



Ancestry Characteristics:

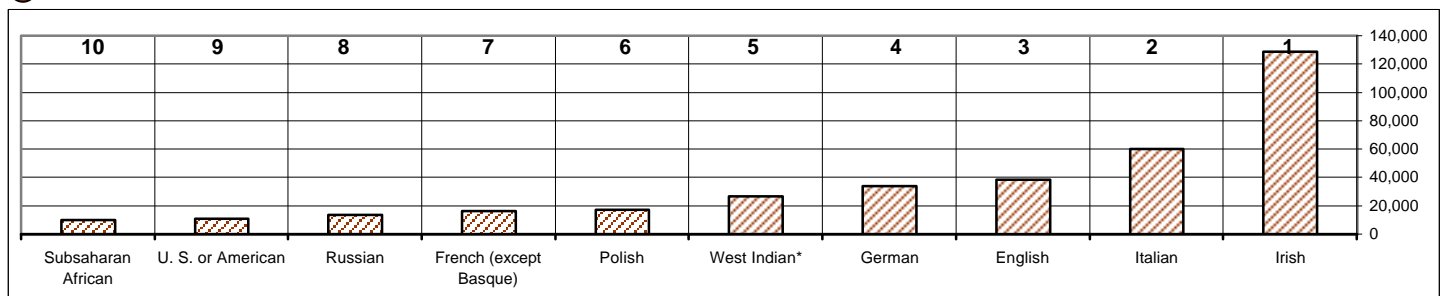
- The top 10 ancestries in Boston are: Irish, Italian, West Indian, English, German, Subsaharan African, U.S. or American, Polish, French, and Russian.
- The top 10 ancestries in Boston remained the same in 1990 and 2000, though their rankings have changed.
- Irish still leads the list of ancestries in Boston by a 2:1 margin over Italian, though the number with Irish ancestry has dropped by more than 27% and the number with Italian ancestry has dropped almost 19%.
- Among the top 10, West Indian and Subsaharan African ancestries both grew by over 11,000, and the U.S. or American category increased by over 8,000; whereas all other ancestries decreased in number.
- West Indian ancestry jumped from 5th place in 1990 to 3rd in 2000, displacing English which dropped to 4th.
- Subsaharan African jumped from 10th place in 1990 to 6th in 2000; the U.S. or American category moved from 9th place to 7th.

1. TOP TEN ANCESTRIES 1990 - 2000

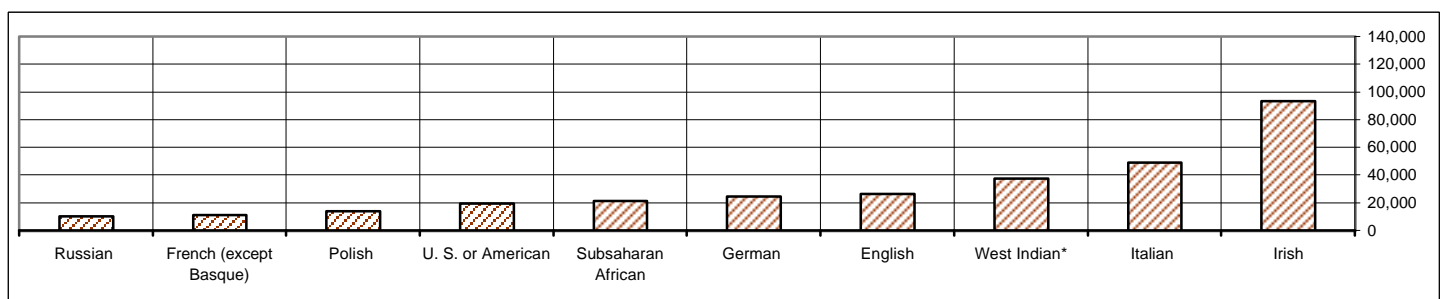
Ancestry	1990	Rank	Ancestry	2000	Rank	1990-2000 Change	
						Population	Rank
Irish	128,682	1	Irish	93,360	1	-35,322	...
Italian	60,178	2	Italian	49,017	2	-11,161	...
English	38,385	3	West Indian*	37,614	3	11,068	+2
German	34,054	4	English	26,384	4	-12,001	-1
West Indian*	26,546	5	German	24,426	5	-9,628	-1
Polish	17,009	6	Subsaharan African	21,176	6	11,101	+4
French (except Basque)	16,114	7	U. S. or American	19,387	7	8,763	+2
Russian	13,756	8	Polish	13,704	8	-3,305	-2
U. S. or American	10,624	9	French (except Basque)	10,960	9	-5,154	-2
Subsaharan African	10,075	10	Russian	10,267	10	-3,489	-2

(Note: * Non-Hispanic)

● Ancestries 1990



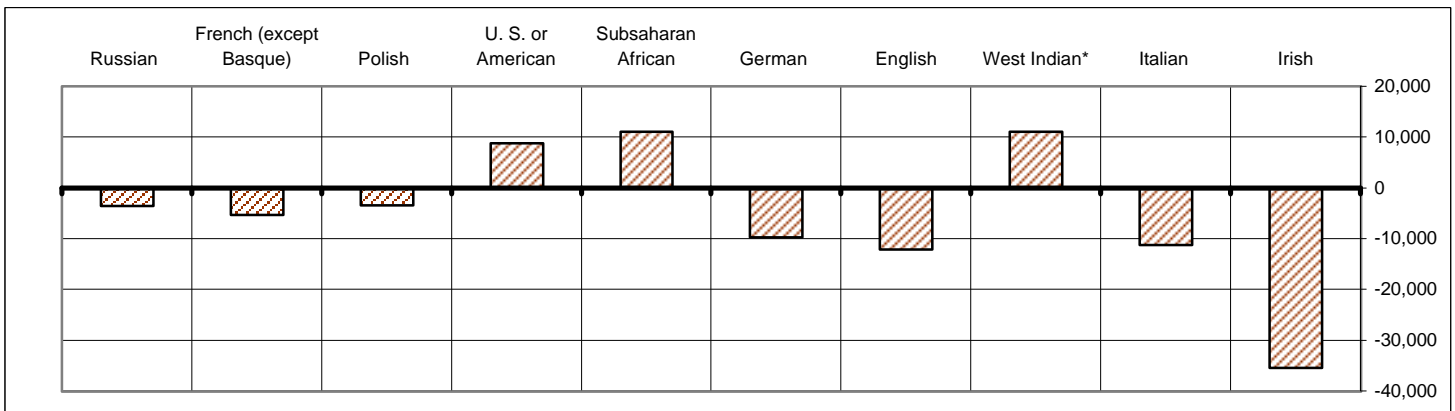
● Ancestries 2000



2. ANCESTRIES BY RANK

Ancestry	1990	Rank	2000	Rank	1990-2000 Change	
					Population	Rank
Other ancestries	184,956		Other ancestries	222,245	37,289	
Irish	128,682	1	Irish	93,360	-35,322	...
Italian	60,178	2	Italian	49,017	-11,161	...
English	38,385	3	West Indian*	37,614	11,068	+2
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United States or American	10,624	9	French (except Basque)	10,960	-5,154	-2
Subsaharan African	10,075	10	Russian	10,267	-3,489	-2
Scottish	9,675	11	Scottish	7,340	-2,335	...
French Canadian	9,037	12	French Canadian	7,186	-1,851	...
Scotch-Irish	6,307	13	Arab	5,955	690	+3
Greek	6,007	14	Greek	5,325	-682	...
Swedish	5,373	15	Scotch-Irish	5,138	-1,169	-2
Arab	5,265	16	Portuguese	4,513	-595	+2
Lithuanian	5,163	17	Swedish	4,211	-1,162	-2
Portuguese	5,108	18	Lithuanian	2,778	-2,385	-1
Canadian	5,105	19	Dutch	2,495	-904	+1
Dutch	3,399	20	Ukrainian	2,337	557	+4
Norwegian	2,411	21	Norwegian	2,213	-198	...
Austrian	2,013	22	Welsh	1,544	-217	+3
Hungarian	1,802	23	Hungarian	1,236	-566	...
Ukrainian	1,780	24	Czech	1,221	64	+2
Welsh	1,761	25	Danish	931	-158	+3
Czech	1,157	26	Swiss	824	-169	+4
Slovak	1,118	27	Slovak	348	-770	...
Danish	1,089	28	Austrian	N.I.		N.A.
Romanian	1,033	29	Belgian	N.I.		N.A.
Swiss	993	30	Canadian	N.I.		N.A.
Finnish	843	31	Finnish	N.I.		N.A.
Yugoslavian	422	32	Romanian	N.I.		N.A.
Belgian	416	33	Yugoslavian	N.I.		N.A.

● Change 1990-2000



N. I. - Not included by the Census as the numbers are not significant

N. A. - Not applicable

* Non-Hispanic