Monroe County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

The 2015 County Profile is produced by the Kentucky Center for Education & Workforce Statistics utilizing data from the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS), which includes data from the Department of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education, Education Professional Standards Board, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The report includes the most current data available for Kentucky counties, Area Development Districts (ADDs), and Workforce Investment Areas (WIAs) on demographics, employment, college readiness and educational attainment.

What are some basic facts about Monroe County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	10,681	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	$29,808	$43,036	$53,046
Per capita income	$16,656	$23,462	$28,155
Living in poverty	25.2%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	29.1%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	21.0%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	57.0%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.2%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	88.3%	96.8%	98.6%

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

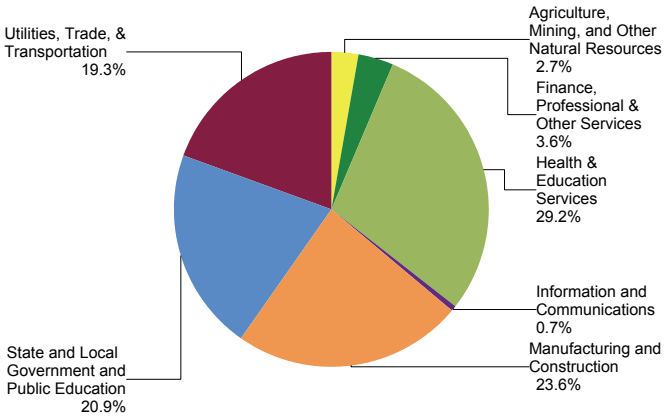
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	68.7%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	56.0%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	51.3%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	3.12	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	18.7	19.5
Mathematics	19.1	19.1
English	17.6	18.7
Reading	18.4	19.7
Science	19.2	19.7

What is the educational attainment of Monroe County residents?

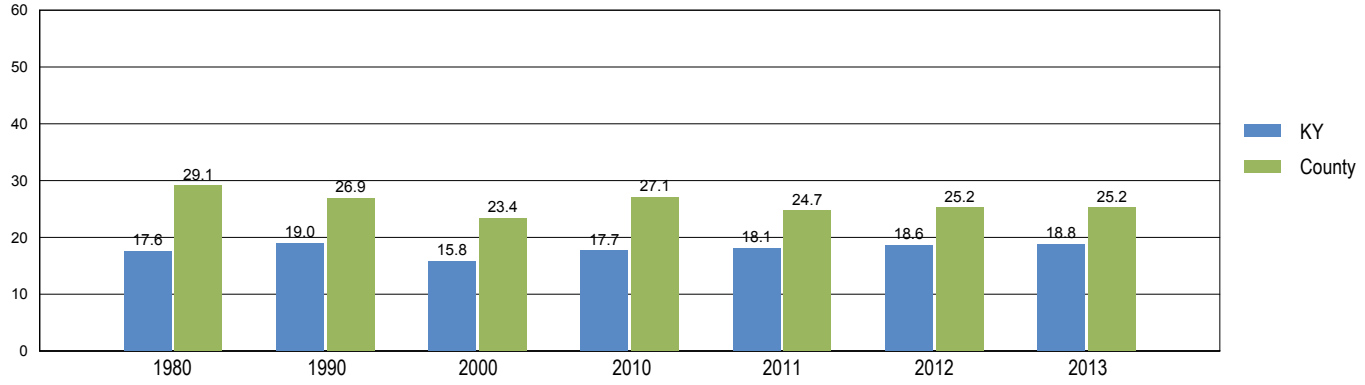
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	26.7%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	42.7%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	12.9%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	5.6%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	8.2%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	3.8%	8.8%	10.8%

What industries provide employment in Monroe County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



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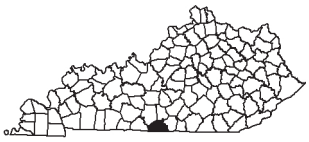
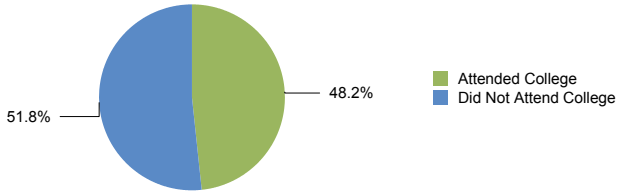


What is the education pipeline for Monroe County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	1,820	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	13	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	60.9%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	11.4%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	68.9%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	139	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	67	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	46.0%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	2.2%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	112	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	31	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	17	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	21	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	39	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	14	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	18	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	134	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	41.7%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	9.1%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates

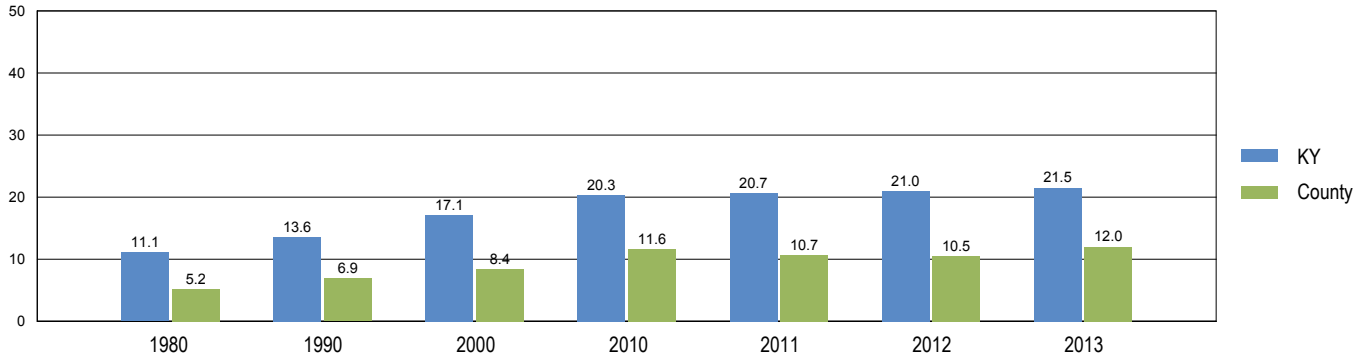


Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Western Kentucky University	34
Bowling Green Technical College	20
University of Kentucky	2
Lindsey Wilson College	2
Campbellsville University	2
Eastern Kentucky University	2
Shawnee State University	1
Louisiana Tech University	1
Northern Kentucky University	1
Berea College	1
Other Institutions	3

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	$1,126	132
State need-based grants	$585	20
State non-need-based grants	$1,691	56
Federal Pell grants	$2,512	40
Federal need-based loans	$984	16
Federal non-need-based loans	$866	16
Institutional grants	$1,644	13

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

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