

Spencer County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Spencer County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	17,637	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$65,209	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$26,666	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	7.7%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	11.2%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	13.8%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	68.1%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	6.5%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	97.6%	96.8%	98.6%

What is the educational attainment of Spencer County residents?

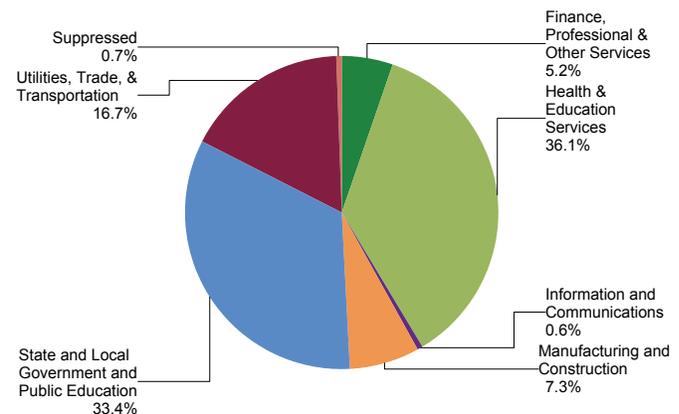
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	11.9%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	37.9%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	23.5%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	10.2%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	12.0%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	4.7%	8.8%	10.8%

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

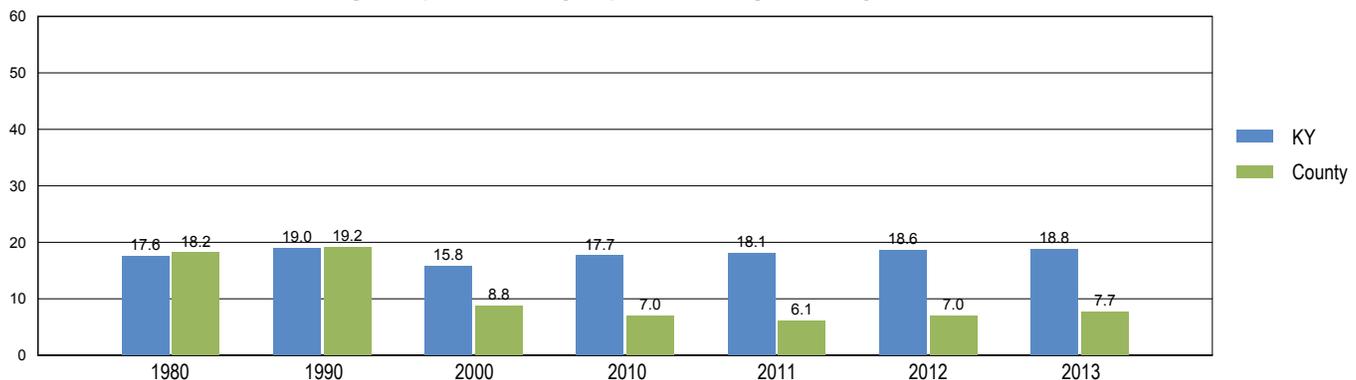
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	62.9%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	59.0%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	21.3%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.96	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	19.4	19.5
Mathematics	18.6	19.1
English	18.7	18.7
Reading	20.2	19.7
Science	19.7	19.7

What industries provide employment in Spencer County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



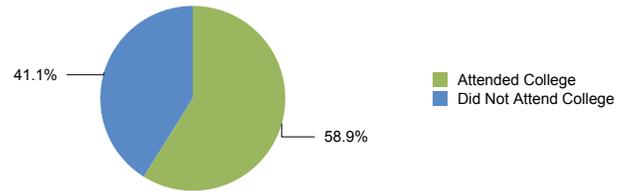


What is the education pipeline for Spencer County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	2,800	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	230	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	48.3%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	14.0%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	44.2%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	180	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	106	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	57.8%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	1.7%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	104	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	25	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	19	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	23	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	48	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	17	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	30	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	29	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	66.7%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	14.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



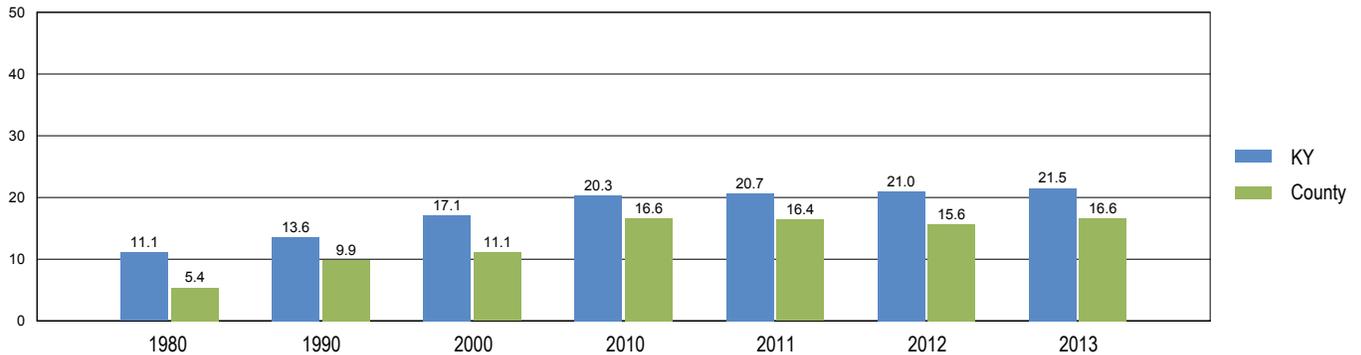
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Jefferson Community & Technical College	38
University of Louisville	14
Eastern Kentucky University	11
University of Kentucky	9
Western Kentucky University	6
Murray State University	6
Bellarmine University	6
St. Catharine College	5
Sullivan University	2
Georgetown College	2
Other Institutions	14

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,146	167
State need-based grants	\$540	23
State non-need-based grants	\$1,308	80
Federal Pell grants	\$1,286	30
Federal need-based loans	\$2,251	34
Federal non-need-based loans	\$809	22
Institutional grants	\$1,761	23

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

