

Bachelor's Degree Attainment Rate

This table ranks the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on their bachelor's degree attainment rate in 2006. To read more on metropolitan areas' performance on key indicators of productive, inclusive, and sustainable growth, please see the recent Brookings report, "MetroPolicy: Shaping a New Federal Partnership for a Metropolitan Nation," available at www.blueprintprosperity.org.

Metro	Bachelor's degree attainment rate, 2006	Rank
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	46.1%	1
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	43.4%	2
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	42.5%	3
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	42.4%	4
Madison, WI	42.2%	5
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	40.6%	6
Durham, NC	40.0%	7
Raleigh-Cary, NC	39.2%	8
Austin-Round Rock, TX	38.8%	9
Trenton-Ewing, NJ	38.8%	10
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	36.3%	11
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	36.1%	12
Denver-Aurora, CO	35.6%	13
Lexington-Fayette, KY	34.8%	14
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	34.5%	15
Colorado Springs, CO	34.3%	16
Baltimore-Towson, MD	33.6%	17
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	33.3%	18
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	33.3%	19
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME	32.7%	20
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	32.4%	21
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	32.1%	22
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	31.9%	23
Worcester, MA	31.7%	24
Lansing-East Lansing, MI	31.7%	25
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	31.6%	26
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	31.5%	27
Columbus, OH	31.3%	28
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	31.2%	29
Kansas City, MO-KS	31.2%	30
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	31.2%	31
Honolulu, HI	31.1%	32
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	30.5%	33
New Haven-Milford, CT	30.3%	34
Richmond, VA	30.3%	35
Salt Lake City, UT	30.1%	36
Rochester, NY	30.1%	37
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	29.8%	38
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	29.6%	39
Tucson, AZ	29.6%	40
Indianapolis-Carmel, IN	29.5%	41
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	29.4%	42
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	29.4%	43
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	29.3%	44
Albuquerque, NM	29.3%	45
Columbia, SC	29.2%	46
Springfield, MA	29.1%	47

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St. Louis, MO-IL	28.6%	48
Boise City-Nampa, ID	28.5%	49
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	28.3%	50
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro, TN	28.3%	51
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, FL	28.1%	52
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	27.9%	53
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	27.8%	54
Jackson, MS	27.7%	55
Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA	27.7%	56
Syracuse, NY	27.7%	57
Knoxville, TN	27.4%	58
Akron, OH	27.4%	59
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	27.1%	60
Pittsburgh, PA	27.1%	61
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	27.1%	62
Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	27.1%	63
Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	27.0%	64
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	26.9%	65
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR	26.5%	66
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	26.5%	67
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	26.3%	68
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	26.2%	69
Oklahoma City, OK	26.1%	70
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	26.1%	71
Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	25.9%	72
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	25.7%	73
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	25.7%	74
Wichita, KS	25.7%	75
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	25.3%	76
Jacksonville, FL	25.2%	77
Tulsa, OK	25.1%	78
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	25.0%	79
Greenville, SC	24.7%	80
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	24.4%	81
Greensboro-High Point, NC	24.3%	82
Baton Rouge, LA	24.2%	83
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	24.1%	84
San Antonio, TX	24.0%	85
Dayton, OH	23.9%	86
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	23.7%	87
Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN	23.2%	88
Toledo, OH	22.9%	89
Lancaster, PA	22.9%	90
Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	22.4%	91
Chattanooga, TN-GA	20.5%	92
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	20.4%	93
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	20.2%	94
Fresno, CA	19.0%	95
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	18.1%	96
El Paso, TX	17.8%	97
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	17.4%	98
Stockton, CA	16.4%	99
Bakersfield, CA	14.4%	100
100-metro average	30.6%	
United States	27.0%	

These figures report the share of all adults age 25 and over who hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

Source: The U.S. Census Bureau's 2006 American Community Survey.