

Educational Attainment

Houston has a well-educated workforce with strengths in the science, engineering and business fields of study.

| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT HOUSTON MSA, 2017 POPULATION 25 YEARS OR OLDER | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Highest Education Level Attained | Estimate | Percent |
| No High School Diploma | 729,054 | 16.5 |
| High School Graduate or Higher | 3,696,786 | 83.5 |
| High School Diploma or GED | 1,025,879 | 23.2 |
| Some College, No Degree | 917,211 | 20.7 |
| Associate Degree | 320,624 | 7.2 |
| Bachelor's Degree or Higher | 1,433,072 | 32.4 |
| <i>Bachelor's Degree</i> | <i>914,665</i> | <i>20.7</i> |
| <i>Graduate or Professional Degree</i> | <i>518,407</i> | <i>11.7</i> |
| Total Population 25 Years and Over | 4,425,840 | 100.0 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey

- Nearly one-third of Houstonians 25 years or older is a college graduate (32.4 percent)—a rate higher than that of the U.S. (32.0 percent) and Texas (29.6 percent).

| FIELD OF STUDY FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREE HOUSTON MSA, 2017 POPULATION 25 YEARS OR OLDER | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Field of Study for Bachelor's Degree | Estimate | Percent |
| Science, Engineering and Related Fields | 701,353 | 48.9 |
| Business | 345,723 | 24.1 |
| Education | 136,842 | 9.5 |
| Arts, Humanities, and Other | 249,154 | 17.4 |
| All Degree-Holders 25 Years and Over | 1,433,072 | 100.0 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2017 American Community Survey, science, engineering and related degrees have been awarded to 701,353 Houstonians or 48.9 percent of Houston's college graduates—compared to 44.7 percent of college graduates nationwide, and 44.4 of college graduates in Texas.