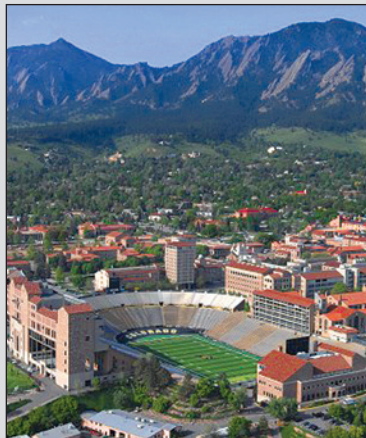


1. Boulder, Colorado



Folsom Field, University of Colorado at Boulder.

Metropolitan Statistical Area
Population: 279,897

high school graduates: 92.89%
bachelor's degrees or higher: 52.92%
professional degrees: 3.14%
Ph.D.s: 3.97%

Figures are for people ages 25 and older.

2. Bethesda, Maryland



City Hall, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Metropolitan Division
Population: 1,158,319

high school graduates: 89.92%
bachelor's degrees or higher: 49.88%
professional degrees: 5.60%
Ph.D.s: 4.30%

3. Ithaca, New York



The Sage Residential College, Cornell University.

Metropolitan Statistical Area
Population: 103,641

high school graduates: 91.64%
bachelor's degrees or higher: 48.99%
professional degrees: 3.26%
Ph.D.s: 7.90%

4. Ann Arbor, Michigan



Lawyer's Club, University of Michigan.

Metropolitan Statistical Area
Population: 345,128

high school graduates: 91.59%
bachelor's degrees or higher: 47.90%
professional degrees: 3.75%
Ph.D.s: 4.64%

5. Corvallis, Oregon



Benton Hall, Oregon State University.

Metropolitan Statistical Area
Population: 81,105

high school graduates: 93.32%
bachelor's degrees or higher: 47.65%
professional degrees: 1.95%
Ph.D.s: 5.62%

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