

High School Attainment Rate

This table ranks the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on their high school diploma 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	High school diploma attainment rate, 2006	Rank
Madison, WI	93.9%	1
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	92.2%	2
Colorado Springs, CO	91.8%	3
Lansing-East Lansing, MI	91.3%	4
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	90.9%	5
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	90.9%	6
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME	90.7%	7
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	90.4%	8
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	90.3%	9
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	89.9%	10
Kansas City, MO-KS	89.6%	11
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	89.6%	12
Pittsburgh, PA	89.6%	13
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	89.2%	14
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	89.1%	15
Salt Lake City, UT	89.0%	16
Honolulu, HI	89.0%	17
Akron, OH	88.7%	18
Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	88.6%	19
Syracuse, NY	88.5%	20
Columbus, OH	88.4%	21
Worcester, MA	88.2%	22
Jacksonville, FL	88.1%	23
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	88.0%	24
Rochester, NY	87.9%	25
New Haven-Milford, CT	87.8%	26
Boise City-Nampa, ID	87.7%	27
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	87.7%	28
Wichita, KS	87.7%	29
Toledo, OH	87.6%	30
Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	87.6%	31
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	87.6%	32
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	87.4%	33
Denver-Aurora, CO	87.4%	34
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR	87.3%	35
Raleigh-Cary, NC	87.3%	36
Indianapolis-Carmel, IN	87.2%	37
Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	87.2%	38
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	87.1%	39
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	87.1%	40
Dayton, OH	87.1%	41
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	87.0%	42
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	86.8%	43
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	86.7%	44
St. Louis, MO-IL	86.7%	45
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	86.7%	46

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Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	86.6%	47
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	86.6%	48
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	86.5%	49
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	86.5%	50
Tulsa, OK	86.5%	51
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	86.5%	52
Austin-Round Rock, TX	86.3%	53
Tucson, AZ	86.3%	54
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	86.0%	55
Baltimore-Towson, MD	86.0%	56
Lexington-Fayette, KY	86.0%	57
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	85.9%	58
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	85.8%	59
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	85.7%	60
Springfield, MA	85.7%	61
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	85.6%	62
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	85.6%	63
Columbia, SC	85.5%	64
Oklahoma City, OK	85.4%	65
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	85.3%	66
Trenton-Ewing, NJ	85.2%	67
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro, TN	85.2%	68
Durham, NC	85.2%	69
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	84.9%	70
Albuquerque, NM	84.7%	71
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	84.6%	72
Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN	84.6%	73
Richmond, VA	84.5%	74
Knoxville, TN	84.3%	75
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	84.2%	76
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	83.9%	77
Jackson, MS	83.8%	78
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	83.6%	79
Baton Rouge, LA	83.6%	80
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	83.0%	81
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	82.9%	82
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	82.6%	83
Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	82.2%	84
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	82.1%	85
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, FL	82.1%	86
Greensboro-High Point, NC	81.3%	87
Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA	81.3%	88
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	81.2%	89
Chattanooga, TN-GA	81.2%	90
Greenville, SC	80.6%	91
San Antonio, TX	80.6%	92
Lancaster, PA	79.8%	93
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	78.8%	94
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	77.4%	95
Stockton, CA	76.9%	96
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	76.8%	97
Fresno, CA	72.8%	98
Bakersfield, CA	71.9%	99
El Paso, TX	68.3%	100
100-metro average	84.9%	
United States	84.1%	

These figures report the share of all adults age 25 and over who hold a high school diploma or higher.

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