

American Community Survey
2005-2009 Estimate

Back Bay-Beacon Hill
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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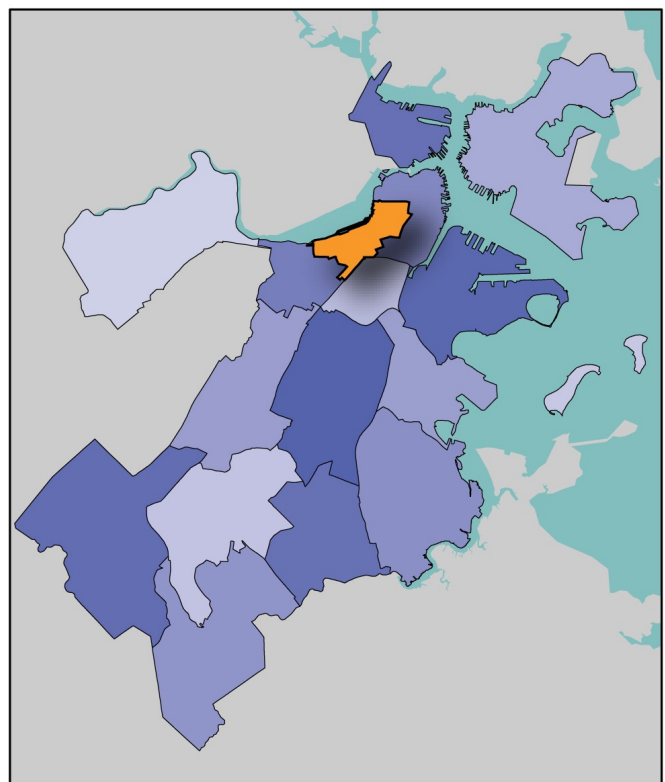


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Demographic Characteristics

Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	28,493	100.0%
Male	13,233	46.4%
Female	15,260	53.6%

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	28,493	100.0%
White alone	24,278	85.2%
Black or African American alone	557	2.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	86	0.3%
Asian alone	2,076	7.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	19	0.1%
Some other race alone	54	0.2%
Two or more races	301	1.1%
Hispanic or Latino	1,122	3.9%

**“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:	28,493	100.0%	40 to 44 years	1,438	5.0%
Under 5 years	843	3.0%	45 to 49 years	1,082	3.8%
5 to 9 years	475	1.7%	50 to 54 years	1,118	3.9%
10 to 14 years	443	1.6%	55 to 59 years	1,409	4.9%
15 to 17 years	89	0.3%	60 and 61 years	1,003	3.5%
18 and 19 years	2,203	7.7%	62 to 64 years	634	2.2%
20 years	1,163	4.1%	65 and 66 years	314	1.1%
21 years	652	2.3%	67 to 69 years	373	1.3%
22 to 24 years	1,692	5.9%	70 to 74 years	823	2.9%
25 to 29 years	5,549	19.5%	75 to 79 years	590	2.1%
30 to 34 years	3,948	13.9%	80 to 84 years	251	0.9%
35 to 39 years	2,098	7.4%	85 years and over	303	1.1%

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	28,493	100.0%
Native:	24,287	85.2%
Born in Massachusetts	9,083	37.4%
Born in other state in the United States:	14,719	60.6%
Northeast	7,601	51.6%
Midwest	2,800	19.0%
South	2,574	17.5%
West	1,744	11.8%
Born outside the United States:	485	2.0%
Puerto Rico	127	26.2%
U.S. Island Areas	-	0.0%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	358	73.8%
Foreign born:	4,206	14.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,741	41.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	2,465	58.6%

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:	4,691	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	1,899	40.5%
Native*	51	2.7%
Foreign born:	1,848	97.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	96	5.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,752	94.8%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	993	21.2%
Native*	85	8.6%
Foreign born:	908	91.4%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	580	63.9%
Not a U.S. citizen	328	36.1%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	614	13.1%
Native*	75	12.2%
Foreign born:	539	87.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	348	64.6%
Not a U.S. citizen	191	35.4%
Entered before 1980:	1,185	25.3%
Native*	274	23.1%
Foreign born:	911	76.9%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	717	78.7%
Not a U.S. citizen	194	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:	4,206	100.0%
China	643	15.3%
Canada	309	7.3%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	261	6.2%
France	260	6.2%
Colombia	155	3.7%
Japan	134	3.2%
Ireland	127	3.0%
Greece	125	3.0%
Croatia	123	2.9%
Italy	120	2.9%
Philippines	119	2.8%
Germany	114	2.7%
Brazil	114	2.7%
India	109	2.6%
Indonesia	95	2.3%
Korea	79	1.9%
Argentina	77	1.8%
Switzerland	57	1.4%
Chile	57	1.4%
Egypt	54	1.3%

Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	27,650	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	1,007	3.6%
Speak only English	884	87.8%
Speak Spanish	40	4.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	83	8.2%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	-	0.0%
Speak other languages	-	0.0%
18 to 64 years:	23,989	86.8%
Speak only English	19,687	82.1%
Speak Spanish	1,054	4.4%
Speak other Indo-European languages	1,639	6.8%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	1,291	5.4%
Speak other languages	318	1.3%
65 years and over:	2,654	9.6%
Speak only English	2,168	81.7%
Speak Spanish	19	0.7%
Speak other Indo-European languages	326	12.3%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	125	4.7%
Speak other languages	16	0.6%

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	14,970	100.0%
English only	12,138	81.1%
Spanish:	669	4.5%
Linguistically isolated	62	9.3%
Not linguistically isolated	607	90.7%
Other Indo-European languages:	1,391	9.3%
Linguistically isolated	258	18.5%
Not linguistically isolated	1,133	81.5%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	565	3.8%
Linguistically isolated	174	30.8%
Not linguistically isolated	391	69.2%
Other languages:	207	1.4%
Linguistically isolated	-	0.0%
Not linguistically isolated	207	100.0%

* 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:	26,732	100.0%
Male:	12,391	46.4%
Never married	7,424	59.9%
Now married:	4,254	34.3%
Married, spouse present	3,753	88.2%
Married, spouse absent:	501	11.8%
Separated	130	25.9%
Other	371	74.1%
Widowed	65	0.5%
Divorced	648	5.2%
Female:	14,341	53.6%
Never married	8,732	60.9%
Now married:	4,148	28.9%
Married, spouse present	3,777	91.1%
Married, spouse absent:	371	8.9%
Separated	83	22.4%
Other	288	77.6%
Widowed	452	3.2%
Divorced	1,009	7.0%

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	4,110	100.0%
Married-couple family:	3,748	91.2%
With related children under 18 years:	928	24.8%
Under 6 years only	489	52.7%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	132	14.2%
6 to 17 years only	307	33.1%
No related children under 18 years	2,820	75.2%
Other family:	362	8.8%
Male householder, no wife present:	138	38.1%
With related children under 18 years:	11	8.0%
Under 6 years only	-	0.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	11	100.0%
No related children under 18 years	127	92.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	224	61.9%
With related children under 18 years:	96	42.9%
Under 6 years only	13	13.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	83	86.5%
No related children under 18 years	128	57.1%

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	4,110	100.0%
Married-couple family:	3,748	91.2%
With related children under 18 years:	928	24.8%
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Educational Attainment by Sex

Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	20,933	100.0%
Male:	9,830	47.0%
Less than high school diploma	84	0.9%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	321	3.3%
Some college or associates degree	1,045	10.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8,380	85.2%
Female:	11,103	53.0%
Less than high school diploma	167	1.5%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	613	5.5%
Some college or associates degree	1,177	10.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9,146	82.4%

Household Population

Population by Household Type	Estimate	%
Total:	28,493	100.0%
In households:	24,743	86.8%
In family households	10,585	42.8%
In nonfamily households	14,158	57.2%
In group quarters	3,750	13.2%

Average Household Size

Average Household Size	Estimate
Total:	1.7
Owner Occupied	1.9
Renter Occupied	1.5

Economic Characteristics

Employment Status

Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	26,714	100.0%
In labor force:	19,372	72.5%
In Armed Forces	24	0.1%
Civilian:	19,348	99.9%
Employed	18,769	97.0%
Unemployed	579	3.0%
Not in labor force	7,342	27.5%

Work Status by Sex

Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years	Estimate	%
Total:	24,060	100.0%
Male:	11,190	46.5%
Worked in the past 12 months	9,807	87.6%
Did not work in the past 12 months	1,383	12.4%
Female:	12,870	53.5%
Worked in the past 12 months	10,938	85.0%
Did not work in the past 12 months	1,932	15.0%

Class of Worker

Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	18,769	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	12,995	69.2%
Employee of private company workers	12,216	94.0%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	779	6.0%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	3,492	18.6%
Local government workers	658	3.5%
State government workers	306	1.6%
Federal government workers	191	1.0%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	1,054	5.6%
Unpaid family workers	73	0.4%

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	18,769	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	-	0.0%
Construction	139	0.7%
Manufacturing	976	5.2%
Wholesale trade	441	2.3%
Retail trade	935	5.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	166	0.9%
Information	512	2.7%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	3,604	19.2%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	4,357	23.2%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	5,301	28.2%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	1,542	8.2%
Other services, except public administration	618	3.3%
Public administration	178	0.9%

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	18,769	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	13,011	69.3%
Management, business, and financial occupations	5,905	45.4%
Professional and related occupations	7,106	54.6%
Service occupations:	1,539	8.2%
Healthcare support occupations	135	8.8%
Protective service occupations	77	5.0%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	833	54.1%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	89	5.8%
Personal care and service occupations	405	26.3%
Sales and office occupations:	3,946	21.0%
Sales and related occupations	2,374	60.2%
Office and administrative support occupations	1,572	39.8%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	-	0.0%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	52	0.3%
Construction and extraction occupations	22	42.3%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	30	57.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	221	1.2%
Production occupations	97	43.9%
Transportation and material moving occupations	124	56.1%

Family Poverty Status

Age of Related Children by Presence of Related Children by Family Type by Poverty Status	Estimate	%
Total:	4,110	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	103	2.5%
Married-couple family:	27	26.2%
With related children under 18 years:	10	37.0%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	10	100.0%
5 to 17 years only	-	0.0%
No related children under 18 years	17	63.0%
Other family:	76	73.8%
Male householder, no wife present:	-	0.0%
With related children under 18 years:	-	0.0%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	-	0.0%
No related children under 18 years	-	0.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	76	100.0%
With related children under 18 years:	44	57.9%
Under 5 years only	13	29.5%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	31	70.5%
No related children under 18 years	32	42.1%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	4,007	97.5%
Married-couple family:	3,721	92.9%
With related children under 18 years:	918	24.7%
Under 5 years only	478	52.1%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	76	8.3%
5 to 17 years only	364	39.7%
No related children under 18 years	2,803	75.3%
Other family:	286	7.1%
Male householder, no wife present:	138	48.3%
With related children under 18 years:	11	8.0%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	11	100.0%
No related children under 18 years	127	92.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	148	51.7%
With related children under 18 years:	52	35.1%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	52	100.0%
No related children under 18 years	96	64.9%

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 73,683

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 82,742

Household Income (In 2009 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	14,970	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,393	9.3%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	435	2.9%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	519	3.5%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	355	2.4%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	243	1.6%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	363	2.4%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	305	2.0%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	552	3.7%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	280	1.9%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,079	7.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,315	8.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,086	13.9%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,193	8.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	867	5.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,069	7.1%
\$200,000 or more	2,916	19.5%

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months					
	Estimate	%		Estimate	%
Total:	9,410	100.0%			
Less than \$10,000:	1,173	12.5%	\$50,000 to \$74,999:	1,723	18.3%
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	74	4.3%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	-	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	298	17.3%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	71	6.1%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	592	34.4%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	49	4.2%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	125	7.3%
35.0 percent or more	654	55.8%	35.0 percent or more	628	36.4%
Not computed	399	34.0%	Not computed	6	0.3%
\$10,000 to \$19,999:	844	9.0%	\$75,000 to \$99,999:	1,415	15.0%
Less than 20.0 percent	11	1.3%	Less than 20.0 percent	280	19.8%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	57	6.8%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	565	39.9%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	128	15.2%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	139	9.8%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	59	7.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	100	7.1%
35.0 percent or more	546	64.7%	35.0 percent or more	284	20.1%
Not computed	43	5.1%	Not computed	47	3.3%
\$20,000 to \$34,999:	749	8.0%	\$100,000 or more:	2,660	28.3%
Less than 20.0 percent	68	9.1%	Less than 20.0 percent	1,819	68.4%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	-	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	487	18.3%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	20	2.7%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	175	6.6%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	32	4.3%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	74	2.8%
35.0 percent or more	572	76.4%	35.0 percent or more	10	0.4%
Not computed	57	7.6%	Not computed	95	3.6%
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	846	9.0%			
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	-	0.0%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	60	7.1%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	178	21.0%			
35.0 percent or more	593	70.1%			
Not computed	15	1.8%			

Housing Characteristics

Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	17,121	100.0%

Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	17,121	100.0%
Occupied	14,970	87.4%
Vacant	2,151	12.6%

Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	14,970	100.0%
Owner occupied	5,560	37.1%
Renter occupied	9,410	62.9%

Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	2,151	100.0%
For rent	635	29.5%
Rented, not occupied	309	14.4%
For sale only	81	3.8%
Sold, not occupied	157	7.3%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	573	26.6%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	396	18.4%