

Lawrence County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Lawrence County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	15,856	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$33,525	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$17,960	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	27.0%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	30.0%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	17.2%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	48.9%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	11.2%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	84.2%	96.8%	98.6%

What is the educational attainment of Lawrence County residents?

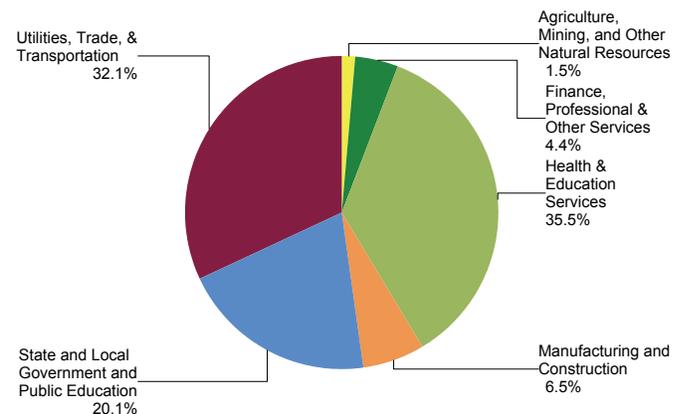
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	27.1%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	38.1%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	17.5%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	6.5%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	6.0%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	4.7%	8.8%	10.8%

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

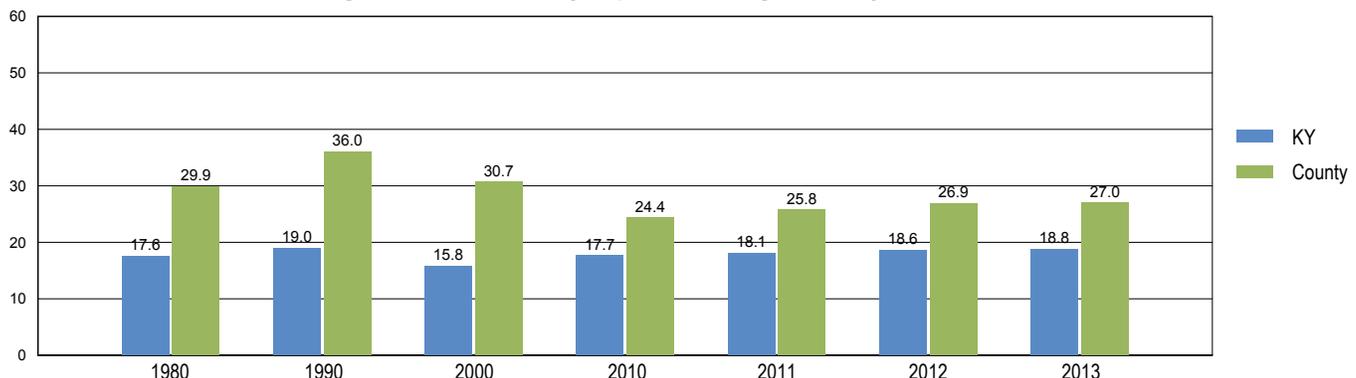
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	57.9%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	52.4%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	24.1%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.83	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	18.2	19.5
Mathematics	17.6	19.1
English	16.9	18.7
Reading	18.9	19.7
Science	18.8	19.7

What industries provide employment in Lawrence County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



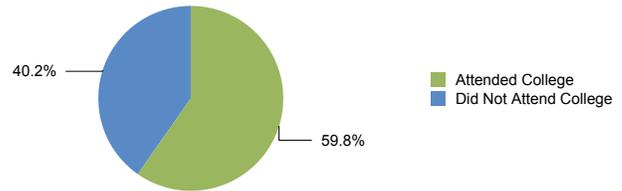


What is the education pipeline for Lawrence County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	2,381	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	131	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	44.9%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	15.0%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	70.9%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	169	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	101	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	52.7%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	7.1%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	274	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	11	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	34	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	44	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	41	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	9	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	11	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	88	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	48.6%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	6.1%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



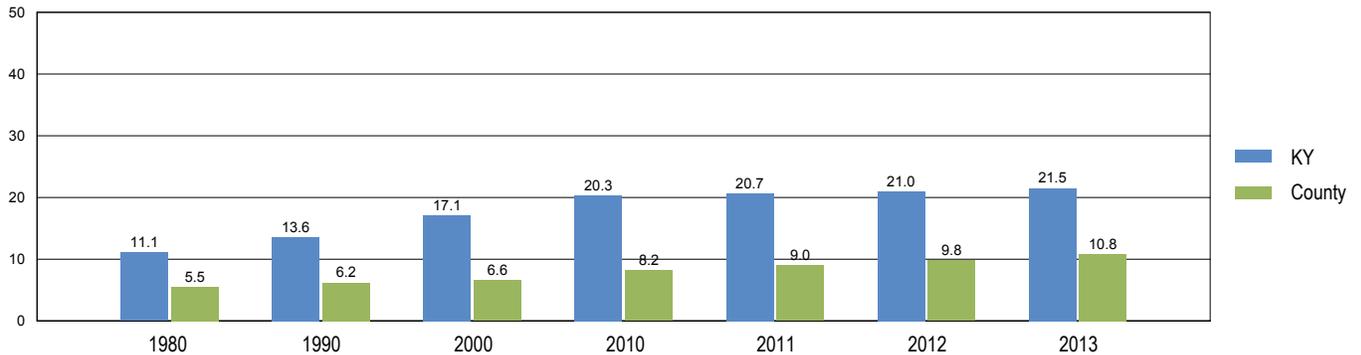
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Ashland Community & Technical College	40
Morehead State University	25
Big Sandy Community & Technical College	12
Marshall University, Huntington	5
Alice Lloyd College	5
Pikeville College	4
Shawnee State University	4
Eastern Kentucky University	4
University of Kentucky	3
Murray State University	1
Other Institutions	5

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$849	156
State need-based grants	\$971	38
State non-need-based grants	\$1,058	69
Federal Pell grants	\$2,831	53
Federal need-based loans	\$1,120	27
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,261	30
Institutional grants	\$1,451	31

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

