

# McCreary County

## 2014-2015 Kentucky County Profile

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

	County	KY	US
Total population	18,069	4,380,415	313,914,040
Median household income	\$21,758	\$42,610	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$12,213	\$23,210	\$28,051
Living in poverty	30.8%	18.6%	14.9%
Eligible for Medicaid	36.8%	18.8%	n/a
Without medical insurance	21.2%	16.9%	17.9%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	53.0%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	13.3%	8.2%	8.1%
Access to Broadband Internet	59.4%	95.7%	98.8%

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

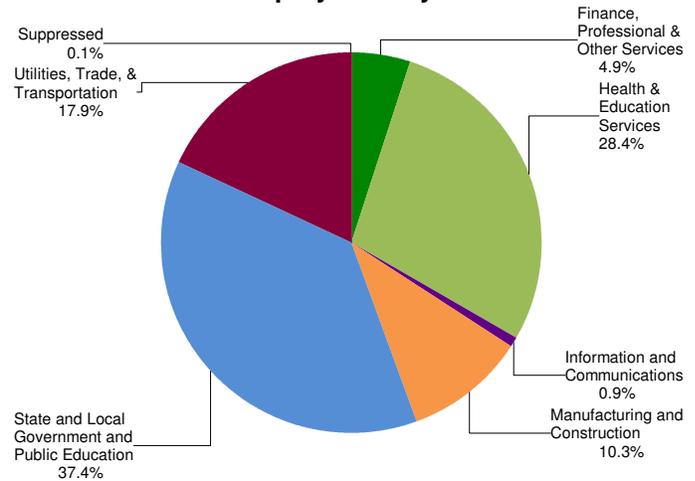
	County	KY
Average junior year ACT Composite score for 2013 graduates	17.4	19.4
Graduates ready for college-level coursework based on junior year ACT		
Mathematics	22.9%	41.6%
English	38.8%	55.7%
Reading	34.6%	44.7%
Science	11.2%	27.2%
Ready for college by graduation	29.1%	49.4%
Ready for career by graduation	20.4%	11.8%
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	42.3%	54.1%
Average GPA for 2013 graduates	2.95	2.88

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

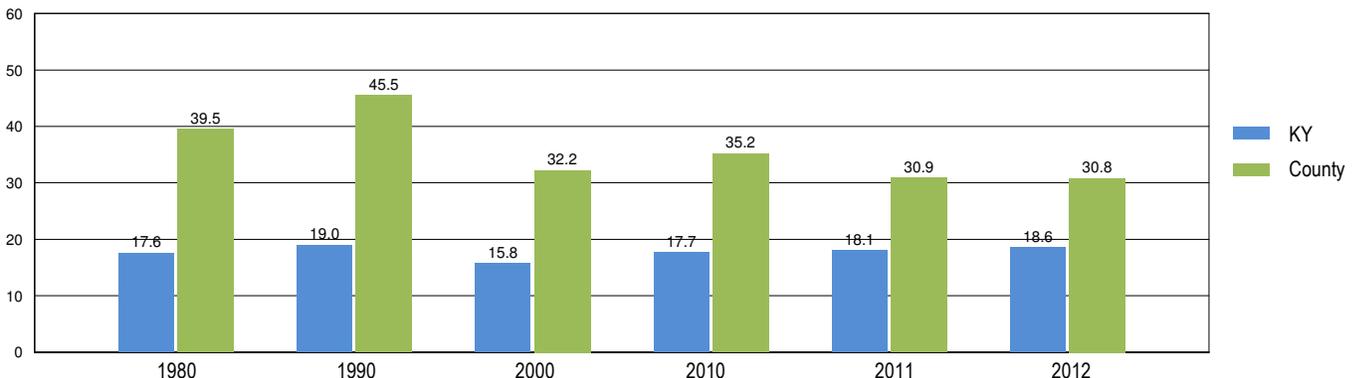
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	31.5%	17.6%	14.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	35.6%	34.0%	28.2%
Some college but no degree	18.8%	20.5%	21.3%
Associate degree	7.2%	6.9%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	3.0%	12.5%	17.9%
Graduate or professional degree	3.8%	8.5%	10.6%

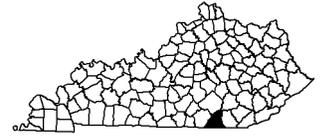
### What industries provide employment in McCreary County?

#### 2012 Employment by Sector



### Percentage of McCreary County Population Living in Poverty, 1980-2012



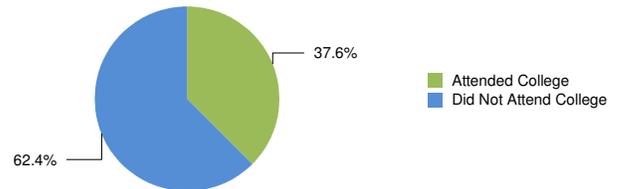


**What is the education pipeline for McCreary County?**

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	2,931	652,317
Private K-12 enrollment in 2012-2013	98	70,078
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2013	33.5%	49.0%
Special education population in 2012-2013	18.1%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2012-2013	76.9%	56.6%
Public high school graduates in 2010-2011	314	44,853
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2011-2012	118	27,014
In-state college going rate in 2011-2012	35.7%	55.4%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2011-2012	1.9%	5.4%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2011-2012	348	40,300
GEDs awarded in 2011-2012	53	9,826
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2011-2012	43	8,193
Students earning an associate degree in 2011-2012	39	9,187
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2011-2012	30	15,745
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2011-2012	6	4,326
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2011-2012	21	7,480
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2012-2013	199	13,745
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	50.0%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	3.3%	11.0%

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

**Overall College Going Rates for 2011 Public High School Graduates**



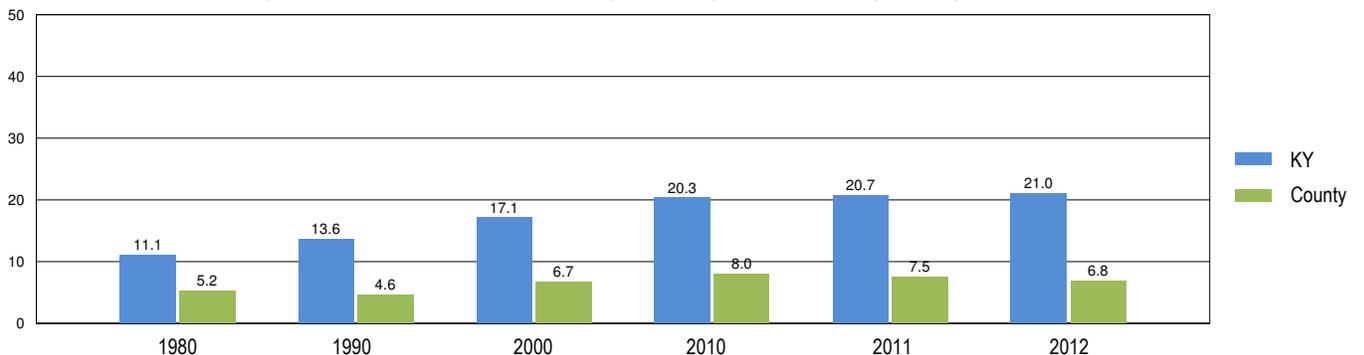
**Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended**

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Somerset Community College	82
Eastern Kentucky University	8
University of Cumberlands	8
Union College	6
University of Kentucky	6
Lindsey Wilson College	3
University of Louisville	2
Berea College	1
Calhoun Community College	1
Georgia Perimeter College	1
Other Institutions	6

**How much financial aid did 2011 public high school graduates from McCreary County receive in 2012?**

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$703	235
State need-based grants	\$1,074	60
State non-need-based grants	\$1,011	80
Federal Pell grants	\$3,795	82
Federal need-based loans	\$1,050	33
Federal non-need-based loans	\$694	23
Institutional grants	\$838	17

**Percentage of Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher in McCreary County, 1980-2012**



Sources: US Census 2008-2012 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: