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With more than 20 universities and colleges enrolling about 113,000 in four-year institutions, the St. Louis area produces nearly 26,000 graduates with bachelor's, post-bachelor's or professional degrees each year.

The area also has an extensive network of community colleges, which enroll an additional 74,000 students, as well as vocational and technical training facilities and some of the most esteemed **elementary schools and high schools** in the country. As a result, Greater St. Louis is a great learning environment in which to grow up, as well as a sought-after destination for thousands of people from around the country — and the globe — who are attracted to its top-tier education resources every year.

Many of the best and brightest who study in St. Louis enjoy the community so much that they decide to plant their roots here after earning their degrees. In fact, the Nobel Prize has been awarded to St. Louisans in nearly every Nobel category — physiology, medicine, chemistry, physics, and literature. Among those benefiting from this situation, of course, is the St. Louis business community. A smart, hard-working work force fuels the growth of companies throughout the region.


Institutions of Higher Learning St. Louis, MO-IL MSA

	Universities & Colleges	Two-Year or Community College
Total Enrollment	113,222	74,325
Full-Time	79,380	32,833
Part-Time	33,842	41,492
Total Degrees Awarded	27,727	12,687
Certificate's	995	8,266
Associate's	1,201	4,421
Bachelor's	12,560	0

Master's	11,021	0
Doctoral	552	0
First Professional	1,398	0

Source: "American Community Survey 2005", U.S. Census Bureau, Accessed 9/13/06.

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