

Nelson County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Nelson County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	44,319	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$43,722	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$22,579	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	17.5%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	16.5%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	16.1%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	60.9%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	8.7%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	100.0%	95.7%	98.8%

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

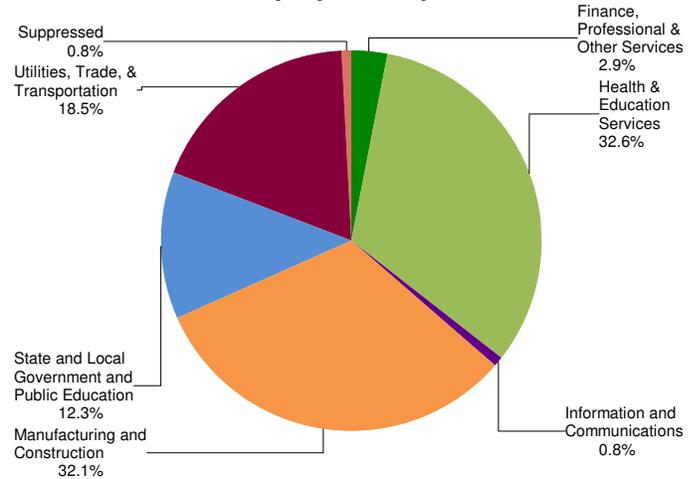
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	19.2	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	39.3%	41.6%
English	57.5%	55.7%
Reading	43.0%	44.7%
Science	27.1%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	33.5%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	6.3%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	37.8%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.87	2.88

What is the educational attainment of Nelson County residents?

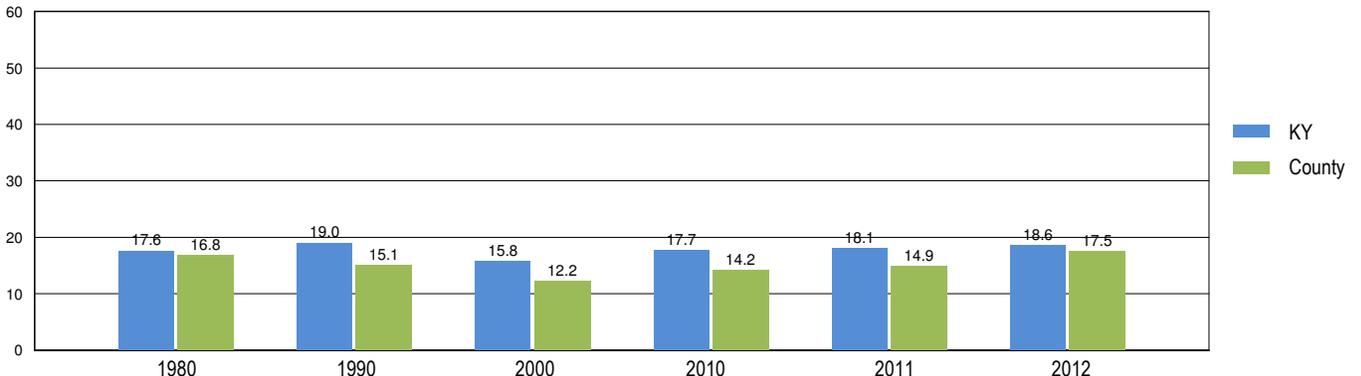
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	15.1%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	43.3%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	18.1%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	8.5%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	8.8%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	6.2%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in Nelson County?

2012 Employment by Sector



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



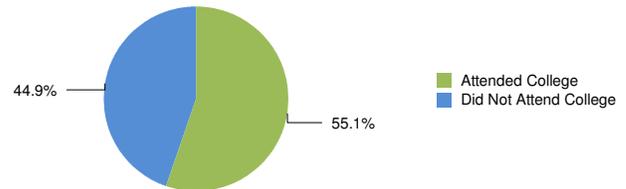


What is the education pipeline for Nelson County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	7,014	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	1,210	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	63.5%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	12.8%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	49.1%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	486	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	268	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	52.9%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	2.3%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	249	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	77	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	79	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	157	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	174	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	57	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	60	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	105	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	55.0%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	10.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



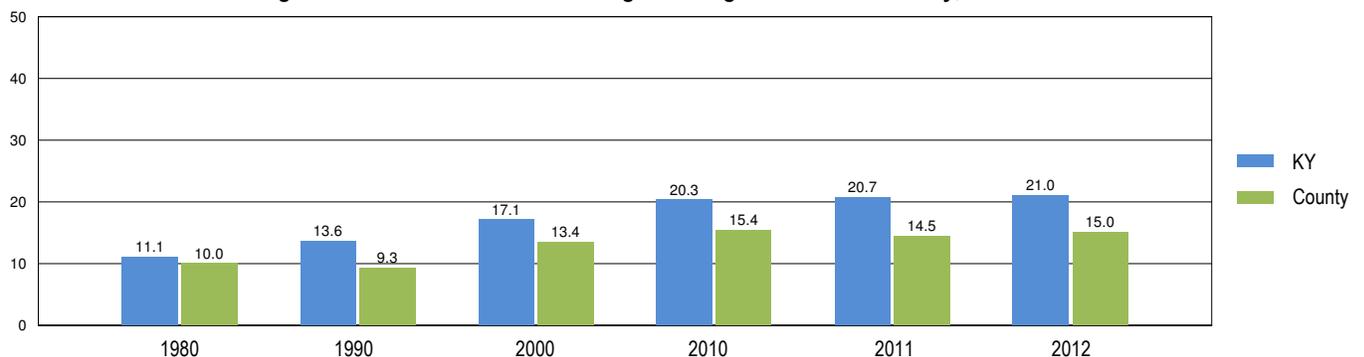
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	119
St. Catharine College	27
Western Kentucky University	27
University of Louisville	24
University of Kentucky	14
Jefferson Community & Technical College	12
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	8
Eastern Kentucky University	8
Campbellsville University	7
Transylvania University	5
Other Institutions	34

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$945	431
State need-based grants	\$578	61
State non-need-based grants	\$1,133	158
Federal Pell grants	\$2,006	95
Federal need-based loans	\$1,069	66
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,581	73
Institutional grants	\$1,207	40

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