College attainment in the 25 most populous metropolitan regions in the continental U.S.

Rank by population

1. New York, N.Y./Newark-Jersey City, N.J. 19.6 million
2. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, Calif. 13.1 million
3. Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, III. 9.5 million
4. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas 6.8 million
5. Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, Texas 6.3 million
6. Philadelphia, Pa./Camden, N.J./Wilmington, Del. 6.0 million
7. Washington, D.C./Arlington-Alexandria, Va. 5.9 million
8. Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, Fla. 5.8 million
9. Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Ga. 5.5 million
10. Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass. 4.7 million
11. San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, Calif. 4.5 million
12. Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. 4.4 million
13. Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif. 4.4 million
14. Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, Mich. 4.3 million
15. Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash. 3.6 million
16. Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, Minn. 3.5 million
17. San Diego-Carlsbad, Calif. 3.2 million
18. Tampa-St. Petersburg Clearwater, Fla. 2.9 million
19. St. Louis, Mo. 2.8 million
20. Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, Md. 2.8 million
21. Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, Colo. 2.7 million
22. Pittsburgh, Pa. 2.4 million
23. Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, N.C. 2.3 million
24. Portland-Hillsboro, Ore./Vancouver, Wash. 2.3 million
25. San Antonio-New Braunfels, Texas 2.3 million

Rank by degree attainment

1. Washington, D.C./Arlington-Alexandria, Va. 55.36%
2. Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass. 54.53%
3. San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, Calif. 53.79%
4. Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, Minn. 51.80%
5. Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash. 49.00%
6. Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, Colo. 48.90%
7. New York, N.Y./Newark-Jersey City, N.J. 46.76%
8. Pittsburgh, Pa. 46.92%
9. Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, Md. 45.01%
10. Portland-Hillsboro, Ore./Vancouver, Wash. 45.11%
11. San Diego-Carlsbad, Calif. 44.88%
12. Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, III. 44.69%
13. Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, Ga. 44.29%
14. Philadelphia, Pa./Camden, N.J./Wilmington, Del. 43.78%
15. St. Louis, Mo. 43.33%
16. Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, N.C. 43.01%
17. Miami-Port Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, Fla. 40.89%
18. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, Calif. 39.66%
19. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas 38.87%
21. Tampa-St. Petersburg Clearwater, Fla. 39.20%
22. Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. 38.49%
23. Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, Texas 37.13%
24. San Antonio-New Braunfels, Texas 35.50%
25. Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif. 27.50%

Note: This map denotes Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). The term MSA refers to a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities having a high degree of social and economic integration with that core. MSAs comprise one or more entire counties, except in New England, where cities and towns are the basic geographic units. The federal Office of Management and Budget defines MSAs for purposes of collecting, tabulating and publishing federal data. These definitions result from applying published standards to Census Bureau data.