

Educational Attainment

Among the 20 most populous metro areas, Houston ranks 10th in the number of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher (1.4 million) and 15th in the percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher (32.4 percent).

Number and Percent of Adults 25 Years and Older with Post-Secondary Degrees Top 20 MSAs, 2017				
Metropolitan Statistical Area	Number of Four-Year Degree Holders or Higher		Percent of Four-Year Degree Holders or Higher	
	Estimate	Rank	Percent	Rank
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	5,603,214	1	39.6	7
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	3,125,375	2	34.2	14
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	2,441,685	3	37.7	11
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	2,154,540	4	50.8	1
San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	1,685,874	5	49.3	2
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	1,656,944	6	34.6	13
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	1,608,411	7	47.6	3
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	1,586,432	8	37.7	12
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	1,473,691	9	37.9	10
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	1,433,072	10	32.4	15
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	1,412,999	11	32.1	16
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	1,135,615	12	41.9	5
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	1,017,161	13	41.7	6
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	981,863	14	31.1	17
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	928,776	15	31.1	18
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	878,026	16	43.9	4
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	877,597	17	38.8	9
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	768,433	18	39.5	8
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	668,649	19	30.0	19
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	626,197	20	21.4	20
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Population Estimates				