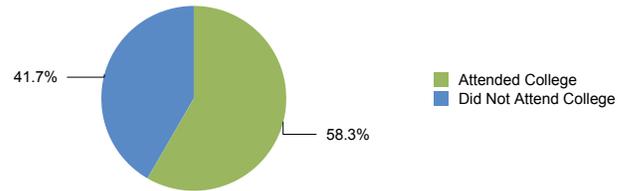


What is the education pipeline for Nelson County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	7,075	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	1,312	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	54.6%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	12.8%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	54.1%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	448	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	261	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	56.3%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	2.2%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	242	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	83	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	80	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	129	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	179	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	75	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	72	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	109	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	55.0%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	10.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



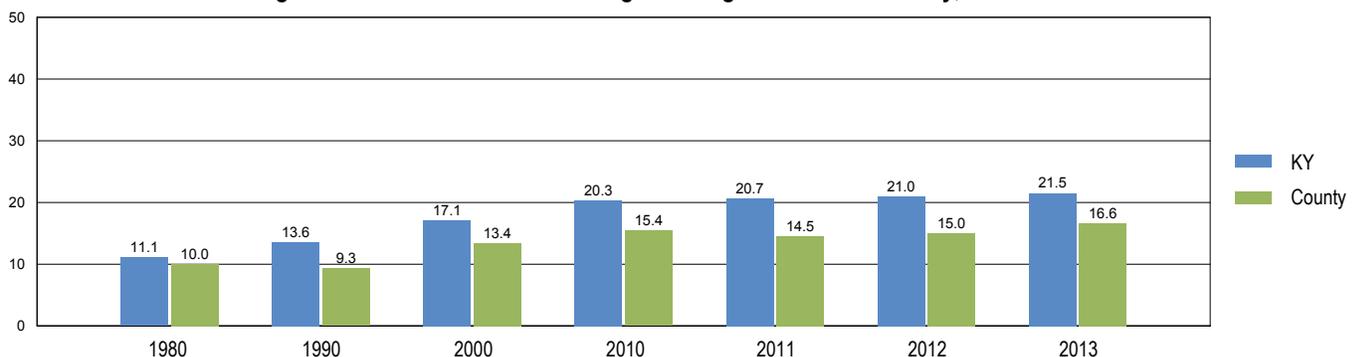
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	82
Southeast Ky Community & Technical College	39
Western Kentucky University	19
University of Kentucky	17
Eastern Kentucky University	16
Jefferson Community & Technical College	13
St. Catharine College	12
University of Louisville	11
Bellarmine University	7
Lindsey Wilson College	6
Other Institutions	47

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$952	402
State need-based grants	\$485	59
State non-need-based grants	\$1,174	184
Federal Pell grants	\$2,016	107
Federal need-based loans	\$1,079	56
Federal non-need-based loans	\$733	53
Institutional grants	\$1,184	59

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

