

Whitley County

2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Whitley County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	35,499	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$29,876	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$15,939	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	26.3%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	37.4%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	17.5%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	50.1%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	9.5%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	86.8%	95.7%	98.8%

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

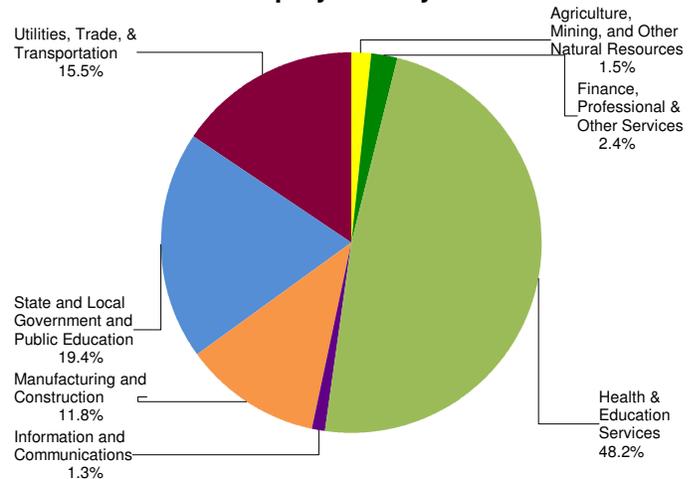
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	19.2	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	32.1%	41.6%
English	58.6%	55.7%
Reading	45.6%	44.7%
Science	23.7%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	53.6%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	17.2%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	59.0%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.90	2.88

What is the educational attainment of Whitley County residents?

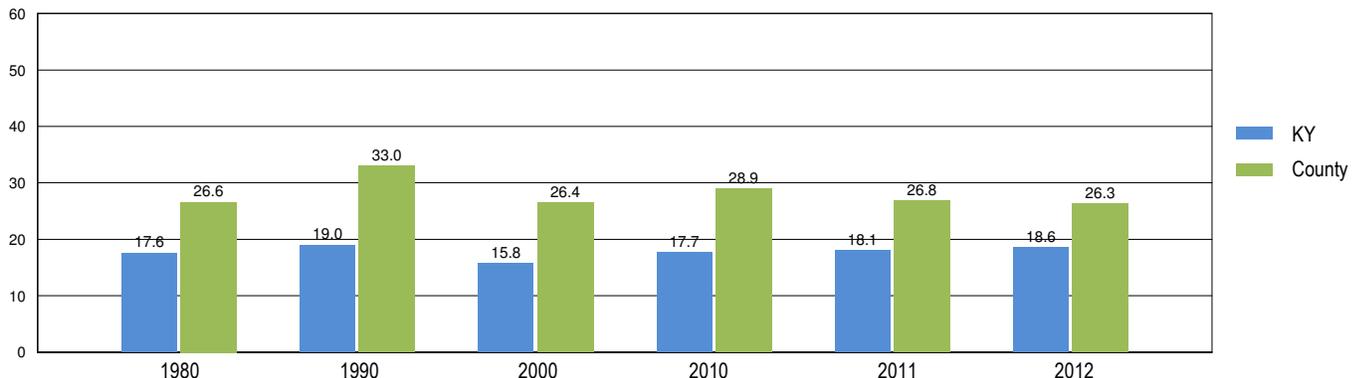
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	27.2%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	39.2%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	18.7%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	3.2%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	6.8%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	4.9%	8.5%	10.6%

What industries provide employment in Whitley County?

2012 Employment by Sector



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



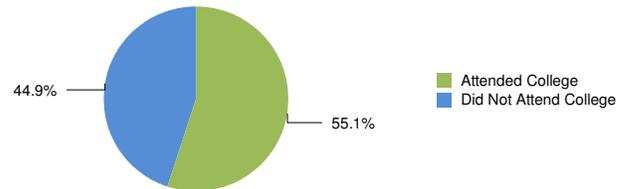


What is the education pipeline for Whitley County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	7,850	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	285	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	48.3%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	14.2%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	69.7%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	526	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	290	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	52.1%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	3.8%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	414	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	65	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	48	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	47	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	157	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	30	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	106	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	309	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	48.2%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	4.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates



Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

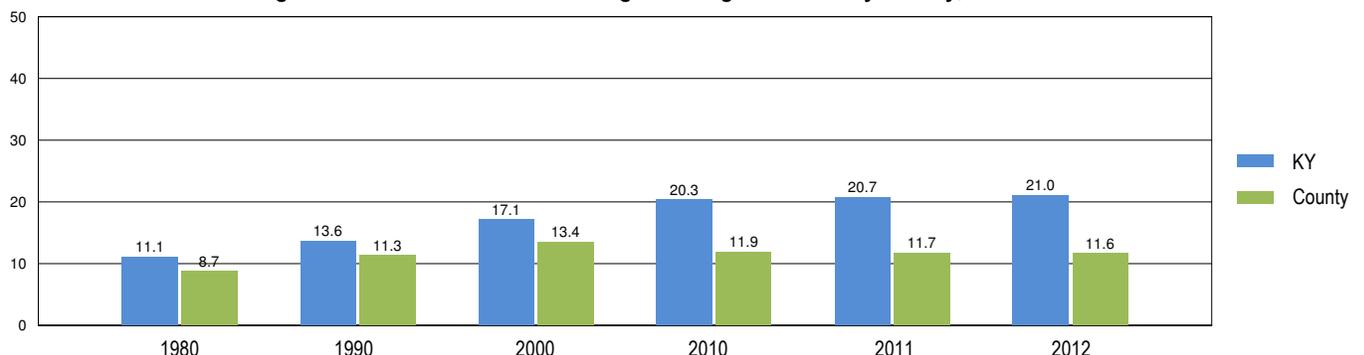
Number of Enrollments

Eastern Kentucky University	86
University of Cumberlands	72
Somerset Community College	54
University of Kentucky	18
Western Kentucky University	11
Union College	10
Alice Lloyd College	7
Centre College	3
Lincoln Memorial University	3
Lindsey Wilson College	3
Other Institutions	33

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,111	483
State need-based grants	\$836	83
State non-need-based grants	\$1,336	159
Federal Pell grants	\$2,876	117
Federal need-based loans	\$1,318	74
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,537	68
Institutional grants	\$1,476	42

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