

Mason County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Mason County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	17,512	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$39,192	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$21,645	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	19.4%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	22.8%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	16.0%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	56.8%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	8.4%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	100.0%	95.7%	98.8%

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

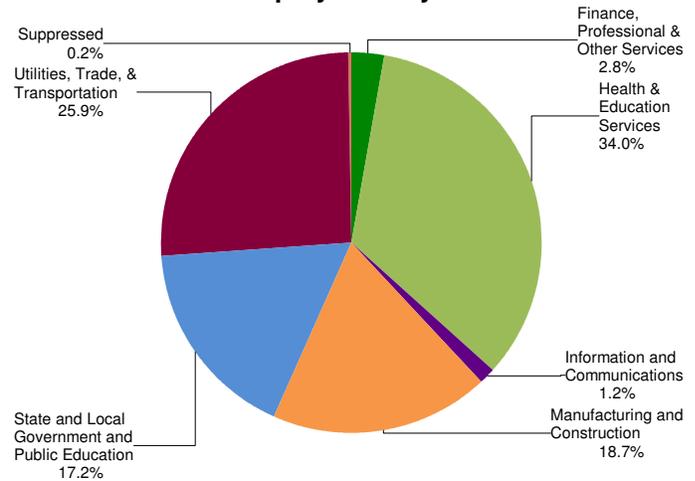
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	18.8	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	39.4%	41.6%
English	47.3%	55.7%
Reading	41.8%	44.7%
Science	29.1%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	47.0%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	17.9%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	56.5%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.93	2.88

What is the educational attainment of Mason County residents?

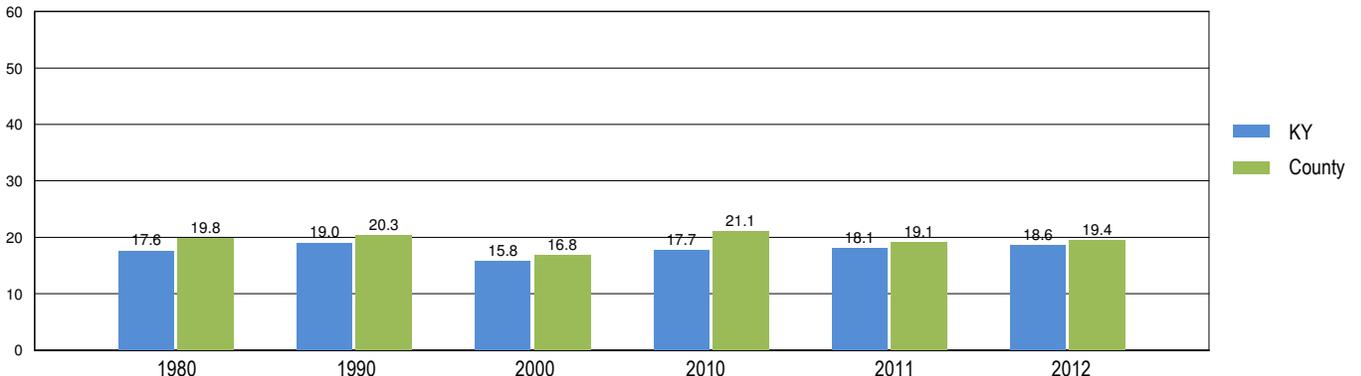
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	20.0%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	38.2%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	19.5%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	8.1%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	7.7%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	6.5%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in Mason County?

2012 Employment by Sector



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



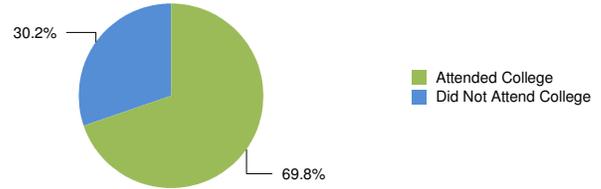


What is the education pipeline for Mason County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	2,774	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	203	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	37.9%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	12.5%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	61.4%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	192	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	134	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	66.1%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	4.7%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	243	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	57	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	63	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	80	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	72	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	11	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	23	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	39	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	65.9%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	8.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

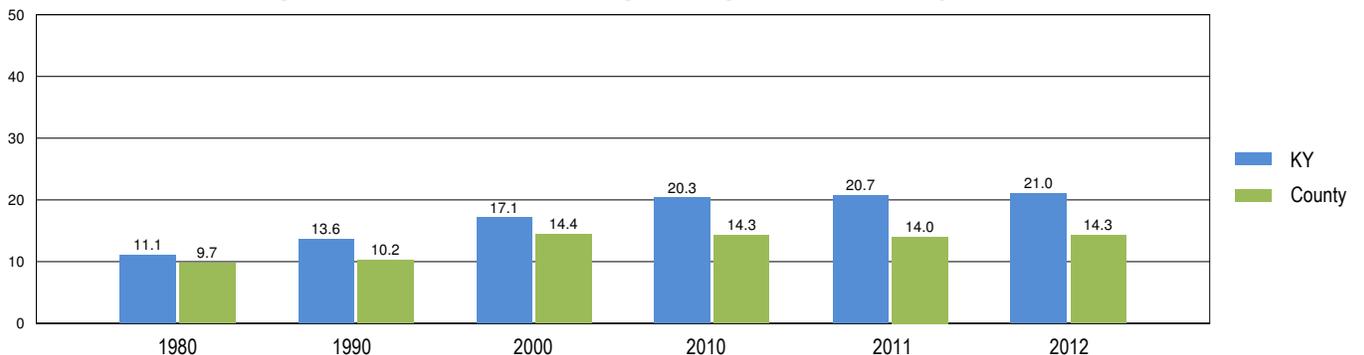
Number of Enrollments

Maysville Community & Technical College	75
Morehead State University	16
University of Kentucky	11
University of Louisville	4
Centre College	3
Eastern Kentucky University	3
Georgetown College	3
Spencerian College	3
Kentucky Christian University	2
Northern Kentucky University	2
Other Institutions	17

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,103	171
State need-based grants	\$399	20
State non-need-based grants	\$1,218	83
Federal Pell grants	\$2,507	59
Federal need-based loans	\$966	32
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,474	30
Institutional grants	\$1,595	32

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