

EDUCATION

Primary & Secondary Education

Access to education is key to our success. Our community is committed to offering our residents with a high quality education. Our region continuously strives to raise the standards of its education system. The Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) was awarded the Broad Prize for Urban Education in 2008, an annual \$1 million award that honors school districts across the U.S. making the greatest progress in raising student achievement. In addition, three Brownsville Independent School District elementary schools are finalists for the 2015 National Excellence in Urban Education award. BISD high schools have also developed 8 magnet academic programs in an effort to align their curriculum to 21st century career forecasts and individual student's interest. BISD is the largest employer in the Rio Grande Valley, with approximately 7,708 employees working for 60 schools serving 49,772 students.

Brownsville 2012

Primary & Secondary Education	# of Schools	Students
Elementary School	37	24,821
Middle School	11	10,893
High School	8	13,533
Private School	11	3,110
Charter School (Affiliated with BISD)	4	525
Charter School	6	1,743
Total	77	54,625

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

Educational Attainment	Estimate	Percent
Population 25 years and over	98,205	98,205
Less than 9th grade	22,489	22.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	14,043	14.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	21,703	22.1%
Some college, no degree	18,168	18.5%
Associate's degree	5,696	5.8%
Bachelor's degree	11,588	11.8%
Graduate or professional degree	4,419	4.5%
Percent high school graduate or higher	61,673	62.8%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	16,007	16.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - American Fact Finder