

Texas Ranks Low in Percentage of Young Adults with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Percentage of Young Adults in 2015 (Ages 25-34) With a Bachelor's Degree or Higher

<u>U.S. States</u>	%	<u>OECD Countries</u>
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Massachusetts	50	Switzerland
	48	Korea
	46	
New York • New Jersey • Connecticut	44	Netherlands • Luxembourg
	42	Poland • Belgium
New Hampshire • Minnesota	42	United Kingdom
Virginia • Illinois • Maryland	40	Denmark
Colorado • Vermont	40	Ireland • Finland
Pennsylvania	38	Japan • Estonia • Australia • Greece
		Iceland
North Dakota • Rhode Island • Kansas • Washington	36	OECD Average • Sweden • New Zealand • United States
Nebraska	36	Latvia • Israel
Oregon • California • Iowa • Wisconsin	34	Norway • Canada • Slovenia
Montana • Maine • Delaware • Missouri	34	Portugal
Ohio • North Carolina • Michigan	32	
South Dakota • Georgia • Hawaii • Tennessee • Utah	32	Czech Republic • Slovak Republic
	30	Slovak Republic
Texas • Indiana • Florida • South Carolina	30	Hungary • Germany
Alaska • Kentucky	28	Spain • France
Wyoming • Louisiana	28	
Alabama • Arizona • West Virginia	26	
Idaho • Oklahoma	26	Italy
Arkansas	24	
Mississippi	24	
New Mexico • Nevada	22	Austria
	20	Mexico • Turkey
	20	Chile
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The U.S. is often compared to other countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) when measuring educational attainment. However, within the United States, each individual state can have very different education systems. Disaggregating attainment by individual U.S. states highlights the variance between state education systems in attainment percentages. The U.S. average for young adults (ages 25-34) with a bachelor's degree or higher is 36 percent, the same as the OECD average and 7 percentage points higher than the Texas average. These rankings can change significantly when comparing attainment levels of an associate degree or higher.

Source: OECD (2016), *Education at a Glance 2016: OECD Indicators*, OECD Publishing, Paris.
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<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t>.
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