

Knox County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Knox County residents?

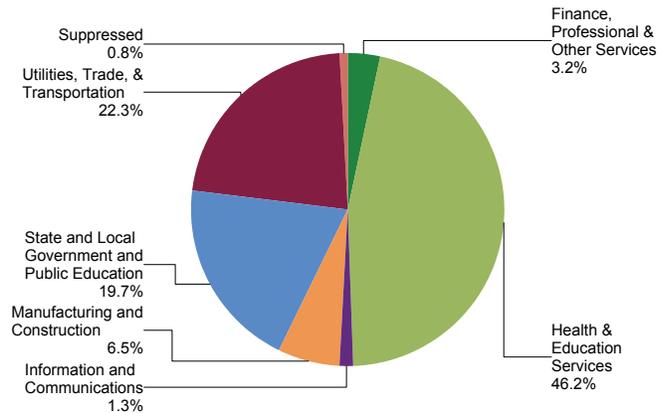
	County	KY	US
Total population	31,790	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$24,038	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$14,367	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	34.7%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	38.9%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	17.9%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	50.5%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	13.0%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	92.2%	96.8%	98.6%

What is the educational attainment of Knox County residents?

	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	32.8%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	40.7%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	13.5%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	2.9%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	5.3%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	4.8%	8.8%	10.8%

What industries provide employment in Knox County?

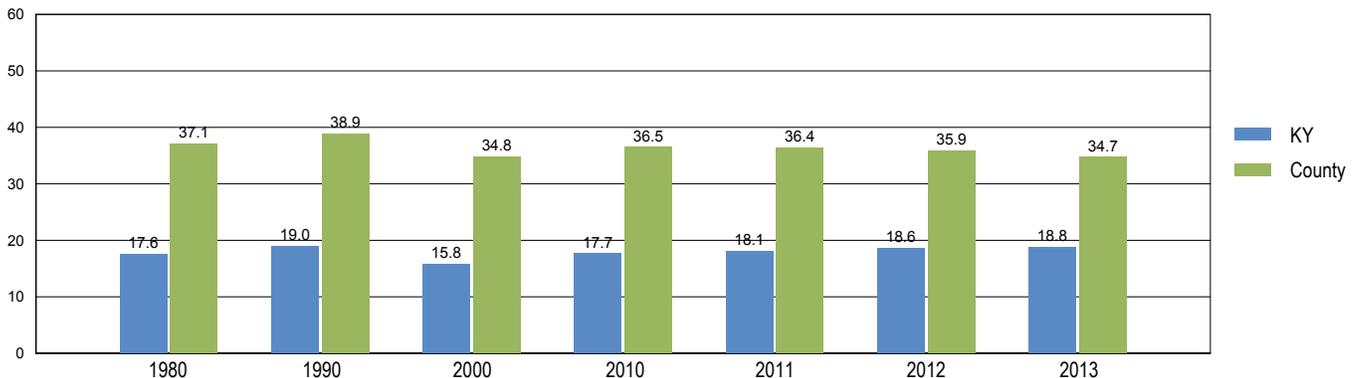
2013 Employment by Sector



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

	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	51.7%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	47.3%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	18.1%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.74	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	17.9	19.5
Mathematics	17.7	19.1
English	17.0	18.7
Reading	18.0	19.7
Science	18.2	19.7

Percentage of Knox County Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2013



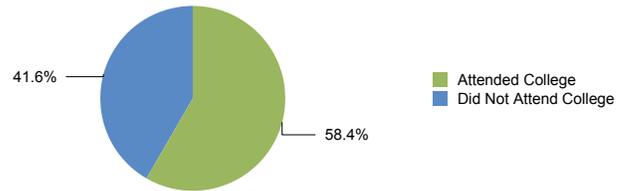


What is the education pipeline for Knox County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	5,035	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	211	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	32.1%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	14.5%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	77.1%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	478	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	279	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	56.1%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	2.5%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	471	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	43	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	59	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	54	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	90	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	35	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	43	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	362	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	37.7%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	4.9%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



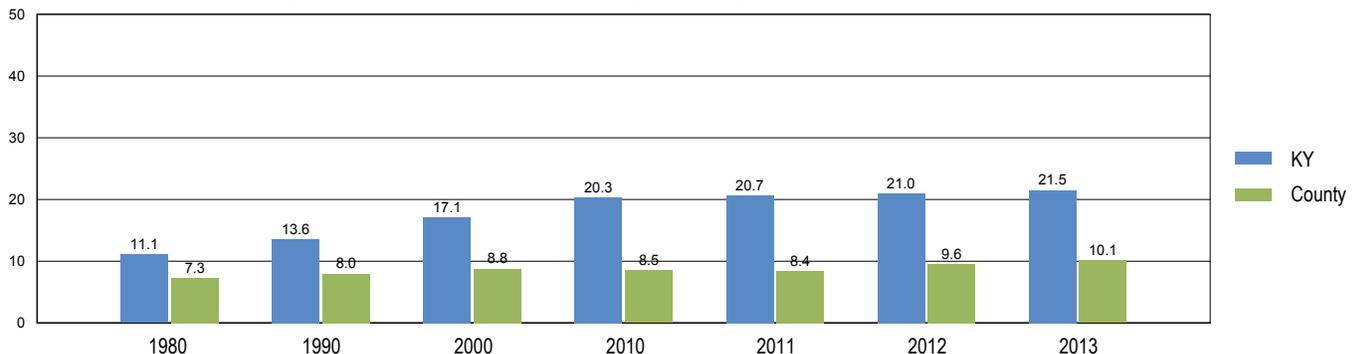
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Eastern Kentucky University	64
Union College	46
Somerset Community College	41
Southeast Ky Community & Technical College	34
University of Cumberlands	22
University of Kentucky	19
Morehead State University	18
Western Kentucky University	9
Lindsey Wilson College	7
Berea College	4
Other Institutions	28

How much financial aid did 2012 public high school graduates from Knox County receive in 2013?

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,143	430
State need-based grants	\$762	95
State non-need-based grants	\$1,306	172
Federal Pell grants	\$2,454	119
Federal need-based loans	\$1,144	50
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,002	59
Institutional grants	\$2,372	60

Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Knox County, 1980-2013



Sources: US Census 2009-2013 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:

