

Educational Attainment

Among the 20 most populous metro areas, Houston ranks 10th in the number of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher (1.5 million) and 16th in the percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher (33.3 percent).

Number and Percent of Adults with Postsecondary Degrees Top 20 MSAs, 2019				
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 Metro Area	5,642,491	1	41.8	9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Metro Area	3,252,393	2	35.5	15
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Metro Area	2,544,458	3	39.2	12
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area	2,215,720	4	51.4	2
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area	1,788,138	5	36.3	14
San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley, CA Metro Area	1,768,174	6	51.4	3
Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH Metro Area	1,693,687	7	49.3	4
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metro Area	1,658,371	8	39	13
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Alpharetta, GA Metro Area	1,604,336	9	39.9	10
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area	1,522,732	10	33.3	16
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area	1,469,095	11	33.1	17
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area	1,239,731	12	44.1	6
Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ Metro Area	1,074,497	13	32.2	19
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area	1,072,662	14	43.2	7
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI Metro Area	978,346	15	32.4	18
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metro Area	950,271	16	45.8	5
San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA Metro Area	912,647	17	39.9	11
Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD Metro Area	815,619	18	41.9	8
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area	733,375	19	31.6	20
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA Metro Area	733,354	20	52.7	1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 Population Estimates