

Whitley County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Whitley County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	35,766	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$29,769	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$15,960	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	26.0%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	37.1%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	17.7%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	50.1%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	10.5%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	92.1%	96.8%	98.6%

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

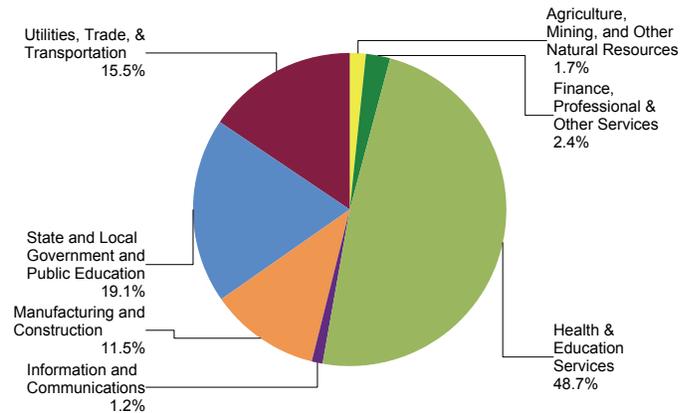
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	66.8%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	59.4%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	29.4%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	3.04	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	19.8	19.5
Mathematics	18.9	19.1
English	19.2	18.7
Reading	20.5	19.7
Science	20.0	19.7

What is the educational attainment of Whitley County residents?

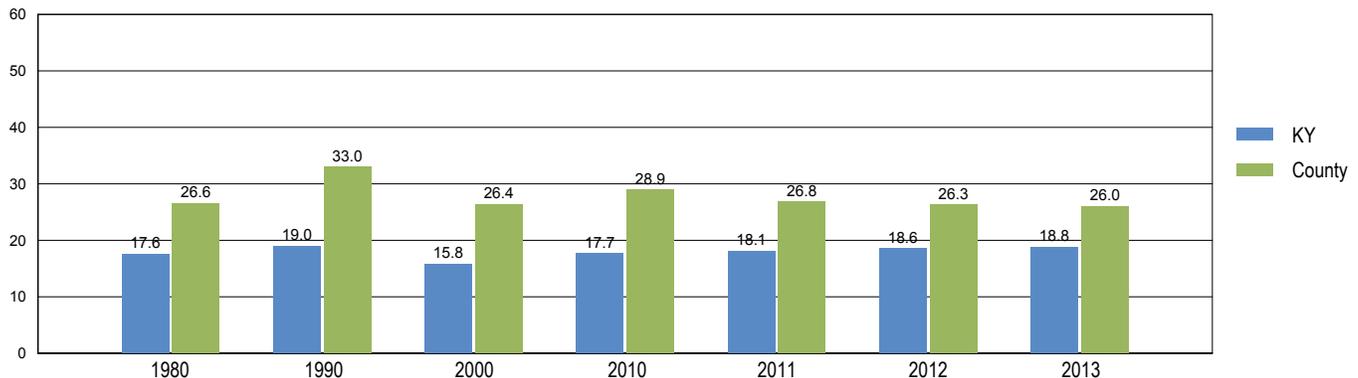
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	26.5%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	37.4%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	19.2%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	3.5%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	7.8%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	5.6%	8.8%	10.8%

What industries provide employment in Whitley County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



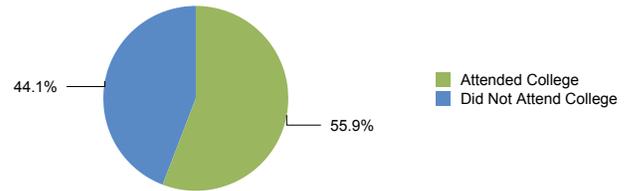


What is the education pipeline for Whitley County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	7,897	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	241	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	50.9%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	13.9%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	69.2%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	560	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	313	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	53.6%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	2.3%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	452	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	60	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	42	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	55	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	164	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	41	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	81	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	277	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	48.2%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	4.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



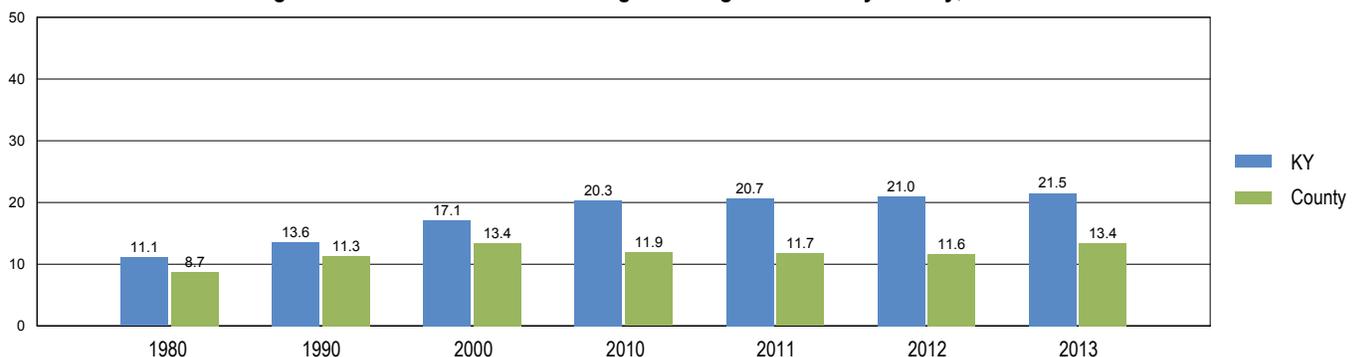
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Eastern Kentucky University	112
Somerset Community College	61
University of Cumberlands	58
University of Kentucky	20
Lindsey Wilson College	6
Morehead State University	6
Union College	6
Western Kentucky University	5
Transylvania University	4
Southeast Ky Community & Technical College	4
Other Institutions	38

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,059	506
State need-based grants	\$975	121
State non-need-based grants	\$1,220	182
Federal Pell grants	\$2,710	146
Federal need-based loans	\$1,513	82
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,431	92
Institutional grants	\$1,914	63

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

