

Bell County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Bell County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	28,183	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$25,952	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$15,140	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	33.5%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	38.5%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	18.5%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	49.4%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	13.3%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	61.9%	95.7%	98.8%

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

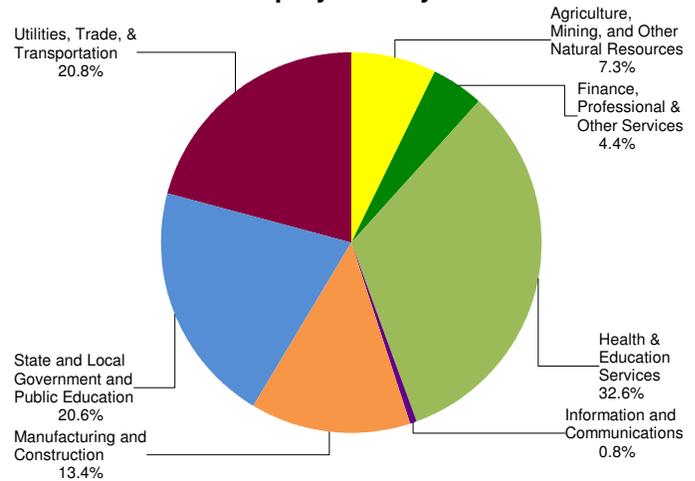
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	18.2	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	30.1%	41.6%
English	50.5%	55.7%
Reading	36.8%	44.7%
Science	20.1%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	35.6%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	15.6%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	43.3%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.87	2.88

What is the educational attainment of Bell County residents?

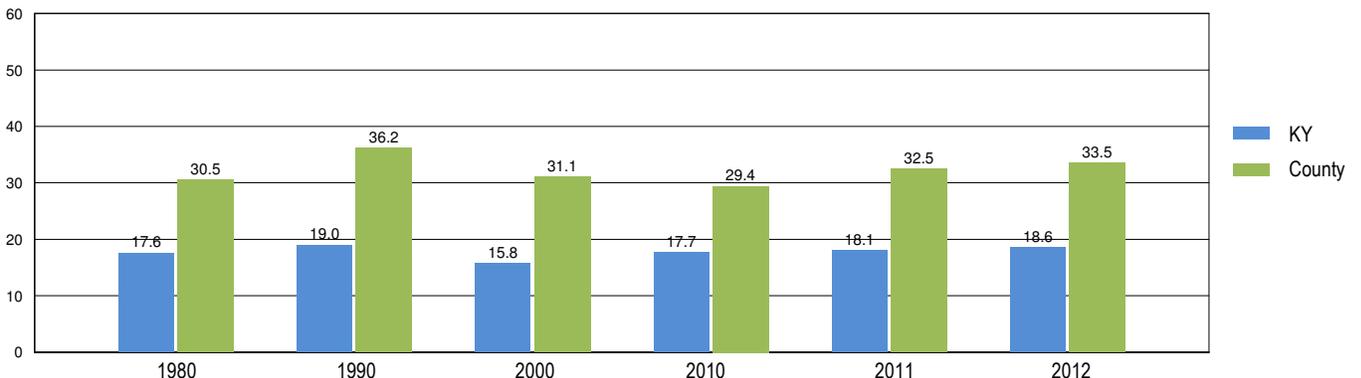
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	33.0%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	35.6%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	14.6%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	6.1%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	4.8%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	5.9%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in Bell County?

2012 Employment by Sector



Percentage of Bell County Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2012



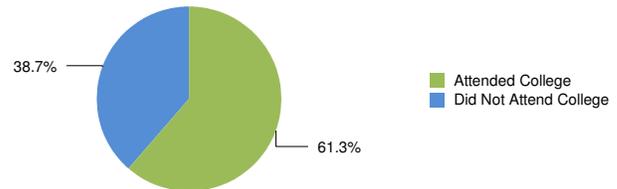


What is the education pipeline for Bell County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	4,719	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	339	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	34.7%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	16.1%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	76.2%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	336	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	206	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	57.1%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	5.4%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	473	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	41	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	127	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	108	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	37	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	10	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	22	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	141	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	48.1%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	13.5%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



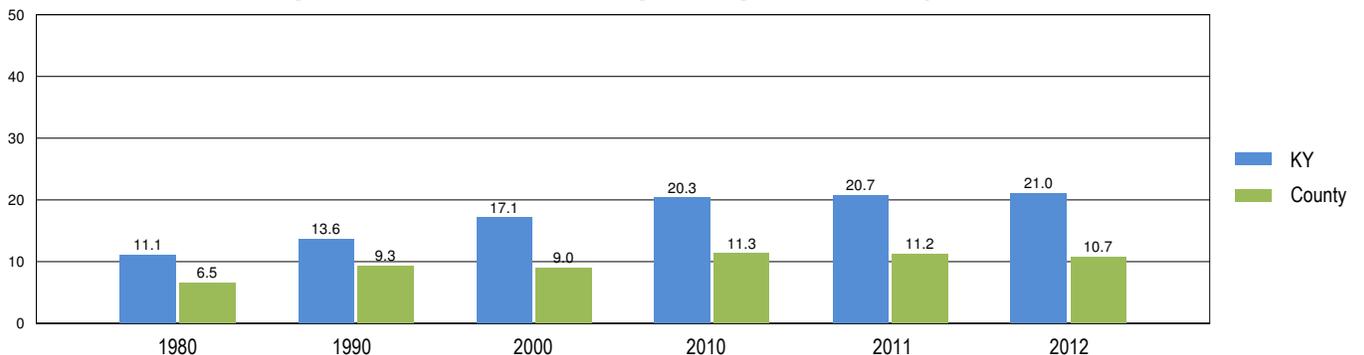
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Southeast Ky Community & Technical College	131
Eastern Kentucky University	13
Lincoln Memorial University	13
Union College	11
Pikeville College	8
Lindsey Wilson College	7
University of Kentucky	6
Berea College	5
Morehead State University	4
Georgetown College	3
Other Institutions	20

How much financial aid did 2011 public high school graduates from Bell County receive in 2012?

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$955	303
State need-based grants	\$683	49
State non-need-based grants	\$829	107
Federal Pell grants	\$3,438	103
Federal need-based loans	\$761	36
Federal non-need-based loans	\$677	29
Institutional grants	\$529	17

Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Bell County, 1980-2012



Sources: US Census 2008-2012 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: