

# Pulaski County

## 2015 Kentucky County Profile

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

	County	KY	US
Total population	63,907	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$34,092	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$20,667	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	23.3%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	24.5%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	18.1%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	59.1%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	9.2%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	97.6%	96.8%	98.6%

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

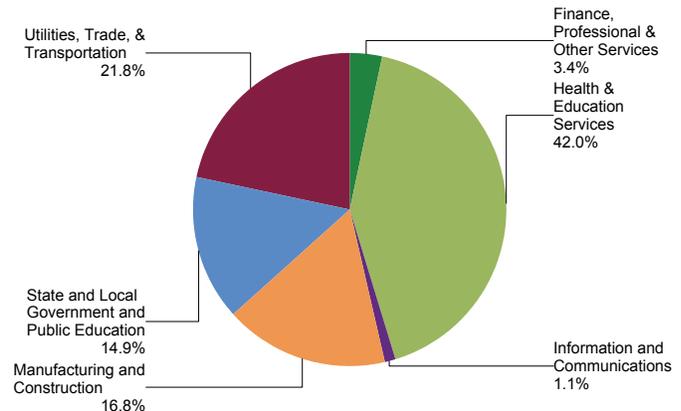
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	75.3%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	70.8%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	21.2%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.92	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	19.8	19.5
Mathematics	19.2	19.1
English	19.0	18.7
Reading	20.2	19.7
Science	20.1	19.7

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

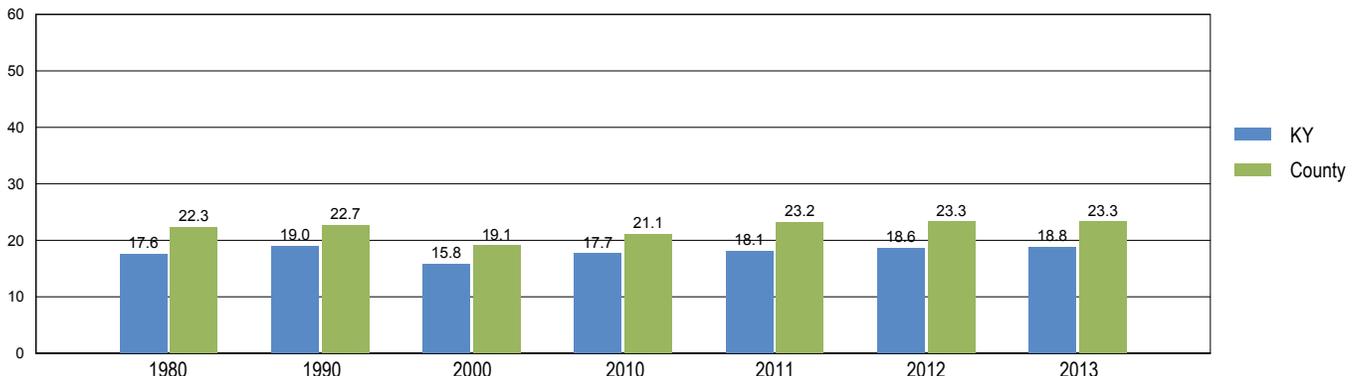
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	20.0%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	38.9%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	17.1%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	8.8%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	8.7%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	6.4%	8.8%	10.8%

### What industries provide employment in Pulaski County?

#### 2013 Employment by Sector



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



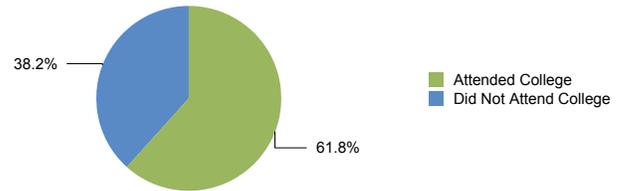


**What is the education pipeline for Pulaski County?**

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	9,979	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	765	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	40.8%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	12.6%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	64.4%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	641	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	396	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	59.9%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	2.0%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	736	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	128	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	197	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	212	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	189	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	60	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	94	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	218	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	56.8%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	10.0%	11.0%

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

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



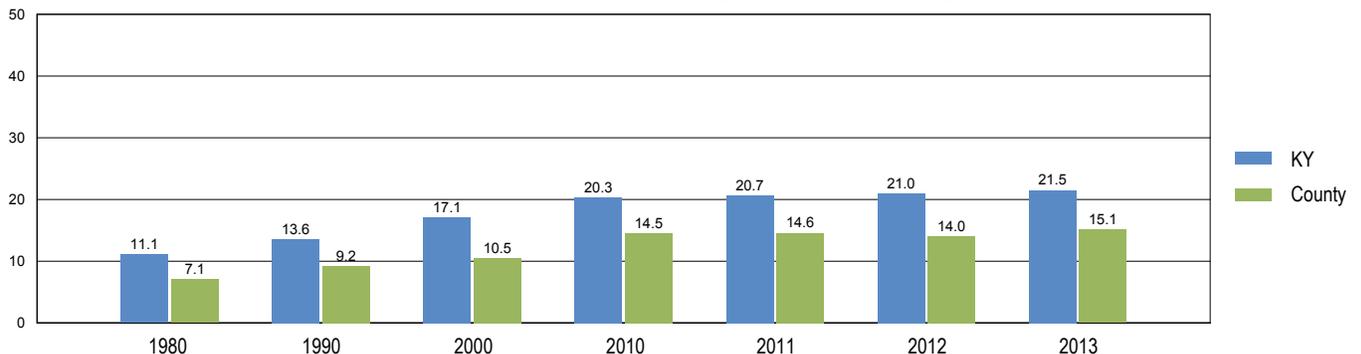
**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Somerset Community College	238
University of Kentucky	39
Western Kentucky University	19
Eastern Kentucky University	18
Campbellsville University	17
Morehead State University	13
University of Cumberlands	12
Lindsey Wilson College	9
Bellarmine University	6
Berea College	6
Other Institutions	35

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,181	582
State need-based grants	\$566	100
State non-need-based grants	\$1,291	303
Federal Pell grants	\$2,373	205
Federal need-based loans	\$790	74
Federal non-need-based loans	\$830	88
Institutional grants	\$1,904	109

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