



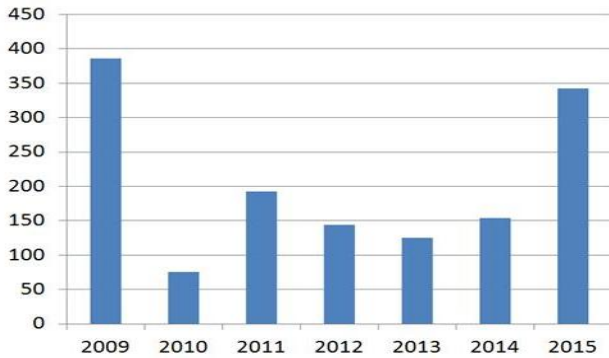
2015 Economic Development Highlights and Indicators

Bardstown and Nelson County

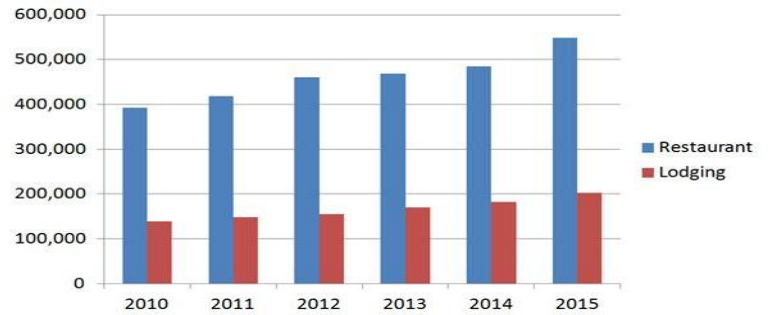
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- Lt. Governor Crit LuAllen was in Bardstown on March 19th to announce that ITSUWA USA would be building their newest U.S. facility in Bardstown in the Wilson Industrial Park;
- The Nelson County Planning and Zoning Commission approved a rezoning request for a proposed new distillery on John Rowan Blvd. The project is expected to be announced in March of 2016;
- Heaven Hill Brands celebrated their 80th anniversary and filled the 7millionth barrel of bourbon;
- The Bardstown Main Street Program received national certification for its program in March;
- Governor Steve Beshear announced that Bardstown/Nelson County was named one of the Top 100 Micropolitans in the U.S. for new and expanding economic development projects by Site Selection Magazine. The Nelson County Economic Development Agency was selected as one of the Top 20 Economic Development agencies in the U.S. by the same publication;
- The unemployment rate dropped to 3.9% which is the lowest in 10 years;
- Zaxby's opened its new restaurant in the former KFC building;
- Esquire Magazine listed Bardstown as #17 in the Top 100 Coolest Small Towns in America;
- The Bardstown-Nelson County Tourism Commission distributed \$52,500.00 in grants to 11 organizations in Bardstown, New Haven, Bloomfield and Fairfield;
- The Bardstown-Nelson County Chamber of Commerce welcomed 43 new members and hosted 20 ribbon cuttings and grand-openings for new Nelson County businesses in Bardstown, New Haven and Bloomfield;
- Eight Nelson County industries expanded at a total investment of over \$23 million dollars.

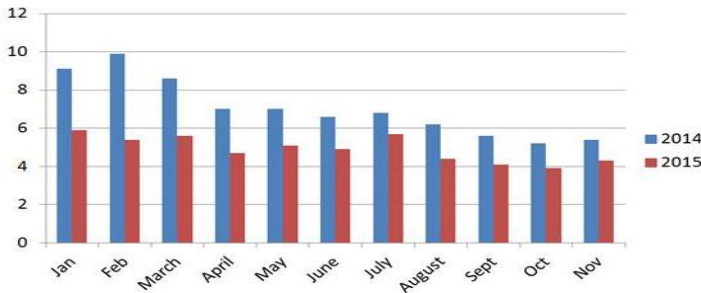
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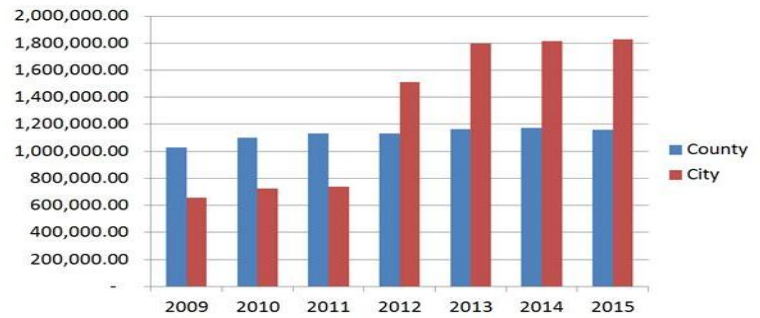
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