

Union County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Union County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	15,029	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$39,125	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$19,464	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	25.7%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	17.1%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	16.8%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	59.4%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.7%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	99.6%	96.8%	98.6%

What is the educational attainment of Union County residents?

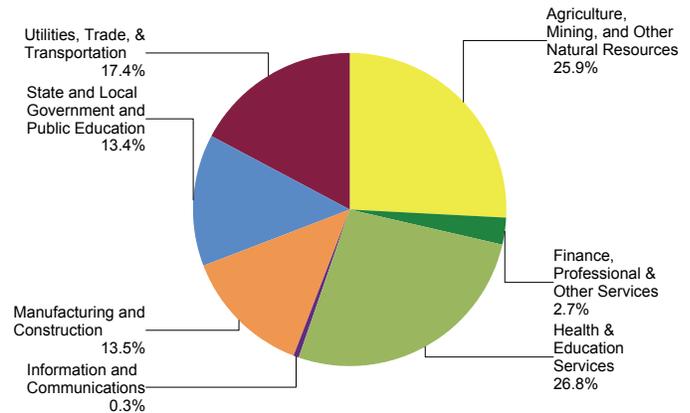
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	17.5%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	37.9%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	22.3%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	10.9%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	6.4%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	5.0%	8.8%	10.8%

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

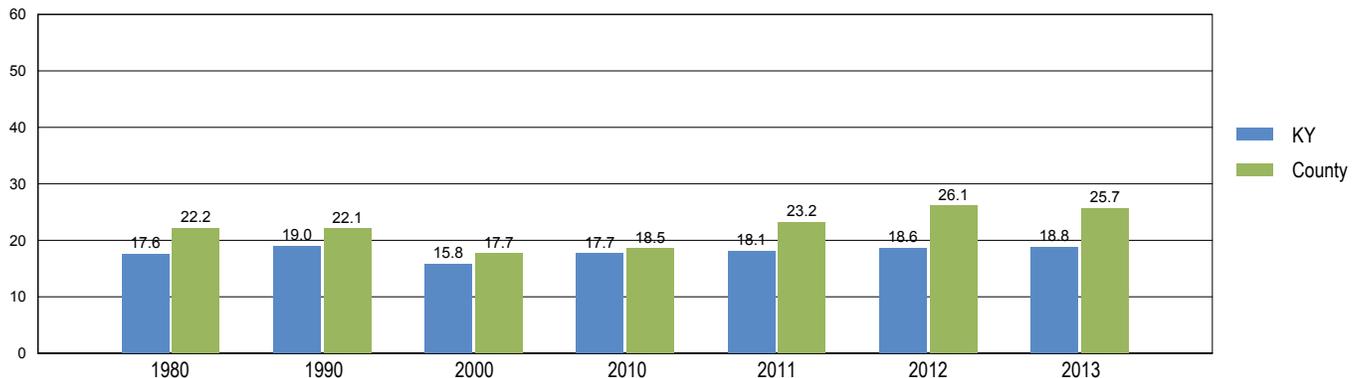
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	61.3%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	44.6%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	36.9%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.91	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	18.0	19.5
Mathematics	17.5	19.1
English	17.3	18.7
Reading	18.0	19.7
Science	18.6	19.7

What industries provide employment in Union County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



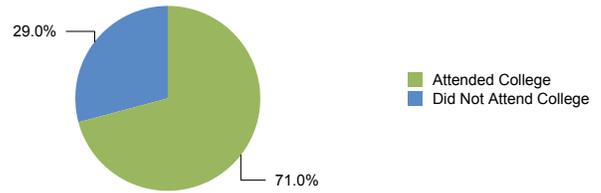


What is the education pipeline for Union County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	2,244	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	235	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	49.7%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	14.0%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	55.0%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	124	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	88	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	62.1%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	8.9%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	60	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	14	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	53	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	42	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	49	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	21	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	133	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	82.8%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	12.5%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



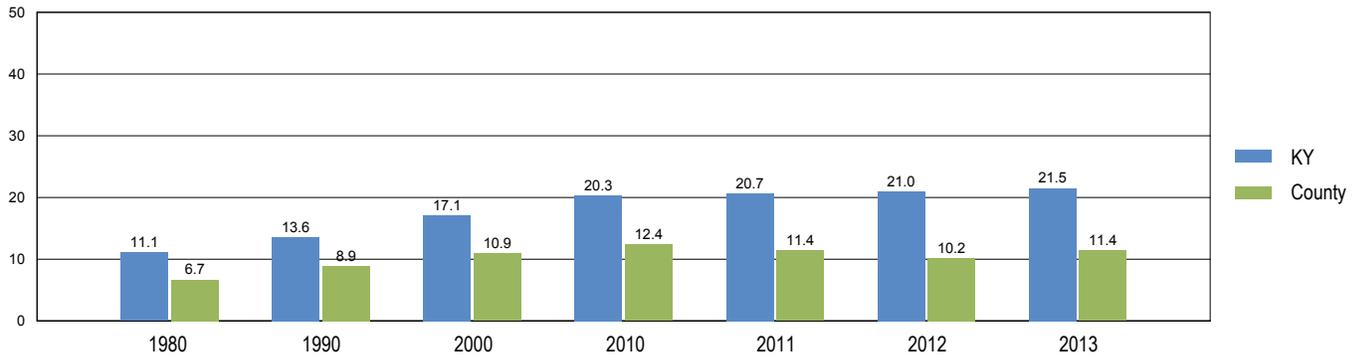
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

College/University	Number of Enrollments
Henderson Community College	26
Murray State University	19
Western Kentucky University	11
University of Kentucky	8
University of Louisville	6
University Of Southern Indiana	4
Brescia University	3
Southeastern Illinois College	2
Lindsey Wilson College	2
Kentucky State University	2
Other Institutions	9

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$727	113
State need-based grants	\$538	22
State non-need-based grants	\$1,369	67
Federal Pell grants	\$2,315	40
Federal need-based loans	\$1,674	25
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,287	29
Institutional grants	\$1,883	29

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

