

# Taylor County

## 2015 Kentucky County Profile

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### What are some basic facts about Taylor County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	24,649	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$36,384	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$18,790	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	21.7%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	23.1%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	18.4%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	60.2%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	9.1%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	96.8%	96.8%	98.6%

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

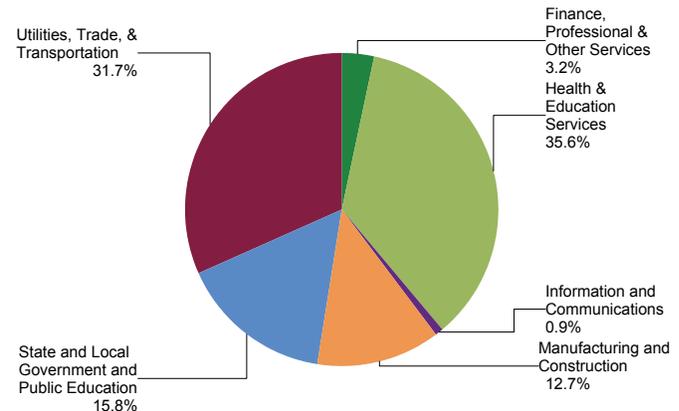
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	58.6%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	49.1%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	24.2%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	3.13	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	18.8	19.5
Mathematics	18.7	19.1
English	17.6	18.7
Reading	19.1	19.7
Science	19.2	19.7

### What is the educational attainment of Taylor County residents?

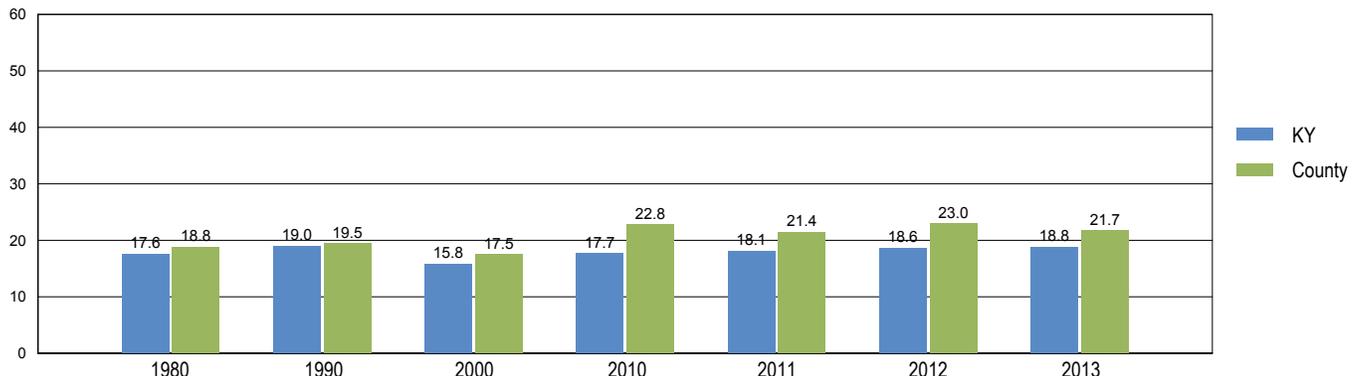
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	20.4%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	39.3%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	18.4%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	6.7%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	7.4%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	7.7%	8.8%	10.8%

### What industries provide employment in Taylor County?

#### 2013 Employment by Sector



#### Percentage of Taylor County Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2013



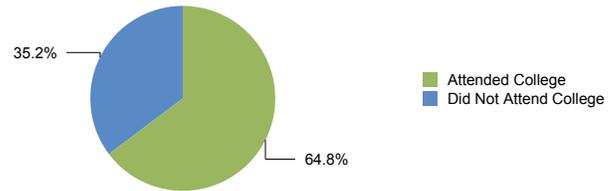


**What is the education pipeline for Taylor County?**

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	3,668	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	273	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	43.0%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	12.7%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	62.6%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	270	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	175	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	64.1%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	0.7%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	295	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	69	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	35	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	51	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	125	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	32	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	43	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	139	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	44.5%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	8.8%	11.0%

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

**Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates**



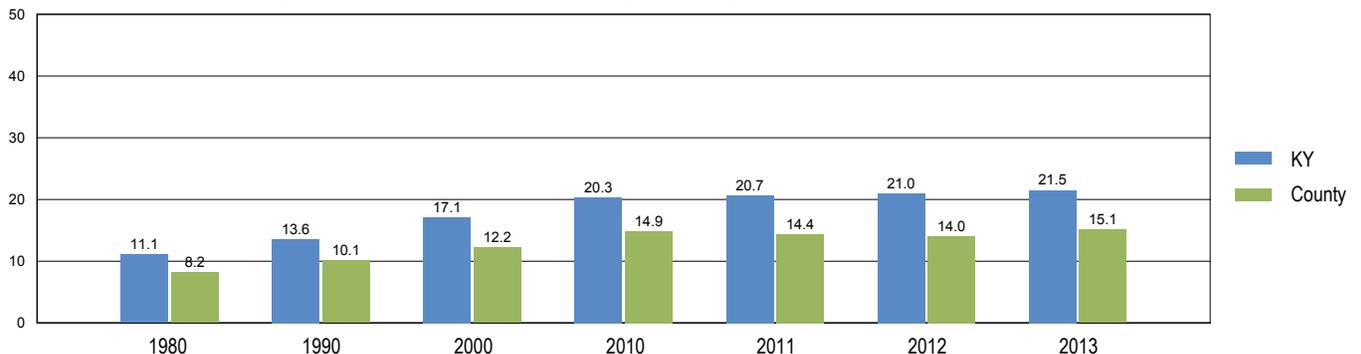
**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Campbellsville University	81
Lindsey Wilson College	25
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	19
Western Kentucky University	14
University of Kentucky	14
Eastern Kentucky University	4
Georgetown College	3
Centre College	2
Transylvania University	2
Berea College	2
Other Institutions	15

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,240	252
State need-based grants	\$610	13
State non-need-based grants	\$1,334	51
Federal Pell grants	\$2,041	25
Federal need-based loans	\$2,513	31
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,366	25
Institutional grants	\$2,283	21

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

