

McCracken County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about McCracken County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	65,549	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$44,757	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$25,884	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	16.3%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	16.6%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	15.5%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	62.1%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.8%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	100.0%	95.7%	98.8%

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

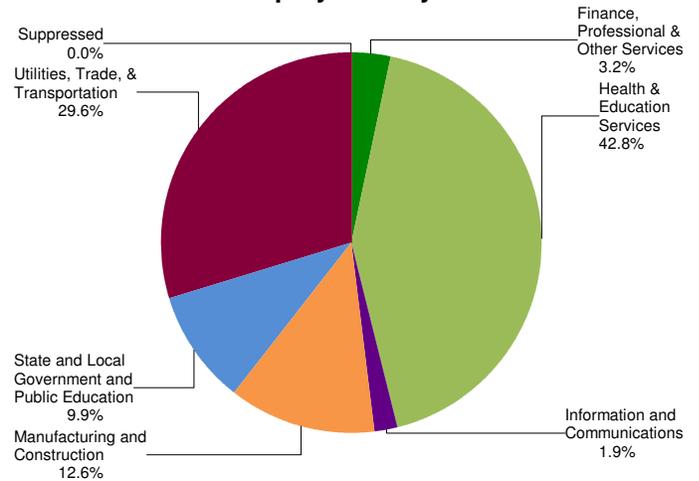
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	20.4	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	49.9%	41.6%
English	67.0%	55.7%
Reading	53.5%	44.7%
Science	32.3%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	59.2%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	4.3%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	61.2%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.81	2.88

What is the educational attainment of McCracken County residents?

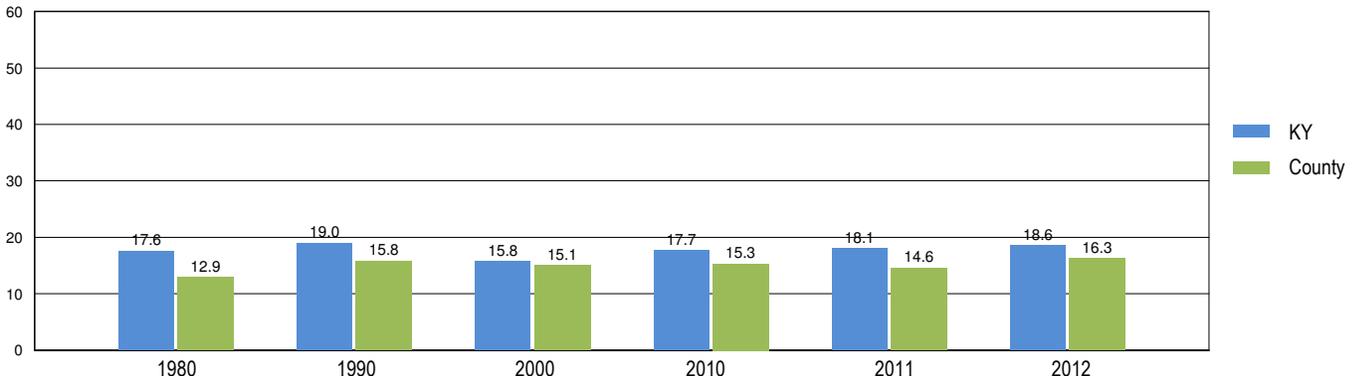
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	13.1%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	31.2%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	24.9%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	9.7%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	13.0%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	8.2%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in McCracken County?

2012 Employment by Sector



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



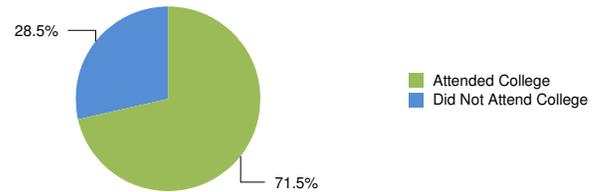


What is the education pipeline for McCracken County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	9,469	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	1,039	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	55.5%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	11.3%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	55.8%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	627	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	448	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	66.5%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	6.1%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	584	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	142	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	327	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	279	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	280	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	80	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	103	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	139	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	66.8%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	14.7%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



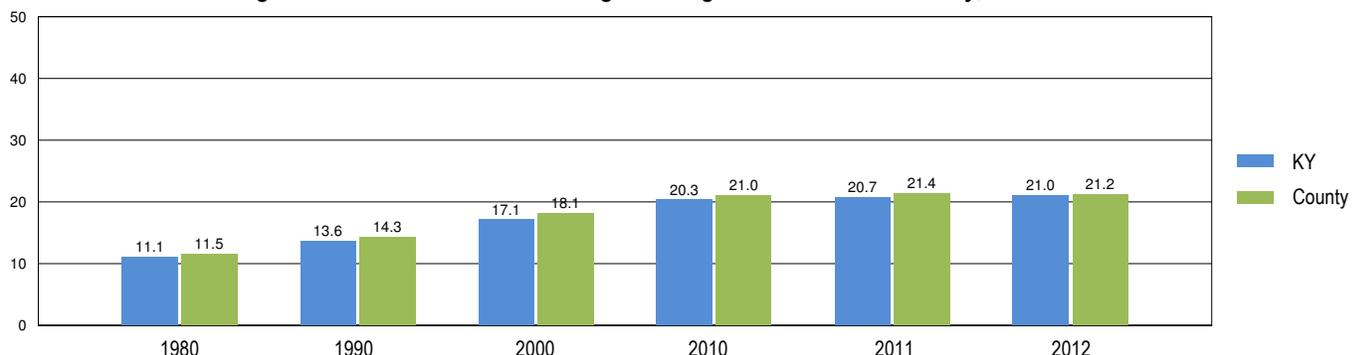
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

College/University	Number of Enrollments
West Ky Community & Technical College	244
Murray State University	84
University of Kentucky	41
University of Louisville	21
Western Kentucky University	13
Midcontinent University	9
University Of Mississippi	6
Transylvania University	4
Union University	4
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	3
Other Institutions	52

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,094	569
State need-based grants	\$584	107
State non-need-based grants	\$1,132	265
Federal Pell grants	\$2,201	182
Federal need-based loans	\$982	98
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,162	95
Institutional grants	\$1,482	92

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