

# American Community Survey

2005-2009 Estimate

## *South Boston*

*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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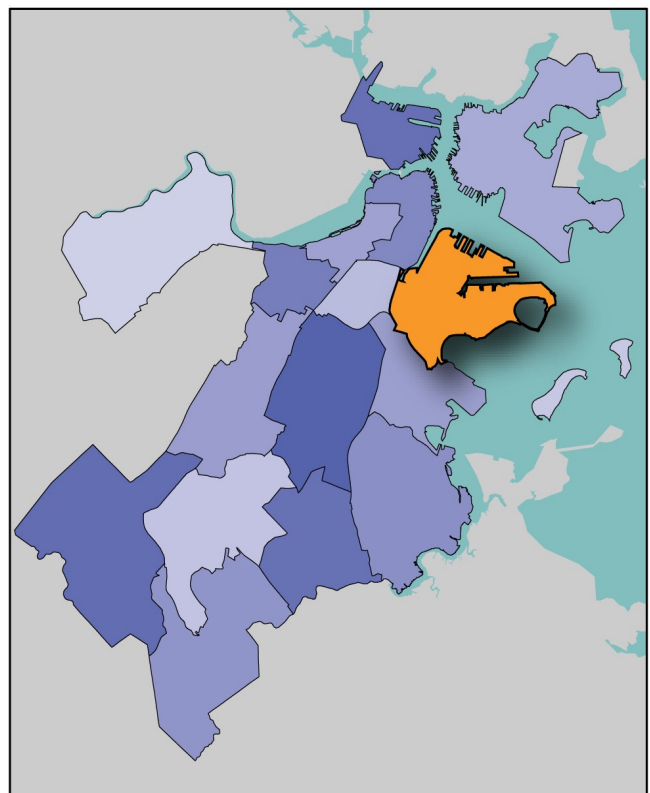
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# Demographic Characteristics

## Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	35,352	100.0%
Male	16,210	45.9%
Female	19,142	54.1%

## Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	35,352	100.0%
White alone	29,418	83.2%
Black or African American alone	1,215	3.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	103	0.3%
Asian alone	1,515	4.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	25	0.1%
Some other race alone	370	1.0%
Two or more races	83	0.2%
Hispanic or Latino	2,623	7.4%

*\*"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:	35,352	100.0%	40 to 44 years	2,312 6.5%
Under 5 years	1,625	4.6%	45 to 49 years	2,202 6.2%
5 to 9 years	1,169	3.3%	50 to 54 years	2,217 6.3%
10 to 14 years	1,163	3.3%	55 to 59 years	1,608 4.5%
15 to 17 years	960	2.7%	60 and 61 years	704 2.0%
18 and 19 years	368	1.0%	62 to 64 years	594 1.7%
20 years	212	0.6%	65 and 66 years	282 0.8%
21 years	246	0.7%	67 to 69 years	737 2.1%
22 to 24 years	1,317	3.7%	70 to 74 years	937 2.7%
25 to 29 years	6,483	18.3%	75 to 79 years	745 2.1%
30 to 34 years	5,104	14.4%	80 to 84 years	512 1.4%
35 to 39 years	3,223	9.1%	85 years and over	632 1.8%

## Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	35,352	100.0%
Native:	31,438	88.9%
Born in Massachusetts	23,481	74.7%
Born in other state in the United States:	7,480	23.8%
Northeast	3,963	53.0%
Midwest	1,555	20.8%
South	1,033	13.8%
West	929	12.4%
Born outside the United States:	477	1.5%
Puerto Rico	367	76.9%
U.S. Island Areas	-	0.0%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	110	23.1%
Foreign born:	3,914	11.1%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,732	44.3%
Not a U.S. citizen	2,182	55.7%

## 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:	4,391	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	1,196	27.2%
Native*	42	3.5%
Foreign born:	1,154	96.5%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	108	9.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,046	90.6%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	1,702	38.8%
Native*	176	10.3%
Foreign born:	1,526	89.7%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	795	52.1%
Not a U.S. citizen	731	47.9%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	737	16.8%
Native*	116	15.7%
Foreign born:	621	84.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	419	67.5%
Not a U.S. citizen	202	32.5%
Entered before 1980:	756	17.2%
Native*	143	18.9%
Foreign born:	613	81.1%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	410	66.9%
Not a U.S. citizen	203	33.1%

\* 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:	3,914	100.0%
Dominican Republic	1,288	32.9%
China	619	15.8%
Cape Verde	270	6.9%
Philippines	157	4.0%
Vietnam	153	3.9%
Ireland	131	3.3%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	114	2.9%
Canada	81	2.1%
Greece	76	1.9%
Japan	73	1.9%
Albania	71	1.8%
Poland	51	1.3%
Germany	47	1.2%
Lithuania	46	1.2%
Italy	45	1.1%
Nigeria	34	0.9%
Brazil	34	0.9%
Colombia	34	0.9%
Kenya	30	0.8%
Russia	27	0.7%

## Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	33,727	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	3,292	9.8%
Speak only English	2,339	71.1%
Speak Spanish	444	13.5%
Speak other Indo-European languages	196	6.0%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	201	6.1%
Speak other languages	112	3.4%
18 to 64 years:	26,590	78.8%
Speak only English	23,127	87.0%
Speak Spanish	1,577	5.9%
Speak other Indo-European languages	989	3.7%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	752	2.8%
Speak other languages	145	0.5%
65 years and over:	3,845	11.4%
Speak only English	2,981	77.5%
Speak Spanish	386	10.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	336	8.7%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	110	2.9%
Speak other languages	32	0.8%

## Linguistic Isolation by Household Language\*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	15,889	100.0%
English only	13,287	83.6%
Spanish:	1,176	7.4%
Linguistically isolated	673	57.2%
Not linguistically isolated	503	42.8%
Other Indo-European languages:	897	5.6%
Linguistically isolated	158	17.6%
Not linguistically isolated	739	82.4%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	424	2.7%
Linguistically isolated	288	67.9%
Not linguistically isolated	136	32.1%
Other languages:	105	0.7%
Linguistically isolated	16	15.2%
Not linguistically isolated	89	84.8%

\* 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:	31,395	100.0%
Male:	14,033	44.7%
Never married	8,409	59.9%
Now married:	4,545	32.4%
Married, spouse present	4,108	90.4%
Married, spouse absent:	437	9.6%
Separated	195	44.6%
Other	242	55.4%
Widowed	287	2.0%
Divorced	792	5.6%
Female:	17,362	55.3%
Never married	9,677	55.7%
Now married:	4,849	27.9%
Married, spouse present	4,124	85.0%
Married, spouse absent:	725	15.0%
Separated	509	70.2%
Other	216	29.8%
Widowed	1,329	7.7%
Divorced	1,507	8.7%

## Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	6,107	100.0%
Married-couple family:	3,969	65.0%
With related children under 18 years:	1,410	35.5%
Under 6 years only	515	36.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	200	14.2%
6 to 17 years only	695	49.3%
No related children under 18 years	2,559	64.5%
Other family:	2,138	35.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	479	22.4%
With related children under 18 years:	148	30.9%
Under 6 years only	93	62.8%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	55	37.2%
No related children under 18 years	331	69.1%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,659	77.6%
With related children under 18 years:	838	50.5%
Under 6 years only	126	15.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	150	17.9%
6 to 17 years only	562	67.1%
No related children under 18 years	821	49.5%

## Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	6,107	100.0%
Married-couple family:	3,969	65.0%
With related children under 18 years:	1,456	36.7%
Under 6 years only	535	36.7%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	215	14.8%
6 to 17 years only	706	48.5%
No related children under 18 years	2,513	63.3%
Other family:	2,138	35.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	479	22.4%
With related children under 18 years:	161	33.6%
Under 6 years only	106	65.8%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	55	34.2%
No related children under 18 years	318	66.4%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,659	77.6%
With related children under 18 years:	969	58.4%
Under 6 years only	127	13.1%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	182	18.8%
6 to 17 years only	660	68.1%
No related children under 18 years	690	41.6%



## Educational Attainment by Sex

<b>Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	28,292	100.0%
Male:	12,474	44.1%
Less than high school diploma	1,200	9.6%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	3,176	25.5%
Some college or associates degree	2,014	16.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	6,084	48.8%
Female:	15,818	55.9%
Less than high school diploma	2,223	14.1%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	3,851	24.3%
Some college or associates degree	2,425	15.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	7,319	46.3%

## Household Population

<b>Population by Household Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	35,352	100.0%
In households:	35,047	99.1%
In family households	19,874	56.7%
In nonfamily households	15,173	43.3%
In group quarters	305	0.9%

## Average Household Size

<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
Total:	2.2
Owner Occupied	2.3
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:	31,116	100.0%
In labor force:	23,111	74.3%
In Armed Forces	20	0.1%
Civilian:	23,091	99.9%
Employed	21,792	94.4%
Unemployed	1,299	5.6%
Not in labor force	8,005	25.7%

## Work Status by Sex

<b>Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	27,271	100.0%
Male:	12,537	46.0%
Worked in the past 12 months	10,721	85.5%
Did not work in the past 12 months	1,816	14.5%
Female:	14,734	54.0%
Worked in the past 12 months	12,244	83.1%
Did not work in the past 12 months	2,490	16.9%

## Class of Worker

<b>Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	21,792	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	15,244	70.0%
Employee of private company workers	14,932	98.0%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	312	2.0%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	2,265	10.4%
Local government workers	2,179	10.0%
State government workers	944	4.3%
Federal government workers	245	1.1%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	915	4.2%
Unpaid family workers	-	0.0%

## Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

<b>Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	21,792	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	-	0.0%
Construction	1,145	5.3%
Manufacturing	879	4.0%
Wholesale trade	725	3.3%
Retail trade	1,099	5.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	825	3.8%
Information	1,133	5.2%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	3,380	15.5%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	3,865	17.7%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	4,889	22.4%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	1,491	6.8%
Other services, except public administration	829	3.8%
Public administration	1,532	7.0%

## Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

<b>Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	21,792	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	9,985	45.8%
Management, business, and financial occupations	4,666	46.7%
Professional and related occupations	5,319	53.3%
Service occupations:	3,735	17.1%
Healthcare support occupations	262	7.0%
Protective service occupations	898	24.0%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	945	25.3%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	841	22.5%
Personal care and service occupations	789	21.1%
Sales and office occupations:	5,830	26.8%
Sales and related occupations	2,832	48.6%
Office and administrative support occupations	2,998	51.4%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	-	0.0%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	1,163	5.3%
Construction and extraction occupations	936	80.5%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	227	19.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	1,079	5.0%
Production occupations	531	49.2%
Transportation and material moving occupations	548	50.8%

## 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:	6,107	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	823	13.5%
Married-couple family:	181	22.0%
With related children under 18 years:	98	54.1%
Under 5 years only	29	29.6%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	7	7.1%
5 to 17 years only	62	63.3%
No related children under 18 years	83	45.9%
Other family:	642	78.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	16	2.5%
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	16	100.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	626	97.5%
With related children under 18 years:	552	88.2%
Under 5 years only	74	13.4%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	161	29.2%
5 to 17 years only	317	57.4%
No related children under 18 years	74	11.8%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	5,284	86.5%
Married-couple family:	3,788	71.7%
With related children under 18 years:	1,358	35.9%
Under 5 years only	413	30.4%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	238	17.5%
5 to 17 years only	707	52.1%
No related children under 18 years	2,430	64.1%
Other family:	1,496	28.3%
Male householder, no wife present:	463	30.9%
With related children under 18 years:	161	34.8%
Under 5 years only	106	65.8%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	55	34.2%
No related children under 18 years	302	65.2%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,033	69.1%
With related children under 18 years:	417	40.4%
Under 5 years only	28	6.7%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	36	8.6%
5 to 17 years only	353	84.7%
No related children under 18 years	616	59.6%

## Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 41,198

## Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 63,747

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

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	15,889	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,683	10.6%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	785	4.9%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	645	4.1%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	798	5.0%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	504	3.2%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	663	4.2%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	692	4.4%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	462	2.9%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	380	2.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,024	6.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,235	7.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,154	13.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,377	8.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,166	7.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,314	8.3%
\$200,000 or more	1,007	6.3%

## 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>	8,869	100.0%		
<b>Less than \$10,000:</b>	1,450	16.3%	<b>\$50,000 to \$74,999:</b>	1,191 13.4%
Less than 20.0 percent	97	6.7%	Less than 20.0 percent	323 27.1%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	33	2.3%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	325 27.3%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	209	14.4%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	271 22.8%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	245	16.9%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	123 10.3%
35.0 percent or more	728	50.2%	35.0 percent or more	127 10.7%
Not computed	138	9.5%	Not computed	22 1.8%
<b>\$10,000 to \$19,999:</b>	1,184	13.3%	<b>\$75,000 to \$99,999:</b>	1,023 11.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	102	8.6%	Less than 20.0 percent	433 42.3%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	50	4.2%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	341 33.3%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	186	15.7%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	97 9.5%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	141	11.9%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	23 2.2%
35.0 percent or more	641	54.1%	35.0 percent or more	20 2.0%
Not computed	64	5.4%	Not computed	109 10.7%
<b>\$20,000 to \$34,999:</b>	1,520	17.1%	<b>\$100,000 or more:</b>	1,517 17.1%
Less than 20.0 percent	152	10.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	1,287 84.8%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	118	7.8%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	123 8.1%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	288	18.9%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	31 2.0%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	113	7.4%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	29 1.9%
35.0 percent or more	736	48.4%	35.0 percent or more	47 3.1%
Not computed	113	7.4%	Not computed	- 0.0%
<b>\$35,000 to \$49,999:</b>	984	11.1%		
Less than 20.0 percent	53	5.4%		
20.0 to 24.9 percent	61	6.2%		
25.0 to 29.9 percent	219	22.3%		
30.0 to 34.9 percent	219	22.3%		
35.0 percent or more	413	42.0%		
Not computed	19	1.9%		

# Housing Characteristics

## Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	17,250	100.0%

## Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	17,250	100.0%
Occupied	15,889	92.1%
Vacant	1,361	7.9%

## Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	15,889	100.0%
Owner occupied	7,020	44.2%
Renter occupied	8,869	55.8%

## Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	1,361	100.0%
For rent	466	34.2%
Rented, not occupied	29	2.1%
For sale only	256	18.8%
Sold, not occupied	8	0.6%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	6	0.4%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	596	43.8%