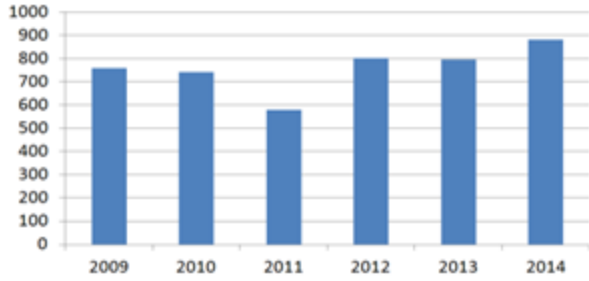


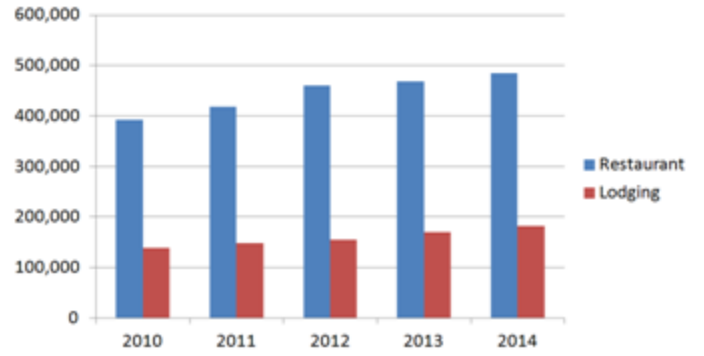
Nelson County Economic Development Partners for Progress Economic Development Highlights – 2014

- Governor Steve Beshear was in Bardstown in June to announce The Bardstown Bourbon Company would buy 100 acres in the Nelson County Industrial Park and make a \$25 million investment in their new state of the art bourbon distillery.
- The continued surge in popularity of bourbon resulted in the increase in production, facilities and new jobs at all Nelson County distilleries including Barton's, Jim Beam, Heaven Hill, and Willett. A record number of visitors toured the Kentucky Bourbon Trail.
- Several Nelson County manufacturing operations announced expansion projects including Tower Automotive, Johnan America, FET Engineering, Strong Spirits and Mitsuba of Bardstown.
- Nelson Fiscal Court installed a new gas line in the Nelson County Industrial Park on Parkway Drive which upgrades the gas capacity for new industrial clients in the park.
- The unemployment rate dropped to 5.2% which is the lowest since 2007.
- Construction started on widening Hwy. 245 to four lanes from Highway 150 to Highway 62E.
- North Third Street from Broadway to Forrest Avenue went through a Road Diet in an effort to reduce the amount of traffic accidents.
- Nelson County was designated a "Kentucky Work Ready Community" by the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board. Nelson County was one of only 12 designated across Kentucky.
- Foder's Travel* named Bardstown "One of the Top Ten Small Towns in America" and was featured on CNN.
- The Bardstown-Nelson County Tourism Commission distributed \$72,000 in grants to 16 organizations in Bardstown, New Haven, Bloomfield and Fairfield.
- The Bardstown-Nelson County Chamber of Commerce hosted 22 ribbon cutting and grand-openings for new Nelson County businesses in Bardstown, New Haven and Bloomfield.
- Bardstown businesses Peacock on Third and Mammy's Kitchen, expanded to larger downtown facilities, more than doubling the size of their businesses.

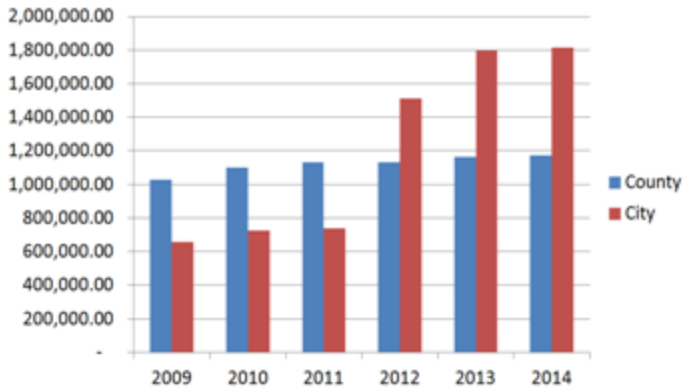
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