

Simpson County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Simpson County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	17,793	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$39,546	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$19,441	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	20.3%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	16.9%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	15.8%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	57.5%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.5%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	99.2%	96.8%	98.6%

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

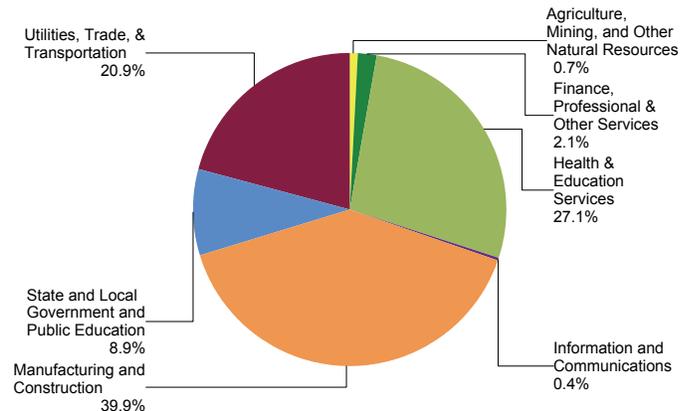
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	97.5%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	70.9%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	46.2%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.82	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	19.9	19.5
Mathematics	19.3	19.1
English	19.4	18.7
Reading	20.4	19.7
Science	19.8	19.7

What is the educational attainment of Simpson County residents?

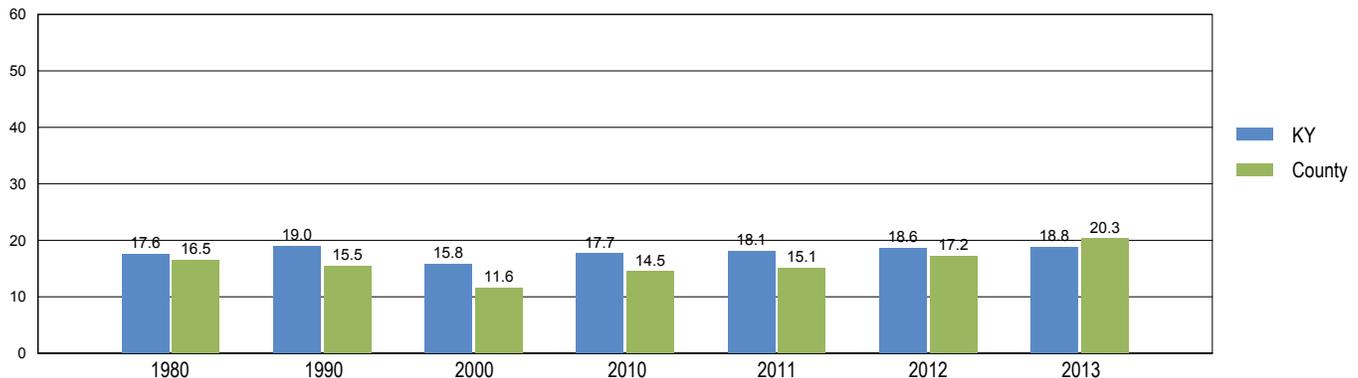
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	17.1%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	42.0%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	21.5%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	4.7%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	10.2%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	4.6%	8.8%	10.8%

What industries provide employment in Simpson County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



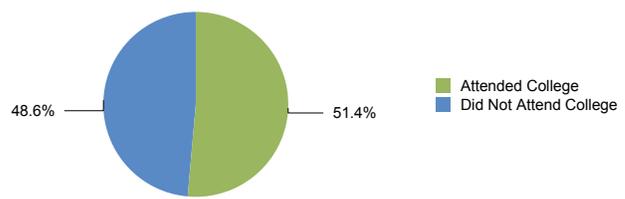


What is the education pipeline for Simpson County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	2,865	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	97	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	43.1%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	13.3%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	62.3%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	220	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	113	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	45.5%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	5.9%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	161	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	47	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	30	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	33	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	37	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	25	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	162	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	65.0%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	6.7%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



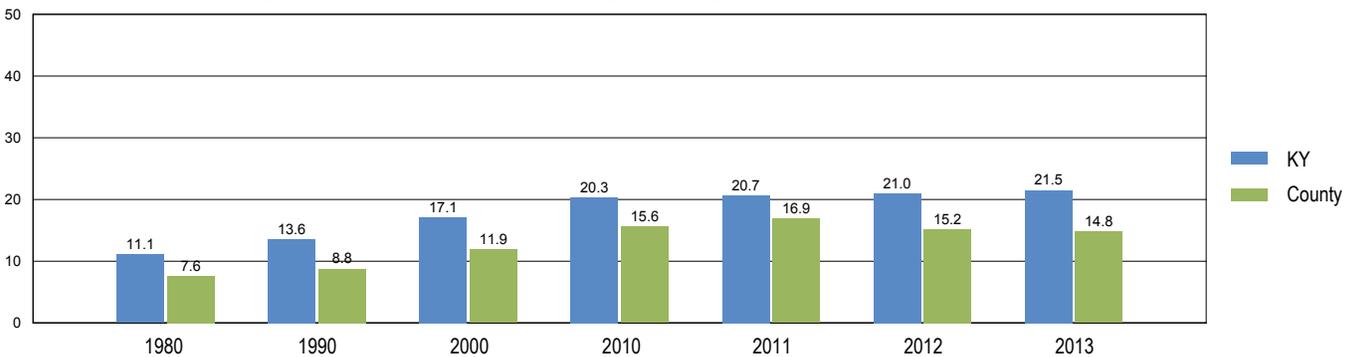
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Western Kentucky University	43
Bowling Green Technical College	32
Murray State University	4
Lindsey Wilson College	3
Eastern Kentucky University	3
University of Kentucky	3
University of Louisville	2
Volunteer State Community College	2
Fisk University	2
Berea College	2
Other Institutions	19

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$978	197
State need-based grants	\$633	33
State non-need-based grants	\$1,123	80
Federal Pell grants	\$2,361	55
Federal need-based loans	\$1,754	35
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,303	35
Institutional grants	\$1,501	21

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

