

# Bluegrass Workforce Investment Area

## 2015 Kentucky County Profile

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### What are some basic facts about Bluegrass WIA residents?

	WIA	KY	US
Total population	790,670	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	n/a	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$25,774	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	18.4%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	15.3%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	16.2%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	62.6%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	6.6%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	99.0%	96.8%	98.6%

### What is the educational attainment of Bluegrass WIA residents?

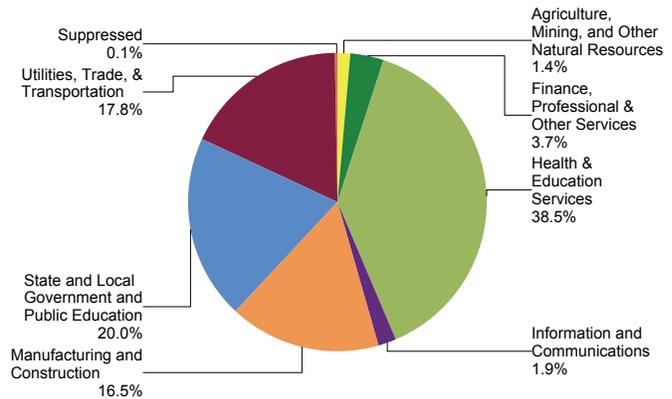
	WIA	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	14.5%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	29.4%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	20.3%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	6.7%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	17.0%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	12.1%	8.8%	10.8%

### Are Bluegrass WIA public high school graduates prepared for college and career?

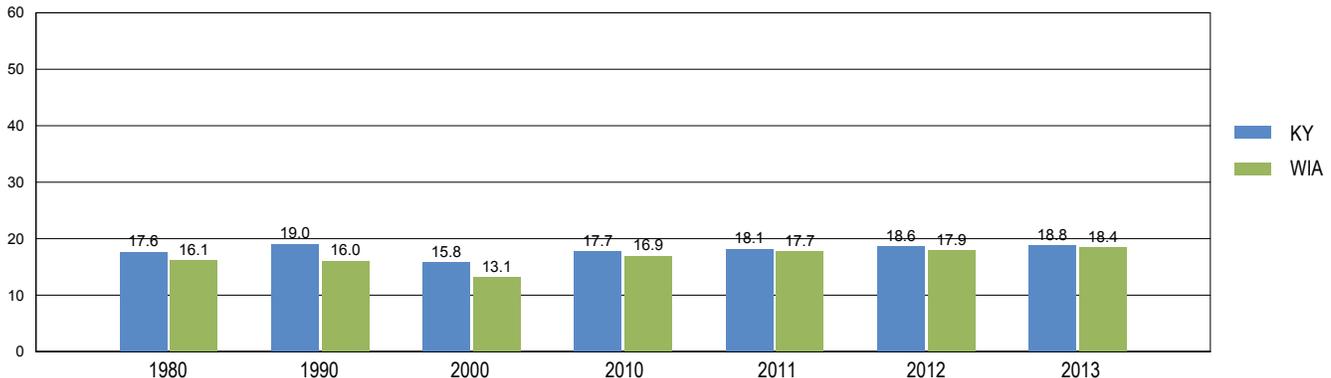
	WIA	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	62.0%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	56.6%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	13.0%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.89	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	20.1	19.5
Mathematics	19.7	19.1
English	19.5	18.7
Reading	20.5	19.7
Science	20.4	19.7

### What industries provide employment in the Bluegrass WIA?

#### 2013 Employment by Sector



### Percentage of Bluegrass WIA Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2013



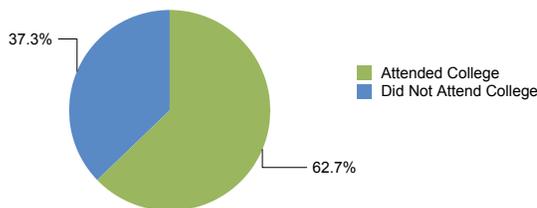


**What is the education pipeline for the Bluegrass WIA?**

	WIA	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	113,299	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	11,588	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	50.7%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	12.2%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	53.3%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	7,315	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	4,585	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	57.1%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	6.1%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	4,513	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	1,038	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	1,051	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	1,380	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	3,392	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	1,159	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	1,912	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	2,021	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	58.4%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	4.1%	11.0%

**What were the top college choices for Bluegrass WIA public high school graduates?**

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



**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

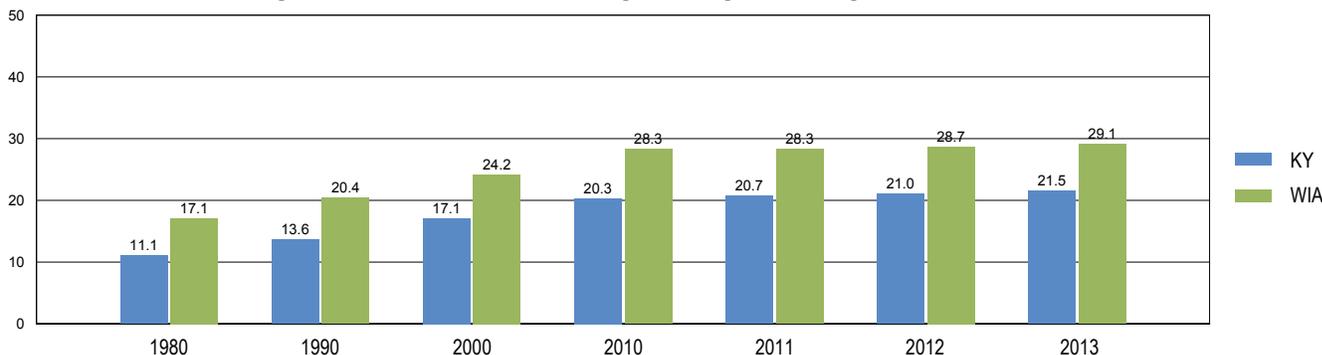
**Number of Enrollments**

Bluegrass Community & Technical College	1,334
University of Kentucky	784
Eastern Kentucky University	701
Morehead State University	229
Western Kentucky University	197
University of Louisville	132
Transylvania University	91
Maysville Community & Technical College	76
Northern Kentucky University	69
Asbury University	58
Other Institutions	1,075

**How much financial aid did 2012 public high school graduates from the Bluegrass WIA receive in 2013?**

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,140	6,533
State need-based grants	\$490	903
State non-need-based grants	\$1,219	3,091
Federal Pell grants	\$1,744	1,560
Federal need-based loans	\$1,838	1,409
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,141	1,298
Institutional grants	\$2,160	1,184

**Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Bluegrass WIA, 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.