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2005-2009 Estimate

## *South End*

### *Planning District*



## About the American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an annual survey conducted by the US Census Bureau. The ACS asks a host of demographic, economic, and housing related questions that were historically associated with the now discontinued long-form of the Census.

The ACS is a sample of the total population. As a result, the data are subject to sampling error. All counts displayed in the ACS are **estimates** with a plus/minus factor for all counts and percentages. Additionally, because of the small sample sizes of the ACS, it is not possible to estimate characteristics for small geographies with the one-year data collections. In order to look at small areas within a city, such as neighborhoods, data users need to use the 5-year ACS estimates. The first 5-year estimates (2005-2009) for the ACS are now available and are the basis of this report. It is important to note that the 2005-2009 ACS data are not Census counts, but rather estimates of population characteristics. As a result, counts estimated in this report will not match those corresponding population counts observed in the 2010 Census.

Please note that subcategory percentages in this report reflect the percentage within the category it is associated with and not the percent within the total. Major categories are typically highlighted in blue in this report. Subcategories are distinguished by indented text.

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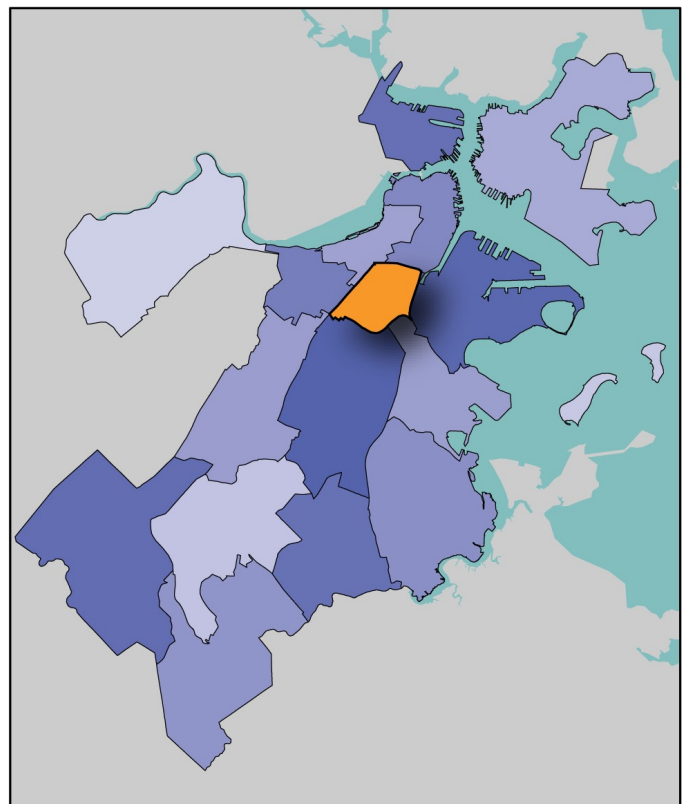
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# Demographic Characteristics

## Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	38,914	100.0%
Male	20,135	51.7%
Female	18,779	48.3%

## Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	38,914	100.0%
White alone	19,346	49.7%
Black or African American alone	7,393	19.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	92	0.2%
Asian alone	5,243	13.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	12	0.0%
Some other race alone	585	1.5%
Two or more races	401	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino	5,842	15.0%

*\*“Hispanic” is not considered a racial category by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. For this analysis, we removed people of Hispanic origin from each racial group and created a separate category of “Hispanic or Latino”.*

## Age

Age	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total:	38,914	100.0%	40 to 44 years	3,095	8.0%
Under 5 years	1,938	5.0%	45 to 49 years	2,274	5.8%
5 to 9 years	1,852	4.8%	50 to 54 years	2,284	5.9%
10 to 14 years	1,408	3.6%	55 to 59 years	2,050	5.3%
15 to 17 years	839	2.2%	60 and 61 years	871	2.2%
18 and 19 years	584	1.5%	62 to 64 years	1,050	2.7%
20 years	334	0.9%	65 and 66 years	803	2.1%
21 years	542	1.4%	67 to 69 years	652	1.7%
22 to 24 years	1,548	4.0%	70 to 74 years	793	2.0%
25 to 29 years	6,210	16.0%	75 to 79 years	590	1.5%
30 to 34 years	4,994	12.8%	80 to 84 years	358	0.9%
35 to 39 years	3,456	8.9%	85 years and over	389	1.0%

## Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	38,914	100.0%
Native:	30,554	78.5%
Born in Massachusetts	16,413	53.7%
Born in other state in the United States:	12,544	41.1%
Northeast	6,428	51.2%
Midwest	1,718	13.7%
South	3,074	24.5%
West	1,324	10.6%
Born outside the United States:	1,597	5.2%
Puerto Rico	1,193	74.7%
U.S. Island Areas	52	3.3%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	352	22.0%
Foreign born:	8,360	21.5%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	3,429	41.0%
Not a U.S. citizen	4,931	59.0%

## Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the United States

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the US	Estimate	%
Total Population Born Outside the United States:	9,957	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	2,894	29.1%
Native*	191	6.6%
Foreign born:	2,703	93.4%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	368	13.6%
Not a U.S. citizen	2,335	86.4%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	3,223	32.4%
Native*	336	10.4%
Foreign born:	2,887	89.6%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,094	37.9%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,793	62.1%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	2,110	21.2%
Native*	337	16.0%
Foreign born:	1,773	84.0%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,182	66.7%
Not a U.S. citizen	591	33.3%
Entered before 1980:	1,730	17.4%
Native*	733	42.4%
Foreign born:	997	57.6%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	785	78.7%
Not a U.S. citizen	212	21.3%

\* Born in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Island Areas, or born abroad of American parent(s)

## Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population (Top 20 Countries)	Estimate	%
Total:	8,360	100.0%
China	2,441	29.2%
Dominican Republic	946	11.3%
Ethiopia	418	5.0%
Colombia	335	4.0%
Canada	326	3.9%
India	242	2.9%
Nigeria	185	2.2%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	158	1.9%
Brazil	154	1.8%
Vietnam	151	1.8%
Cape Verde	145	1.7%
Korea	136	1.6%
Barbados	118	1.4%
Honduras	116	1.4%
Poland	107	1.3%
Guatemala	107	1.3%
Greece	101	1.2%
France	99	1.2%
Haiti	94	1.1%
Trinidad and Tobago	91	1.1%

## Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	36,976	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	4,099	11.1%
Speak only English	2,159	52.7%
Speak Spanish	852	20.8%
Speak other Indo-European languages	310	7.6%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	595	14.5%
Speak other languages	183	4.5%
18 to 64 years:	29,292	79.2%
Speak only English	20,216	69.0%
Speak Spanish	3,574	12.2%
Speak other Indo-European languages	1,903	6.5%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	2,587	8.8%
Speak other languages	1,012	3.5%
65 years and over:	3,585	9.7%
Speak only English	2,009	56.0%
Speak Spanish	717	20.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	283	7.9%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	576	16.1%
Speak other languages	-	0.0%

## Linguistic Isolation by Household Language\*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	17,761	100.0%
English only	11,601	65.3%
Spanish:	2,545	14.3%
Linguistically isolated	1,048	41.2%
Not linguistically isolated	1,497	58.8%
Other Indo-European languages:	1,505	8.5%
Linguistically isolated	247	16.4%
Not linguistically isolated	1,258	83.6%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	1,490	8.4%
Linguistically isolated	743	49.9%
Not linguistically isolated	747	50.1%
Other languages:	620	3.5%
Linguistically isolated	187	30.2%
Not linguistically isolated	433	69.8%

\* Linguistically isolated households are those in which no person over the age of 14 can speak English

## Marital Status by Sex

Marital Status by Sex for the Population 15 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	33,716	100.0%
Male:	17,499	51.9%
Never married	10,715	61.2%
Now married:	5,048	28.8%
Married, spouse present	3,735	74.0%
Married, spouse absent:	1,313	26.0%
Separated	612	46.6%
Other	701	53.4%
Widowed	227	1.3%
Divorced	1,509	8.6%
Female:	16,217	48.1%
Never married	8,658	53.4%
Now married:	5,104	31.5%
Married, spouse present	3,752	73.5%
Married, spouse absent:	1,352	26.5%
Separated	598	44.2%
Other	754	55.8%
Widowed	1,234	7.6%
Divorced	1,221	7.5%

## Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	6,330	100.0%
Married-couple family:	3,686	58.2%
With related children under 18 years:	1,194	32.4%
Under 6 years only	498	41.7%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	203	17.0%
6 to 17 years only	493	41.3%
No related children under 18 years	2,492	67.6%
Other family:	2,644	41.8%
Male householder, no wife present:	483	18.3%
With related children under 18 years:	213	44.1%
Under 6 years only	15	7.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	27	12.7%
6 to 17 years only	171	80.3%
No related children under 18 years	270	55.9%
Female householder, no husband present:	2,161	81.7%
With related children under 18 years:	1,354	62.7%
Under 6 years only	369	27.3%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	213	15.7%
6 to 17 years only	772	57.0%
No related children under 18 years	807	37.3%

## Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	6,330	100.0%
Married-couple family:	3,686	58.2%
With related children under 18 years:	1,234	33.5%
Under 6 years only	508	41.2%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	226	18.3%
6 to 17 years only	500	40.5%
No related children under 18 years	2,452	66.5%
Other family:	2,644	41.8%
Male householder, no wife present:	483	18.3%
With related children under 18 years:	229	47.4%
Under 6 years only	15	6.6%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	27	11.8%
6 to 17 years only	187	81.7%
No related children under 18 years	254	52.6%
Female householder, no husband present:	2,161	81.7%
With related children under 18 years:	1,528	70.7%
Under 6 years only	396	25.9%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	248	16.2%
6 to 17 years only	884	57.9%
No related children under 18 years	633	29.3%



## Educational Attainment by Sex

<b>Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	29,869	100.0%
Male:	15,603	52.2%
Less than high school diploma	2,524	16.2%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,639	16.9%
Some college or associates degree	2,028	13.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8,412	53.9%
Female:	14,266	47.8%
Less than high school diploma	2,056	14.4%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,432	17.0%
Some college or associates degree	2,308	16.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	7,470	52.4%

## Household Population

<b>Population by Household Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	38,914	100.0%
In households:	36,276	93.2%
In family households	19,739	54.4%
In nonfamily households	16,537	45.6%
In group quarters	2,638	6.8%

## Average Household Size

<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
Total:	2.0
Owner Occupied	1.8
Renter Occupied	2.2

# Economic Characteristics

## Employment Status

<b>Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	33,414	100.0%
In labor force:	22,518	67.4%
In Armed Forces	30	0.1%
Civilian:	22,488	99.9%
Employed	20,144	89.6%
Unemployed	2,344	10.4%
Not in labor force	10,896	32.6%

## Work Status by Sex

<b>Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	29,829	100.0%
Male:	15,790	52.9%
Worked in the past 12 months	11,884	75.3%
Did not work in the past 12 months	3,906	24.7%
Female:	14,039	47.1%
Worked in the past 12 months	10,637	75.8%
Did not work in the past 12 months	3,402	24.2%

## Class of Worker

<b>Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	20,144	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	14,369	71.3%
Employee of private company workers	13,779	95.9%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	590	4.1%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	3,004	14.9%
Local government workers	1,173	5.8%
State government workers	374	1.9%
Federal government workers	166	0.8%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	1,026	5.1%
Unpaid family workers	32	0.2%

## Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

<b>Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	20,144	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	29	0.1%
Construction	506	2.5%
Manufacturing	1,223	6.1%
Wholesale trade	422	2.1%
Retail trade	1,234	6.1%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	302	1.5%
Information	423	2.1%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	2,762	13.7%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	4,509	22.4%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	5,244	26.0%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	1,969	9.8%
Other services, except public administration	1,014	5.0%
Public administration	507	2.5%

## Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

<b>Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	20,144	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	11,291	56.1%
Management, business, and financial occupations	4,952	43.9%
Professional and related occupations	6,339	56.1%
Service occupations:	3,034	15.1%
Healthcare support occupations	200	6.6%
Protective service occupations	255	8.4%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	1,215	40.0%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	989	32.6%
Personal care and service occupations	375	12.4%
Sales and office occupations:	4,274	21.2%
Sales and related occupations	2,175	50.9%
Office and administrative support occupations	2,099	49.1%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	29	0.1%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	743	3.7%
Construction and extraction occupations	479	64.5%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	264	35.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	773	3.8%
Production occupations	423	54.7%
Transportation and material moving occupations	350	45.3%

## Family Poverty Status

<b>Age of Related Children by Presence of Related Children by Family Type by Poverty Status</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	6,330	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	1,677	26.5%
Married-couple family:	474	28.3%
With related children under 18 years:	298	62.9%
Under 5 years only	31	10.4%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	58	19.5%
5 to 17 years only	209	70.1%
No related children under 18 years	176	37.1%
Other family:	1,203	71.7%
Male householder, no wife present:	162	13.5%
With related children under 18 years:	127	78.4%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	127	100.0%
No related children under 18 years	35	21.6%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,041	86.5%
With related children under 18 years:	812	78.0%
Under 5 years only	170	20.9%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	138	17.0%
5 to 17 years only	504	62.1%
No related children under 18 years	229	22.0%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	4,653	73.5%
Married-couple family:	3,212	69.0%
With related children under 18 years:	936	29.1%
Under 5 years only	435	46.5%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	121	12.9%
5 to 17 years only	380	40.6%
No related children under 18 years	2,276	70.9%
Other family:	1,441	31.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	321	22.3%
With related children under 18 years:	102	31.8%
Under 5 years only	15	14.7%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	10	9.8%
5 to 17 years only	77	75.5%
No related children under 18 years	219	68.2%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,120	77.7%
With related children under 18 years:	716	63.9%
Under 5 years only	153	21.4%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	110	15.4%
5 to 17 years only	453	63.3%
No related children under 18 years	404	36.1%

## Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 48,914

## Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 51,870

## Household Income (In 2009 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	17,761	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	3,165	17.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,253	7.1%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	834	4.7%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	840	4.7%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	386	2.2%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	454	2.6%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	708	4.0%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	684	3.9%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	397	2.2%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	853	4.8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,016	5.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,554	8.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,412	8.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	965	5.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,067	6.0%
\$200,000 or more	2,173	12.2%

## Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
<b>Total:</b>	11,656	100.0%		
<b>Less than \$10,000:</b>	2,975	25.5%	<b>\$50,000 to \$74,999:</b>	995 8.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	114	3.8%	Less than 20.0 percent	222 22.3%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	56	1.9%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	220 22.1%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	378	12.7%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	270 27.1%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	277	9.3%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	69 6.9%
35.0 percent or more	1,422	47.8%	35.0 percent or more	214 21.5%
Not computed	728	24.5%	Not computed	- 0.0%
<b>\$10,000 to \$19,999:</b>	2,005	17.2%	<b>\$75,000 to \$99,999:</b>	861 7.4%
Less than 20.0 percent	244	12.2%	Less than 20.0 percent	216 25.1%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	195	9.7%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	210 24.4%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	280	14.0%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	208 24.2%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	298	14.9%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	99 11.5%
35.0 percent or more	988	49.3%	35.0 percent or more	93 10.8%
Not computed	-	0.0%	Not computed	35 4.1%
<b>\$20,000 to \$34,999:</b>	1,480	12.7%	<b>\$100,000 or more:</b>	2,029 17.4%
Less than 20.0 percent	181	12.2%	Less than 20.0 percent	1,326 65.4%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	100	6.8%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	453 22.3%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	185	12.5%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	176 8.7%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	118	8.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	50 2.5%
35.0 percent or more	828	55.9%	35.0 percent or more	19 0.9%
Not computed	68	4.6%	Not computed	5 0.2%
<b>\$35,000 to \$49,999:</b>	1,311	11.2%		
Less than 20.0 percent	356	27.2%		
20.0 to 24.9 percent	122	9.3%		
25.0 to 29.9 percent	137	10.5%		
30.0 to 34.9 percent	160	12.2%		
35.0 percent or more	536	40.9%		
Not computed	-	0.0%		

# Housing Characteristics

## Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	18,874	100.0%

## Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	18,874	100.0%
Occupied	17,761	94.1%
Vacant	1,113	5.9%

## Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	17,761	100.0%
Owner occupied	6,105	34.4%
Renter occupied	11,656	65.6%

## Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	1,113	100.0%
For rent	489	43.9%
Rented, not occupied	61	5.5%
For sale only	197	17.7%
Sold, not occupied	113	10.2%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	92	8.3%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	161	14.5%