

McCracken County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about McCracken County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	65,373	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$44,898	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$25,957	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	16.2%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	16.8%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	15.3%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	62.1%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.9%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	100.0%	96.8%	98.6%

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

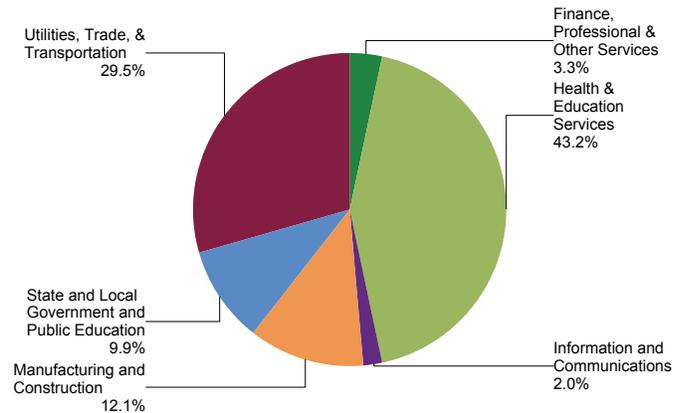
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	55.8%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	53.3%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	10.2%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.78	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	20.3	19.5
Mathematics	19.7	19.1
English	20.0	18.7
Reading	20.5	19.7
Science	20.3	19.7

What is the educational attainment of McCracken County residents?

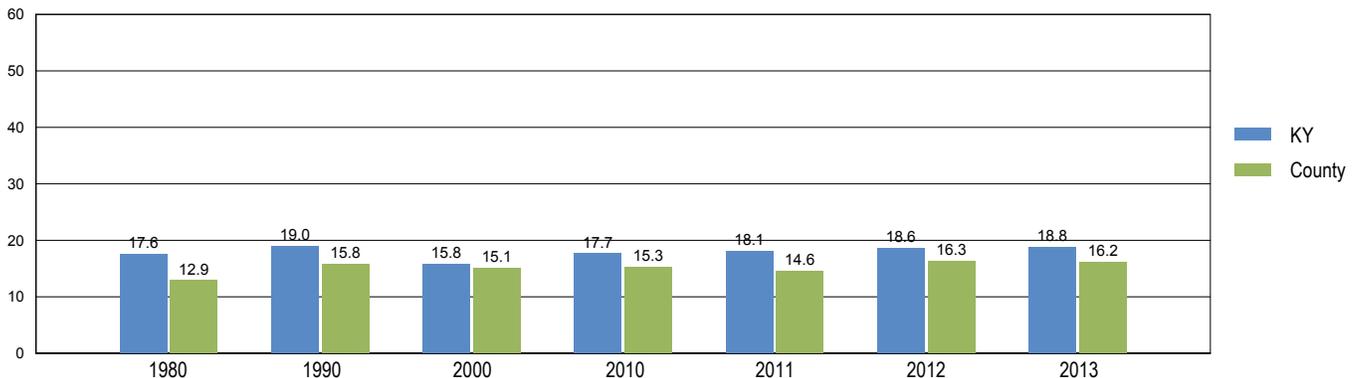
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	13.1%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	31.6%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	23.3%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	9.6%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	13.1%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	9.3%	8.8%	10.8%

What industries provide employment in McCracken County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



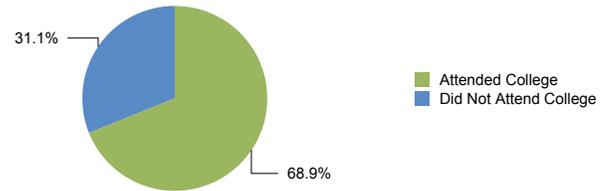


What is the education pipeline for McCracken County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	9,510	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	880	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	56.0%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	11.4%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	55.8%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	644	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	444	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	61.6%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	8.5%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	352	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	60	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	377	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	270	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	269	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	87	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	108	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	184	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	66.8%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	14.7%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

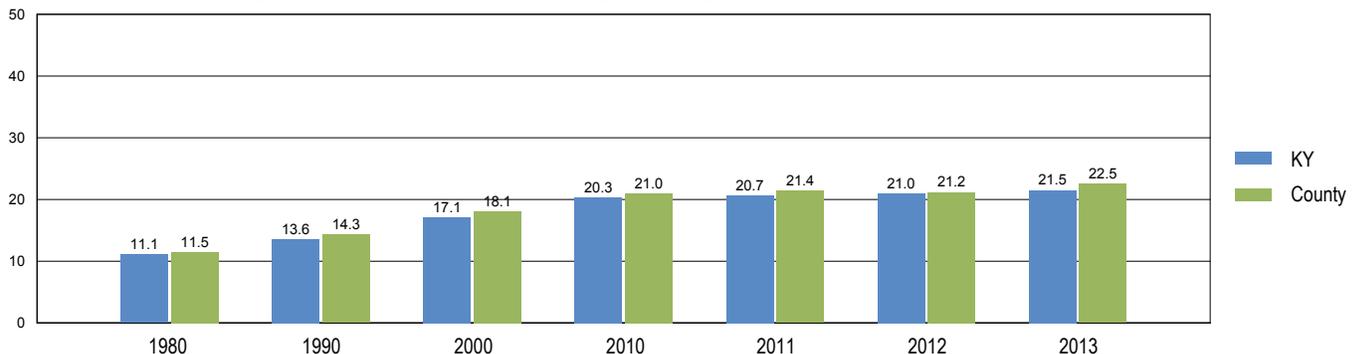
Number of Enrollments

College/University	Number of Enrollments
West Ky Community & Technical College	250
Murray State University	61
University of Kentucky	57
Western Kentucky University	19
University of Louisville	14
Shawnee Community College	5
Midcontinent University	4
Centre College	4
University Of Mississippi	4
Harding University	4
Other Institutions	68

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,088	570
State need-based grants	\$355	77
State non-need-based grants	\$1,070	303
Federal Pell grants	\$1,913	189
Federal need-based loans	\$1,162	100
Federal non-need-based loans	\$768	89
Institutional grants	\$1,315	98

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