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2005-2009 Estimate

## *Jamaica Plain*

### *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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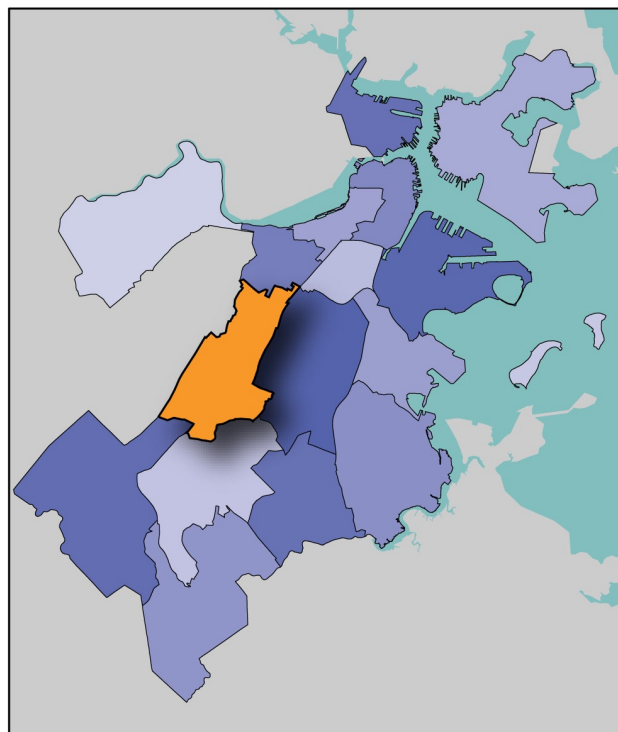
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# Demographic Characteristics

## Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	40,268	100.0%
Male	19,153	47.6%
Female	21,115	52.4%

## Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	40,268	100.0%
White alone	22,774	56.6%
Black or African American alone	5,590	13.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	127	0.3%
Asian alone	3,500	8.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	-	0.0%
Some other race alone	242	0.6%
Two or more races	744	1.8%
Hispanic or Latino	7,291	18.1%

*\*"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:	40,268	100.0%	40 to 44 years	2,541	6.3%
Under 5 years	2,112	5.2%	45 to 49 years	2,677	6.6%
5 to 9 years	1,333	3.3%	50 to 54 years	1,773	4.4%
10 to 14 years	1,819	4.5%	55 to 59 years	2,260	5.6%
15 to 17 years	1,285	3.2%	60 and 61 years	722	1.8%
18 and 19 years	1,143	2.8%	62 to 64 years	749	1.9%
20 years	893	2.2%	65 and 66 years	381	0.9%
21 years	776	1.9%	67 to 69 years	624	1.5%
22 to 24 years	2,925	7.3%	70 to 74 years	1,020	2.5%
25 to 29 years	5,302	13.2%	75 to 79 years	756	1.9%
30 to 34 years	4,918	12.2%	80 to 84 years	809	2.0%
35 to 39 years	2,904	7.2%	85 years and over	546	1.4%

## Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	40,268	100.0%
Native:	31,653	78.6%
Born in Massachusetts	16,839	53.2%
Born in other state in the United States:	13,348	42.2%
Northeast	6,678	50.0%
Midwest	2,673	20.0%
South	2,751	20.6%
West	1,246	9.3%
Born outside the United States:	1,466	4.6%
Puerto Rico	1,151	78.5%
U.S. Island Areas	-	0.0%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	315	21.5%
Foreign born:	8,615	21.4%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,447	51.6%
Not a U.S. citizen	4,168	48.4%

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

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the US	Estimate	%
Total:	10,081	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	2,872	28.5%
Native*	292	10.2%
Foreign born:	2,580	89.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	484	18.8%
Not a U.S. citizen	2,096	81.2%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	3,030	30.1%
Native*	257	8.5%
Foreign born:	2,773	91.5%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,456	52.5%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,317	47.5%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	1,535	15.2%
Native*	158	10.3%
Foreign born:	1,377	89.7%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	957	69.5%
Not a U.S. citizen	420	30.5%
Entered before 1980:	2,644	26.2%
Native*	759	28.7%
Foreign born:	1,885	71.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,550	82.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	335	17.8%

\* 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:	8,615	100.0%
Dominican Republic	1,209	14.0%
China	1,191	13.8%
India	543	6.3%
Ireland	288	3.3%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	243	2.8%
Canada	217	2.5%
Guatemala	216	2.5%
Russia	215	2.5%
Ethiopia	205	2.4%
Colombia	202	2.3%
Argentina	186	2.2%
Vietnam	159	1.8%
France	148	1.7%
Korea	146	1.7%
Ukraine	141	1.6%
Haiti	135	1.6%
Italy	110	1.3%
Romania	108	1.3%
Greece	100	1.2%
Germany	91	1.1%

## Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	38,156	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	4,437	11.6%
Speak only English	2,340	52.7%
Speak Spanish	1,438	32.4%
Speak other Indo-European languages	159	3.6%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	249	5.6%
Speak other languages	251	5.7%
18 to 64 years:	29,583	77.5%
Speak only English	20,296	68.6%
Speak Spanish	4,264	14.4%
Speak other Indo-European languages	2,085	7.0%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	1,945	6.6%
Speak other languages	993	3.4%
65 years and over:	4,136	10.8%
Speak only English	2,876	69.5%
Speak Spanish	429	10.4%
Speak other Indo-European languages	548	13.2%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	228	5.5%
Speak other languages	55	1.3%



## Linguistic Isolation by Household Language\*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	16,322	100.0%
English only	10,609	65.0%
Spanish:	2,628	16.1%
Linguistically isolated	815	31.0%
Not linguistically isolated	1,813	69.0%
Other Indo-European languages:	1,381	8.5%
Linguistically isolated	271	19.6%
Not linguistically isolated	1,110	80.4%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	1,128	6.9%
Linguistically isolated	259	23.0%
Not linguistically isolated	869	77.0%
Other languages:	576	3.5%
Linguistically isolated	63	10.9%
Not linguistically isolated	513	89.1%

\* 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:	35,004	100.0%
Male:	16,659	47.6%
Never married	10,051	60.3%
Now married:	5,347	32.1%
Married, spouse present	4,401	82.3%
Married, spouse absent:	946	17.7%
Separated	335	35.4%
Other	611	64.6%
Widowed	328	2.0%
Divorced	933	5.6%
Female:	18,345	52.4%
Never married	9,893	53.9%
Now married:	5,432	29.6%
Married, spouse present	4,476	82.4%
Married, spouse absent:	956	17.6%
Separated	544	56.9%
Other	412	43.1%
Widowed	1,400	7.6%
Divorced	1,620	8.8%

## Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	7,003	100.0%
Married-couple family:	4,285	61.2%
With related children under 18 years:	1,788	41.7%
Under 6 years only	863	48.3%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	126	7.0%
6 to 17 years only	799	44.7%
No related children under 18 years	2,497	58.3%
Other family:	2,718	38.8%
Male householder, no wife present:	424	15.6%
With related children under 18 years:	142	33.5%
Under 6 years only	11	7.7%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	14	9.9%
6 to 17 years only	117	82.4%
No related children under 18 years	282	66.5%
Female householder, no husband present:	2,294	84.4%
With related children under 18 years:	1,417	61.8%
Under 6 years only	186	13.1%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	257	18.1%
6 to 17 years only	974	68.7%
No related children under 18 years	877	38.2%

## Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	7,003	100.0%
Married-couple family:	4,285	61.2%
With related children under 18 years:	1,830	42.7%
Under 6 years only	897	49.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	126	6.9%
6 to 17 years only	807	44.1%
No related children under 18 years	2,455	57.3%
Other family:	2,718	38.8%
Male householder, no wife present:	424	15.6%
With related children under 18 years:	142	33.5%
Under 6 years only	11	7.7%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	14	9.9%
6 to 17 years only	117	82.4%
No related children under 18 years	282	66.5%
Female householder, no husband present:	2,294	84.4%
With related children under 18 years:	1,611	70.2%
Under 6 years only	237	14.7%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	261	16.2%
6 to 17 years only	1,113	69.1%
No related children under 18 years	683	29.8%



## Educational Attainment by Sex

<b>Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	27,982	100.0%
Male:	12,967	46.3%
Less than high school diploma	1,467	11.3%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,011	15.5%
Some college or associates degree	2,073	16.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	7,416	57.2%
Female:	15,015	53.7%
Less than high school diploma	1,916	12.8%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,228	14.8%
Some college or associates degree	2,165	14.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8,706	58.0%

## Household Population

<b>Population by Household Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	40,268	100.0%
In households:	39,102	97.1%
In family households	22,662	58.0%
In nonfamily households	16,440	42.0%
In group quarters	1,166	2.9%

## Average Household Size

<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
Total:	2.4
Owner Occupied	2.3
Renter Occupied	2.4

# Economic Characteristics

## Employment Status

<b>Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	34,553	100.0%
In labor force:	24,402	70.6%
In Armed Forces	-	0.0%
Civilian:	24,402	100.0%
Employed	22,536	92.4%
Unemployed	1,866	7.6%
Not in labor force	10,151	29.4%

## Work Status by Sex

<b>Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	30,417	100.0%
Male:	14,987	49.3%
Worked in the past 12 months	12,569	83.9%
Did not work in the past 12 months	2,418	16.1%
Female:	15,430	50.7%
Worked in the past 12 months	12,846	83.3%
Did not work in the past 12 months	2,584	16.7%

## Class of Worker

<b>Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	22,536	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	12,717	56.4%
Employee of private company workers	12,272	96.5%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	445	3.5%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	5,876	26.1%
Local government workers	1,478	6.6%
State government workers	886	3.9%
Federal government workers	298	1.3%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	1,253	5.6%
Unpaid family workers	28	0.1%

## Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	22,536	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	13	0.1%
Construction	388	1.7%
Manufacturing	738	3.3%
Wholesale trade	276	1.2%
Retail trade	1,902	8.4%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	326	1.4%
Information	770	3.4%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,806	8.0%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	3,463	15.4%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	8,926	39.6%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	2,435	10.8%
Other services, except public administration	776	3.4%
Public administration	717	3.2%

## Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	22,536	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	13,650	60.6%
Management, business, and financial occupations	4,155	30.4%
Professional and related occupations	9,495	69.6%
Service occupations:	3,102	13.8%
Healthcare support occupations	386	12.4%
Protective service occupations	184	5.9%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	1,358	43.8%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	495	16.0%
Personal care and service occupations	679	21.9%
Sales and office occupations:	4,461	19.8%
Sales and related occupations	2,050	46.0%
Office and administrative support occupations	2,411	54.0%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	-	0.0%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	501	2.2%
Construction and extraction occupations	326	65.1%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	175	34.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	822	3.6%
Production occupations	480	58.4%
Transportation and material moving occupations	342	41.6%

## 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:	7,003	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	947	13.5%
Married-couple family:	152	16.1%
With related children under 18 years:	57	37.5%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	57	100.0%
No related children under 18 years	95	62.5%
Other family:	795	83.9%
Male householder, no wife present:	5	0.6%
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	5	100.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	790	99.4%
With related children under 18 years:	682	86.3%
Under 5 years only	67	9.8%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	166	24.3%
5 to 17 years only	449	65.8%
No related children under 18 years	108	13.7%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	6,056	86.5%
Married-couple family:	4,133	68.2%
With related children under 18 years:	1,773	42.9%
Under 5 years only	828	46.7%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	153	8.6%
5 to 17 years only	792	44.7%
No related children under 18 years	2,360	57.1%
Other family:	1,923	31.8%
Male householder, no wife present:	419	21.8%
With related children under 18 years:	142	33.9%
Under 5 years only	11	7.7%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	14	9.9%
5 to 17 years only	117	82.4%
No related children under 18 years	277	66.1%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,504	78.2%
With related children under 18 years:	929	61.8%
Under 5 years only	125	13.5%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	123	13.2%
5 to 17 years only	681	73.3%
No related children under 18 years	575	38.2%

## Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 35,706

## Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 55,861

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

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	16,322	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,935	11.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,003	6.1%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	594	3.6%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	609	3.7%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	656	4.0%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	646	4.0%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	601	3.7%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	802	4.9%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	668	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,104	6.8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,394	8.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,968	12.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,346	8.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	812	5.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,208	7.4%
\$200,000 or more	976	6.0%

## 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>	10,304	100.0%			
<b>Less than \$10,000:</b>	1,830	17.8%	<b>\$50,000 to \$74,999:</b>	1,632	15.8%
Less than 20.0 percent	65	3.6%	Less than 20.0 percent	475	29.1%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	81	4.4%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	205	12.6%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	382	20.9%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	376	23.0%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	105	5.7%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	314	19.2%
35.0 percent or more	908	49.6%	35.0 percent or more	202	12.4%
Not computed	289	15.8%	Not computed	60	3.7%
<b>\$10,000 to \$19,999:</b>	1,386	13.5%	<b>\$75,000 to \$99,999:</b>	993	9.6%
Less than 20.0 percent	202	14.6%	Less than 20.0 percent	523	52.7%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	44	3.2%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	272	27.4%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	209	15.1%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	134	13.5%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	97	7.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	39	3.9%
35.0 percent or more	805	58.1%	35.0 percent or more	9	0.9%
Not computed	29	2.1%	Not computed	16	1.6%
<b>\$20,000 to \$34,999:</b>	1,600	15.5%	<b>\$100,000 or more:</b>	1,353	13.1%
Less than 20.0 percent	140	8.8%	Less than 20.0 percent	1,144	84.6%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	157	9.8%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	134	9.9%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	168	10.5%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	39	2.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	80	5.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	6	0.4%
35.0 percent or more	1,055	65.9%	35.0 percent or more	30	2.2%
Not computed	-	0.0%	Not computed	-	0.0%
<b>\$35,000 to \$49,999:</b>	1,510	14.7%			
Less than 20.0 percent	210	13.9%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	116	7.7%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	158	10.5%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	336	22.3%			
35.0 percent or more	690	45.7%			
Not computed	-	0.0%			



# Housing Characteristics

## Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	17,466	100.0%

## Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	17,466	100.0%
Occupied	16,322	93.5%
Vacant	1,144	6.5%

## Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	16,322	100.0%
Owner occupied	6,018	36.9%
Renter occupied	10,304	63.1%

## Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	1,144	100.0%
For rent	283	24.7%
Rented, not occupied	196	17.1%
For sale only	110	9.6%
Sold, not occupied	60	5.2%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	51	4.5%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	444	38.8%