Educational Attainment

Among the nation's 50 most populous metros, Houston ranks 48th in adult population with a high school diploma or GED.

Rank	Area	High school graduate or higher
	Percentage of Population With High School Degree or Higher by Metro Area	
1	Pittsburgh, PA Metro Area	94.2%
2	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area	94.1%
3	Buffalo-Cheektowaga, NY Metro Area	92.8%
4	Kansas City, MO-KS Metro Area	92.8%
5	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area	92.8%
6	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA Metro Area	92.7%
7	St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area	92.5%
8	Raleigh-Cary, NC Metro Area	92.3%
9	Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH Metro Area	92.2%
10	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metro Area	92.2%
11	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metro Area	92.1%
12	Salt Lake City, UT Metro Area	91.7%
13	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area	91.7%
14	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD Metro Area	91.6%
15	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN Metro Area	91.6%
16	Columbus, OH Metro Area	91.6%
17	Jacksonville, FL Metro Area	91.6%
18	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metro Area	91.2%
19	Hartford-East Hartford-Middletown, CT Metro Area	91.1%
20	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI Metro Area	91.0%
21	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area	91.0%
22	Cleveland-Elyria, OH Metro Area	90.8%
23	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN Metro Area	90.8%
24	Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN Metro Area	90.5%
25	Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown, TX Metro Area	90.4%
26	Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN Metro Area	90.4%
27	Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA Metro Area	90.2%
28	Richmond, VA Metro Area	90.1%
29	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Alpharetta, GA Metro Area	90.0%
30	Birmingham-Hoover, AL Metro Area	89.8%
31	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC Metro Area	89.8%
32	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area	89.7%
33	San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley, CA Metro Area	89.5%
34	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Metro Area	89.4%
35	Oklahoma City, OK Metro Area	89.1%
36	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL Metro Area	89.1%
37	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA Metro Area	88.6%
38	Memphis, TN-MS-AR Metro Area	88.2%
39	Providence-Warwick, RI-MA Metro Area	88.2%
40	New Orleans-Metairie, LA Metro Area	88.1%
41	San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA Metro Area	88.1%
42	Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ Metro Area	88.0%
43	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area	87.3%
44	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area	86.6%
45	Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV Metro Area	86.3%
46	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area	85.6%
47	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area	85.3%
48	**Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area**	**84.6%**
49	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metro Area	82.0%
50	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Metro Area	81.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey