

Mason County

2015 Kentucky County Profile

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What are some basic facts about Mason County residents?

	County	KY	US
Total population	17,278	4,395,295	316,128,839
Median household income	\$41,137	\$43,036	\$53,046
Per capita income	\$23,347	\$23,462	\$28,155
Living in poverty	19.3%	18.8%	15.4%
Eligible for Medicaid	23.1%	18.9%	n/a
Without medical insurance	15.9%	16.2%	17.0%
Registered voters who voted in the 2012 general election	56.8%	59.7%	68.0%
Unemployment rate	9.8%	8.0%	7.4%
Access to Broadband Internet	100.0%	96.8%	98.6%

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

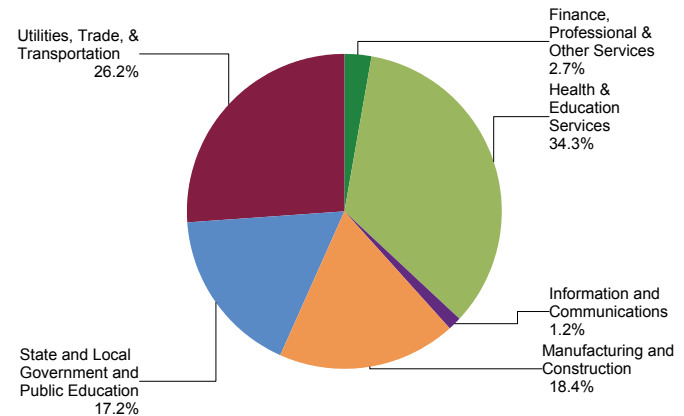
	County	KY
Ready for college and/or career by graduation	54.5%	62.8%
Ready for college by graduation	49.5%	56.2%
Ready for career by graduation	16.3%	17.8%
Average GPA for 2014 graduates	2.84	2.89
Average junior year ACT scores for 2014 graduates		
Composite	19.2	19.5
Mathematics	19.1	19.1
English	18.4	18.7
Reading	19.5	19.7
Science	19.3	19.7

What is the educational attainment of Mason County residents?

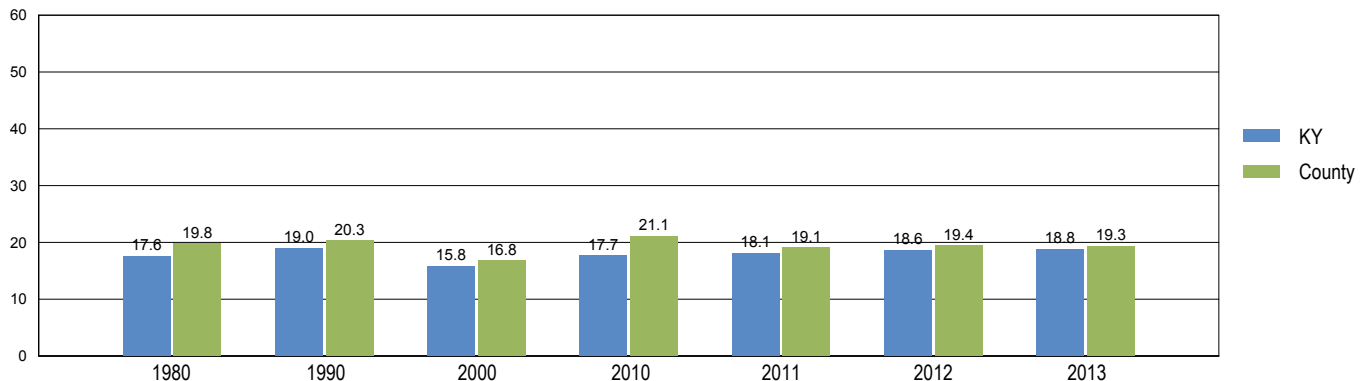
	County	KY	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	19.8%	17.0%	13.9%
High school diploma or equivalent	37.4%	33.9%	28.1%
Some college but no degree	20.1%	20.5%	21.2%
Associate degree	7.9%	7.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	7.4%	12.8%	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	7.4%	8.8%	10.8%

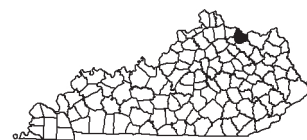
What industries provide employment in Mason County?

2013 Employment by Sector



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



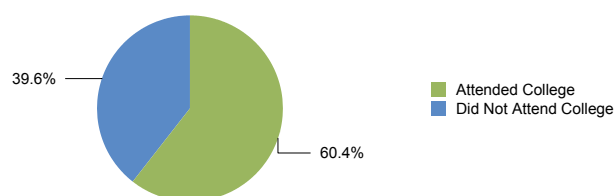


What is the education pipeline for Mason County?

	County	KY
Public K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	2,760	654,455
Private K-12 enrollment in 2013-2014	180	69,258
Entering students ready for kindergarten in fall 2014	47.8%	50.0%
Special education population in 2013-2014	12.2%	13.2%
Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in 2013-2014	62.0%	58.3%
Public high school graduates in 2011-2012	187	43,176
Public high school graduates entering postsecondary education in 2012-2013	113	26,413
In-state college going rate in 2012-2013	57.2%	56.2%
Out-of-state college going rate in 2012-2013	4.3%	5.5%
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments for 2012-2013	221	37,022
GEDs awarded in 2012-2013	39	7,746
Students earning a postsecondary certificate or diploma in 2012-2013	108	8,713
Students earning an associate degree in 2012-2013	82	9,089
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013	60	15,947
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) in 2012-2013	27	5,270
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2012-2013	23	7,673
National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) awarded in 2013-2014	92	17,613
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort	65.9%	54.2%
Associate degree three-year graduation rate for 2010 cohort	8.3%	11.0%

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

Overall College Going Rates for 2012 Public High School Graduates



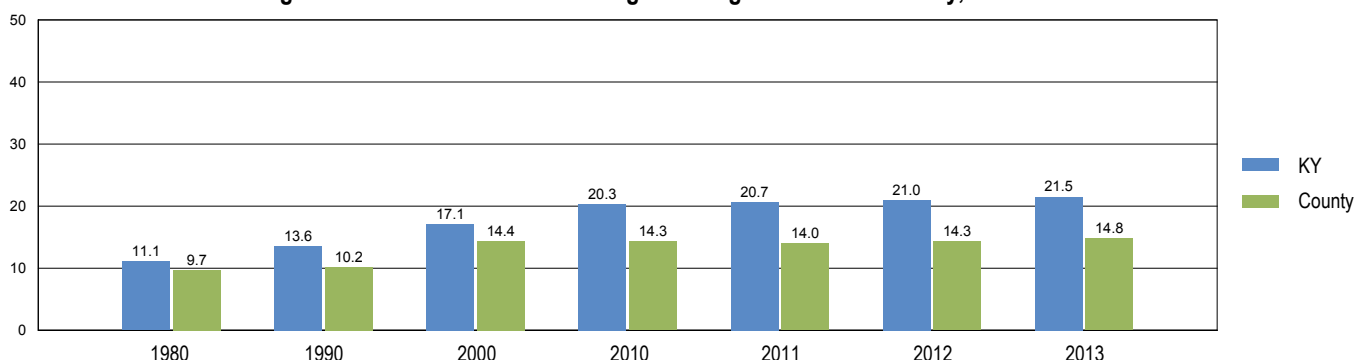
Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended

Top 10 Colleges and Universities Attended	Number of Enrollments
Maysville Community & Technical College	57
Morehead State University	19
University of Kentucky	9
Northern Kentucky University	8
Eastern Kentucky University	7
Pikeville College	3
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	3
Transylvania University	2
University of Louisville	1
Calhoun Community College	1
Other Institutions	11

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

	Average	Awards
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$1,016	170
State need-based grants	\$624	32
State non-need-based grants	\$1,245	87
Federal Pell grants	\$2,312	57
Federal need-based loans	\$1,339	38
Federal non-need-based loans	\$1,309	38
Institutional grants	\$2,197	38

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