

# Barren River Workforce Investment Area

## 2015 Kentucky County Profile

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### What are some basic facts about Barren River WIA residents?

	WIA	KY	US
Total population	290,469	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	n/a	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$20,857	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	20.5%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	19.3%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	18.6%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	59.0%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	7.4%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	96.5%	96.8%	98.6%

### What is the educational attainment of Barren River WIA residents?

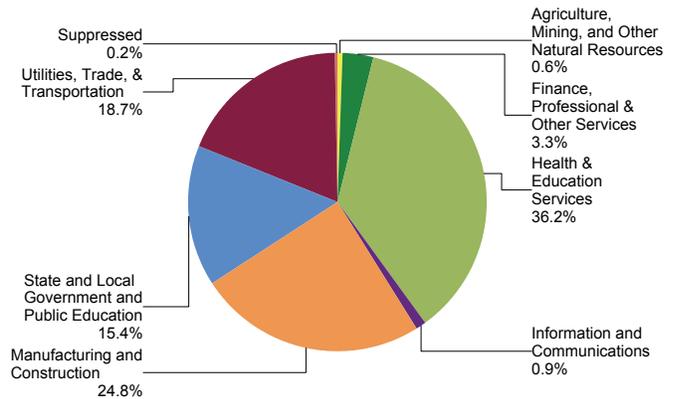
	WIA	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	19.6%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	37.3%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	18.2%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	6.6%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	11.3%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	7.1%	8.8%	10.8%

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

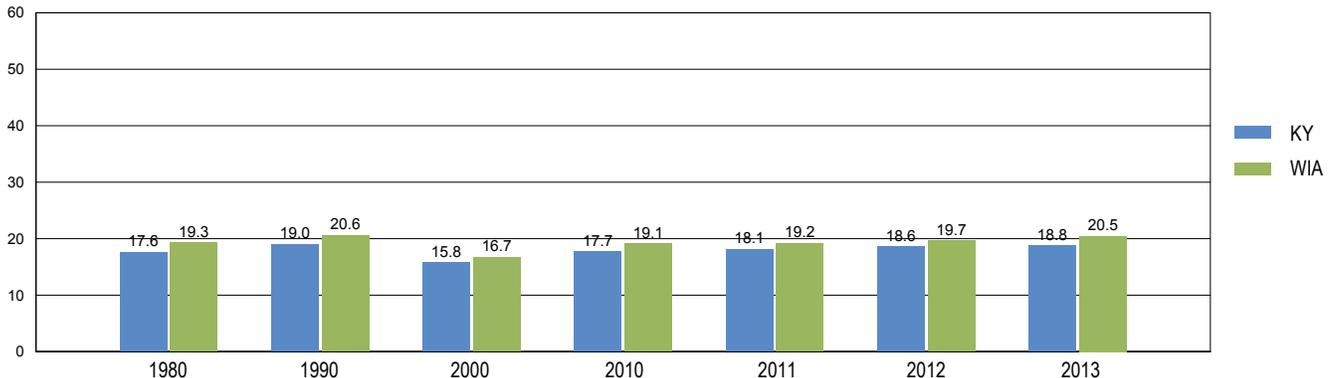
	WIA	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	65.1%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	56.4%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	25.1%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.97	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	19.5	19.5
Mathematics	19.2	19.1
English	18.8	18.7
Reading	19.8	19.7
Science	19.7	19.7

### What industries provide employment in the Barren River WIA?

#### 2013 Employment by Sector



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



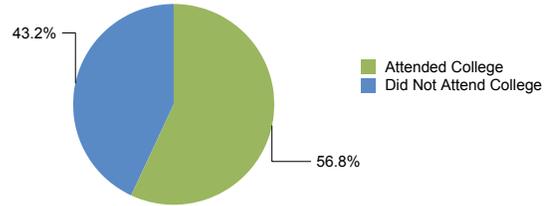


**What is the education pipeline for the Barren River WIA?**

	WIA	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	45,344	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	3,016	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	49.3%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	12.6%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	58.4%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	3,404	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	1,935	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	53.1%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	4.1%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	2,574	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	530	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	543	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	521	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	1,087	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	356	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	514	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	1,511	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	52.6%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	8.3%	11.0%

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

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



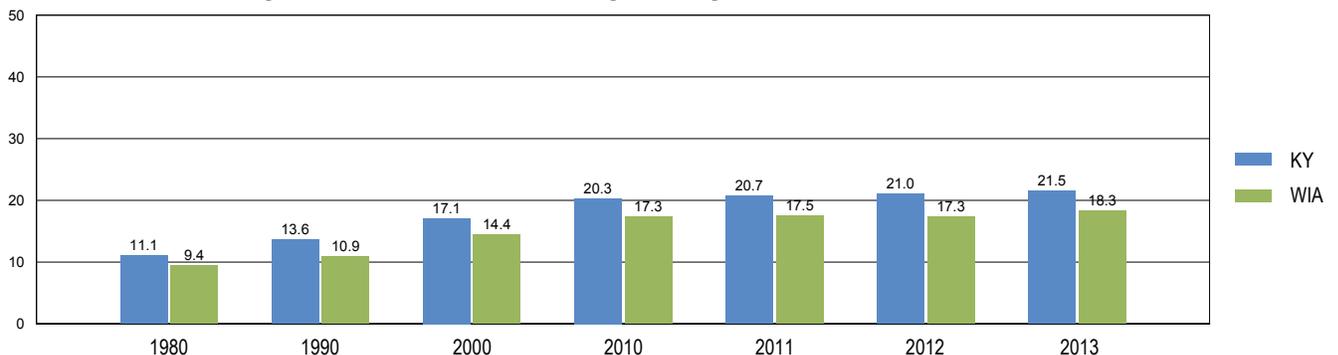
**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Western Kentucky University	897
Bowling Green Technical College	389
University of Kentucky	127
University of Louisville	59
Lindsey Wilson College	53
Campbellsville University	44
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College	42
Murray State University	42
Eastern Kentucky University	32
Daymar College - Bowling Green	14
Other Institutions	296

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,122	3,116
State need-based grants	\$497	453
State non-need-based grants	\$1,364	1,466
Federal Pell grants	\$2,025	846
Federal need-based loans	\$1,565	584
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,164	607
Institutional grants	\$1,972	554

**Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in Barren River 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.

