

McCreary County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about McCreary County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	17,989	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$20,972	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$11,818	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	30.3%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	36.3%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	19.8%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	53.0%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	13.1%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	79.9%	96.8%	98.6%

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

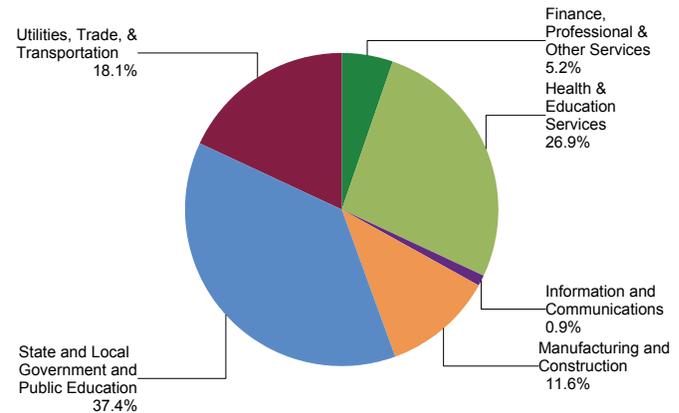
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	40.8%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	22.3%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	22.8%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	3.05	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	17.4	19.5
Mathematics	16.8	19.1
English	16.6	18.7
Reading	17.9	19.7
Science	17.8	19.7

What is the educational attainment of McCreary County residents?

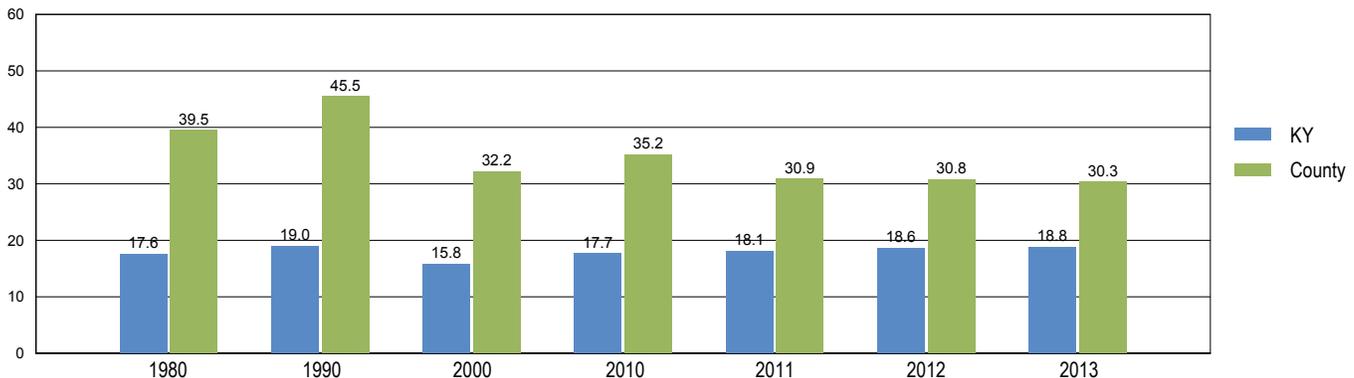
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	30.1%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	37.7%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	17.0%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	7.8%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	3.2%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	4.1%	8.8%	10.8%

What industries provide employment in McCreary County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



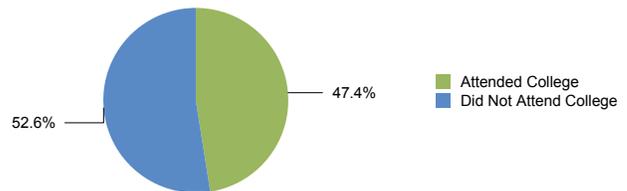


What is the education pipeline for McCreary County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	2,868	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	124	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	40.4%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	18.1%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	79.3%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	209	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	99	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	45.9%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	1.9%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	399	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	47	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	55	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	45	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	25	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	6	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	10	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	145	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	50.0%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	3.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



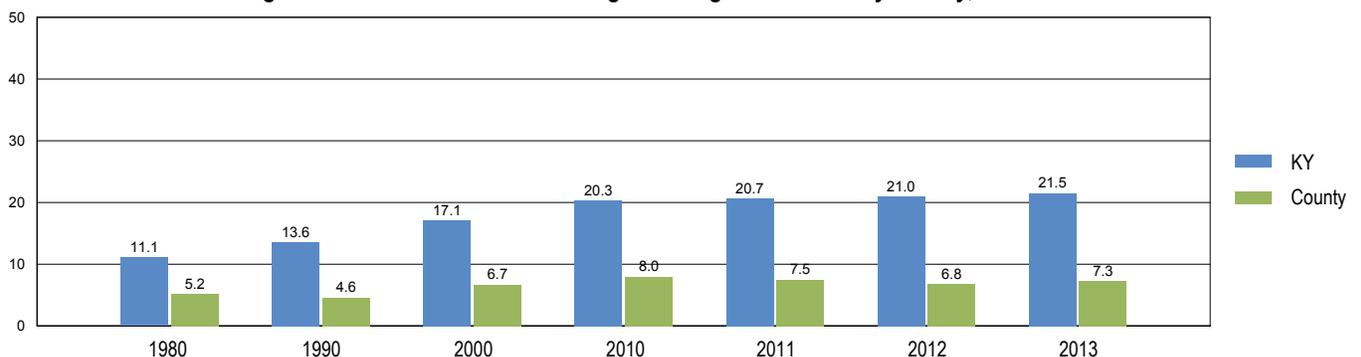
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Somerset Community College	69
University of Cumberlands	11
Eastern Kentucky University	7
Western Kentucky University	4
University of Kentucky	3
Lindsey Wilson College	1
Pikes Peak Community College	1
Midcontinent University	1
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	1
St. Catharine College	1
Other Institutions	6

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$664	231
State need-based grants	\$1,038	53
State non-need-based grants	\$993	69
Federal Pell grants	\$3,623	72
Federal need-based loans	\$655	21
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,013	31
Institutional grants	\$740	17

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