

Mercer County

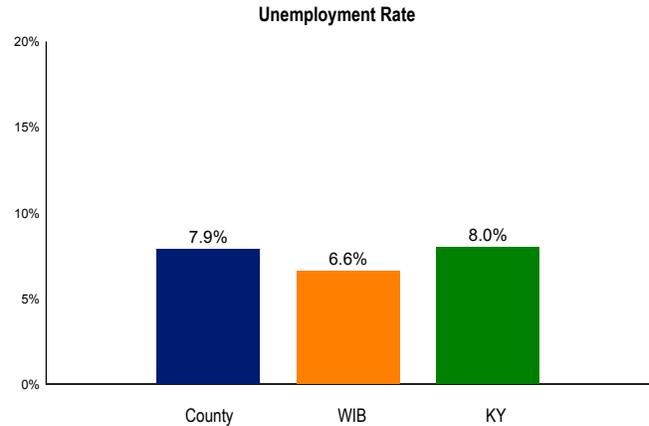
2015 Kentucky Adult Education County Profiles

WIB: BLUEGRASS

The Kentucky Adult Education County Profiles Report is produced by the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics, utilizing data from the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS), which includes data from the Department of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education, and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. This report provides the most complete and accurate data about adult education for this county. It follows students who were enrolled in Kentucky Adult Education from the 2009 to 2011 Fiscal Years (FY) and includes information about education and workforce paths. The report compares counties, Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In order to ensure the confidentiality of individuals, some data items have been redacted and are indicated by an asterisk (*).

What are some basic facts about Mercer County residents?

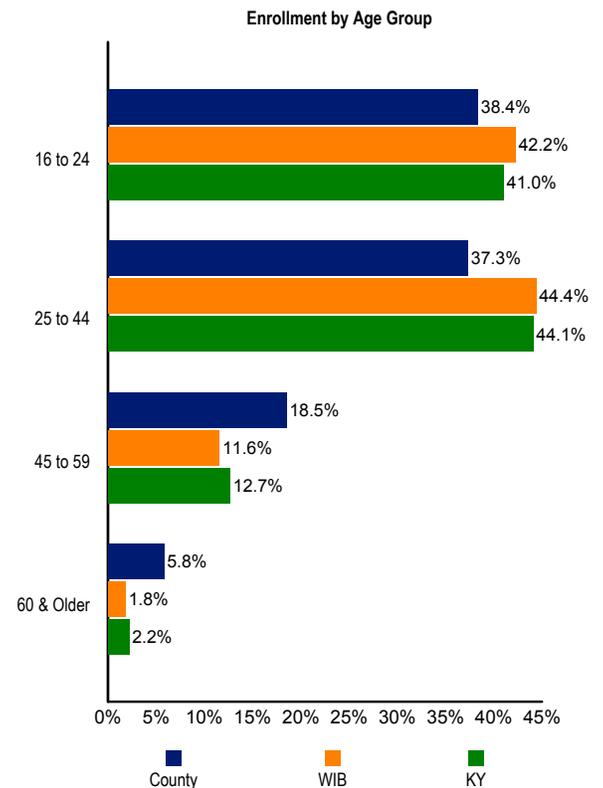
	County	WIB	KY
Total population	21,349	790,670	4,395,295
Median household income	\$45,396	N/A	\$43,036
Living in poverty	16.8%	18.4%	18.8%
Eligible for Medicaid	16.9%	15.3%	18.9%
Without medical insurance	16.0%	16.2%	16.2%
Less than a high school diploma	16.1%	14.5%	17.0%
National Career Readiness Certificates™ awarded in 2013-14	101	2,021	17,613



What are some facts about Mercer County residents enrolled in adult education?

Data was collected on a group of students enrolled in Kentucky Adult Education the 2009 to 2011 Fiscal Years (FY) in order to provide more accurate postsecondary and workforce outcomes. These outcomes were produced in hopes of increasing the number of college-ready GED® graduates, preparing students for college and career-readiness, and developing Kentuckians to succeed in a global economy.

	County	WIB	KY
Total unique students enrolled in adult education	292	11,710	93,213
Gender			
Male	121	5,422	44,190
Female	171	6,288	49,023
Race/Ethnicity			
White	226	7,778	68,312
Black	17	1,715	13,371
Hispanic	23	1,463	6,837
Other	26	754	4,693
Student's education equivalency upon entering			
Grade Level 0 - 1.9	1	116	1,094
Grade Level 2 - 3.9	32	1,121	8,399
Grade Level 4 - 5.9	75	2,796	23,037
Grade Level 6 - 8.9	93	3,520	30,347
Grade Level 9 - 10.9	35	1,210	11,828
Grade Level 11 - 11.9	25	1,109	9,104
Total English Language Learners (ELL)	31	1,838	9,404
Median age	30	27	27
Median hours enrolled in adult education	29.1	36.0	40.3
Employment rate for those enrolled in adult education	43.8%	43.0%	45.2%



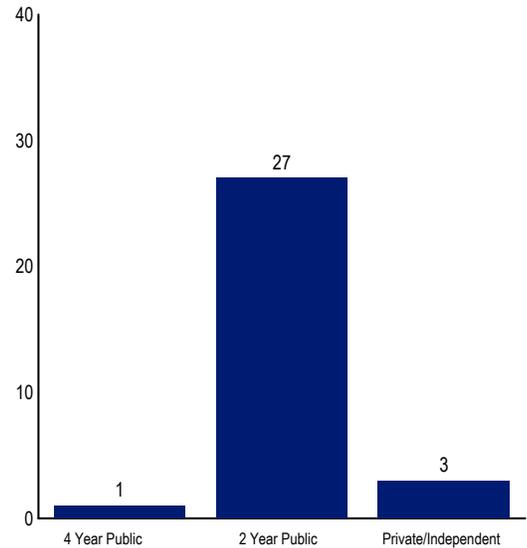


What are the postsecondary outcomes for those who earned a GED® Diploma in Mercer County?

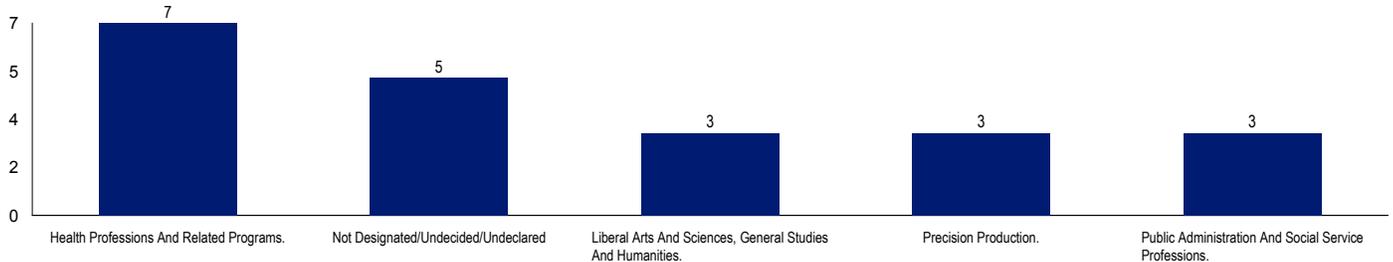
Postsecondary items are calculated from only those who earned a GED® Diploma from the FY 2009 to FY 2011 cohort. Outcomes are through FY 2014.

	County	WIB	KY
Earned a GED® Diploma between FY 2009 to FY 2014	97	3,334	22,942
Ever enrolled in a postsecondary institution	39	1,241	8,455
Student enrollment status in first semester			
Part-time	15	455	2,923
Full-time	12	583	4,284
Median credit hours earned in first year	0.0	3.0	3.0
Received a Pell Grant first year	19	651	4,352
Median Pell Grant amount in first year			
Median Pell Grant for part-time student	\$2,082	\$2,082	\$1,975
Median Pell Grant for full-time student	\$3,122	\$4,163	\$3,750
Took a remedial course in first year	15	452	2,903
Level of degree obtained			
Certificate	4	95	762
Diploma	0	12	90
Associate	0	30	222
Bachelor	0	3	23

Enrollments by Institution Type in 1st Year



Most Common Majors



What are the workforce outcomes for those who earned a GED® Diploma in Mercer County?

Workforce items are calculated from only those who earned a GED® Diploma (from the FY 2009 to FY 2011 cohort) and did not enroll in postsecondary. Outcomes are through FY 2014.

	County	WIB	KY
Median wages one year prior to earning a GED® Diploma	\$9,157	\$7,227	\$6,104
Median wages one year after earning a GED® Diploma	\$8,353	\$9,531	\$8,481
Employment rate one year prior to earning a GED® Diploma	31.0%	44.8%	43.0%
Employment rate one year after earning a GED® Diploma	62.1%	55.1%	51.6%

For more information about Kentucky Adult Education, please visit KYAE.ky.gov. For other reports regarding education and workforce outcomes in Kentucky, please visit KCEWS.ky.gov

Most Common Industry Entered



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 <https://kcews.ky.gov/>.

