

Monroe County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Monroe County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	10,821	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$27,586	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$16,017	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	25.2%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	28.5%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	21.4%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	57.0%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.3%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	84.2%	95.7%	98.8%

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

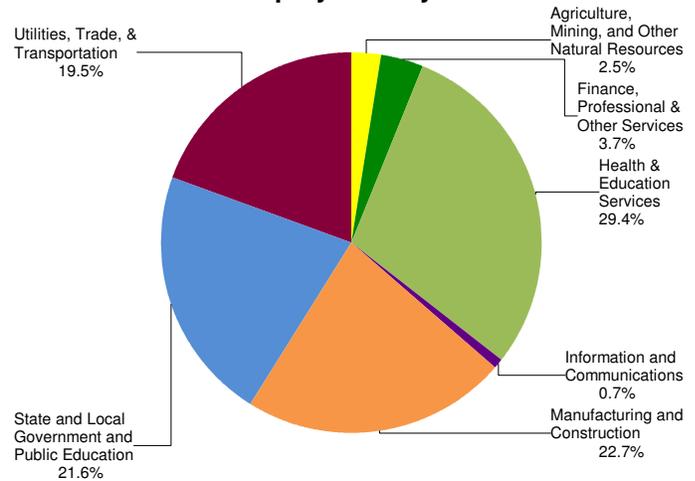
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	18.1	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	33.1%	41.6%
English	49.6%	55.7%
Reading	33.9%	44.7%
Science	25.6%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	50.4%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	30.2%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	62.0%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	3.20	2.88

What is the educational attainment of Monroe County residents?

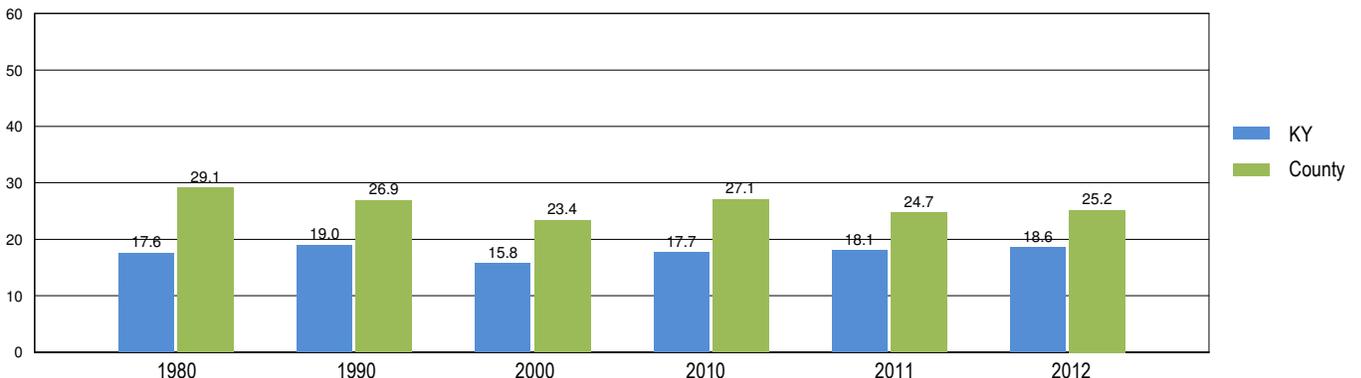
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	27.8%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	42.8%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	13.2%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	5.6%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	6.3%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	4.3%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in Monroe County?

2012 Employment by Sector



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



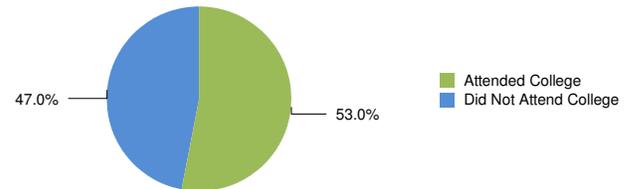


What is the education pipeline for Monroe County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	1,833	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	21	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	57.7%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	12.3%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	56.1%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	166	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	88	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	50.0%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	3.0%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	91	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	15	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	19	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	14	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	34	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	14	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	19	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	104	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	41.7%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	9.1%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



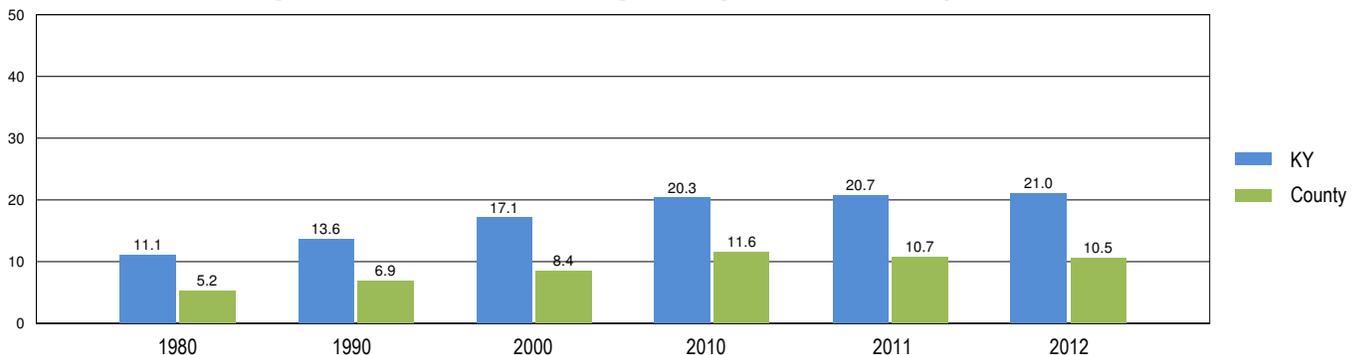
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Western Kentucky University	43
Bowling Green Technical College	18
Lindsey Wilson College	7
Eastern Kentucky University	5
Campbellsville University	3
University of Kentucky	3
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	2
Morehead State University	2
Volunteer State Community College	2
Argosy University - Online	1
Other Institutions	7

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,227	162
State need-based grants	\$320	13
State non-need-based grants	\$1,708	61
Federal Pell grants	\$2,518	39
Federal need-based loans	\$1,564	31
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,845	31
Institutional grants	\$1,206	20

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