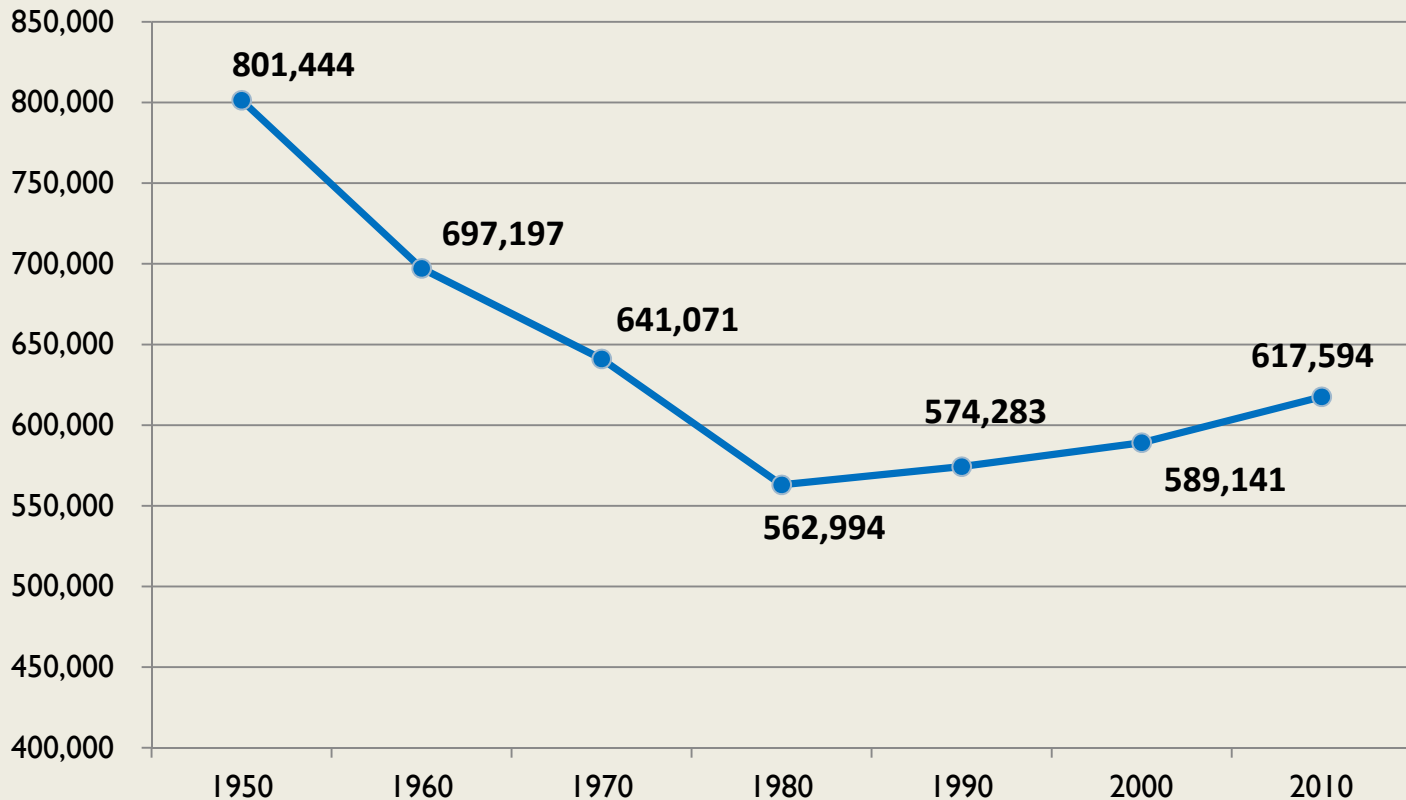


Overview of Boston's Population

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Historic Trends – Boston's Population

- Boston reached its population peak in 1950.
- Boston's population, like many major cities, declined after 1950.
- In recent decades, Boston's population has grown.
- The 2010 Census marks the first time since 1970 that Boston's population has been over 600,000.



Major Northeastern Cities and Population Change, 2010 Census

- Boston's population growth since 2000 compares favorably to most other northeastern cities.

City	Total Population		Population Change 2000-2010	
	2000	2010	N	%
Washington (DC)	572,059	601,723	29,664	5.2%
Worcester (MA)	172,648	181,045	8,397	4.9%
Boston (MA)	589,141	617,594	28,453	4.8%
Cambridge (MA)	101,355	105,162	3,807	3.8%
Elizabeth (NJ)	120,568	124,969	4,401	3.7%
Hartford (CT)	121,578	124,775	3,197	2.6%
Providence (RI)	173,618	178,042	4,424	2.5%
New York (NY)	8,008,278	8,175,133	166,855	2.1%
Newark (NJ)	273,546	277,140	3,594	1.3%
Springfield (MA)	152,082	153,060	978	0.6%
Philadelphia (PA)	1,517,550	1,526,006	8,456	0.6%
Baltimore (MD)	651,154	620,961	-30,193	-4.6%
Pittsburgh (PA)	334,563	305,704	-28,859	-8.6%
Buffalo (NY)	292,648	261,310	-31,338	-10.7%

25 Largest US Cities and Population Change, 2010 Census

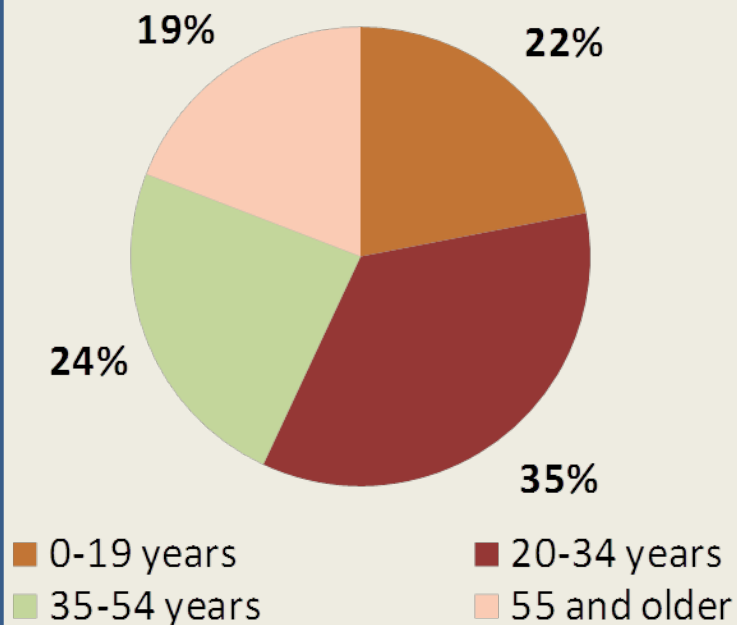
- Boston's population growth rate since 2000 was higher than the rates for New York and San Francisco.
- Four of the 25 largest cities experienced population declines between 2000 and 2010.

City	Total Population		Population Change 2000-2010	
	2000	2010	N	%
Fort Worth (TX)	534,694	741,206	206,512	38.6%
Charlotte (NC)	540,828	731,424	190,596	35.2%
Austin (TX)	656,562	790,390	133,828	20.4%
San Antonio (TX)	1,144,646	1,327,407	182,761	16.0%
El Paso (TX)	563,662	649,121	85,459	15.2%
Jacksonville (FL)	735,617	821,784	86,167	11.7%
Columbus (OH)	711,470	787,033	75,563	10.6%
Nashville (TN)	545,524	601,222	55,698	10.2%
Phoenix (AZ)	1,321,045	1,445,632	124,587	9.4%
Seattle (WA)	563,374	608,660	45,286	8.0%
Houston (TX)	1,953,631	2,099,451	145,820	7.5%
San Diego (CA)	1,223,400	1,307,402	84,002	6.9%
San Jose (CA)	894,943	945,942	50,999	5.7%
Washington (DC)	572,059	601,723	29,664	5.2%
Indianapolis (IN)	781,870	820,445	38,575	4.9%
Boston (MA)	589,141	617,594	28,453	4.8%
San Francisco (CA)	776,733	805,235	28,502	3.7%
Los Angeles (CA)	3,694,820	3,792,621	97,801	2.6%
New York City (NY)	8,008,278	8,175,133	166,855	2.1%
Dallas (TX)	1,188,580	1,197,816	9,236	0.8%
Philadelphia (PA)	1,517,550	1,526,006	8,456	0.6%
Memphis (TN)	650,100	646,889	-3,211	-0.5%
Baltimore (MD)	651,154	620,961	-30,193	-4.6%
Chicago (IL)	2,896,016	2,695,598	-200,418	-6.9%
Detroit (MI)	951,270	713,777	-237,493	-25.0%

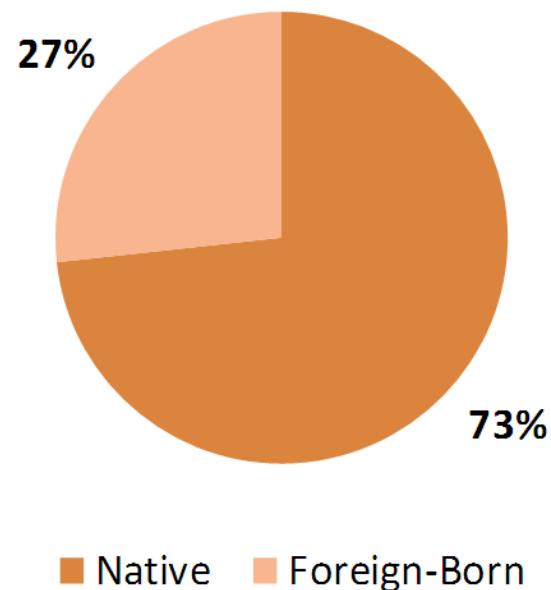
Demographic Breakdown of Boston's Population

- Boston is a young city. Currently Boston has the 2nd highest concentration of young adults (20-34) amongst the largest 25 cities in the US.
- Boston is a diverse city. Today, Boston ranks 6th among the 25 largest cities in the US in proportion of the population that is foreign-born.

Age

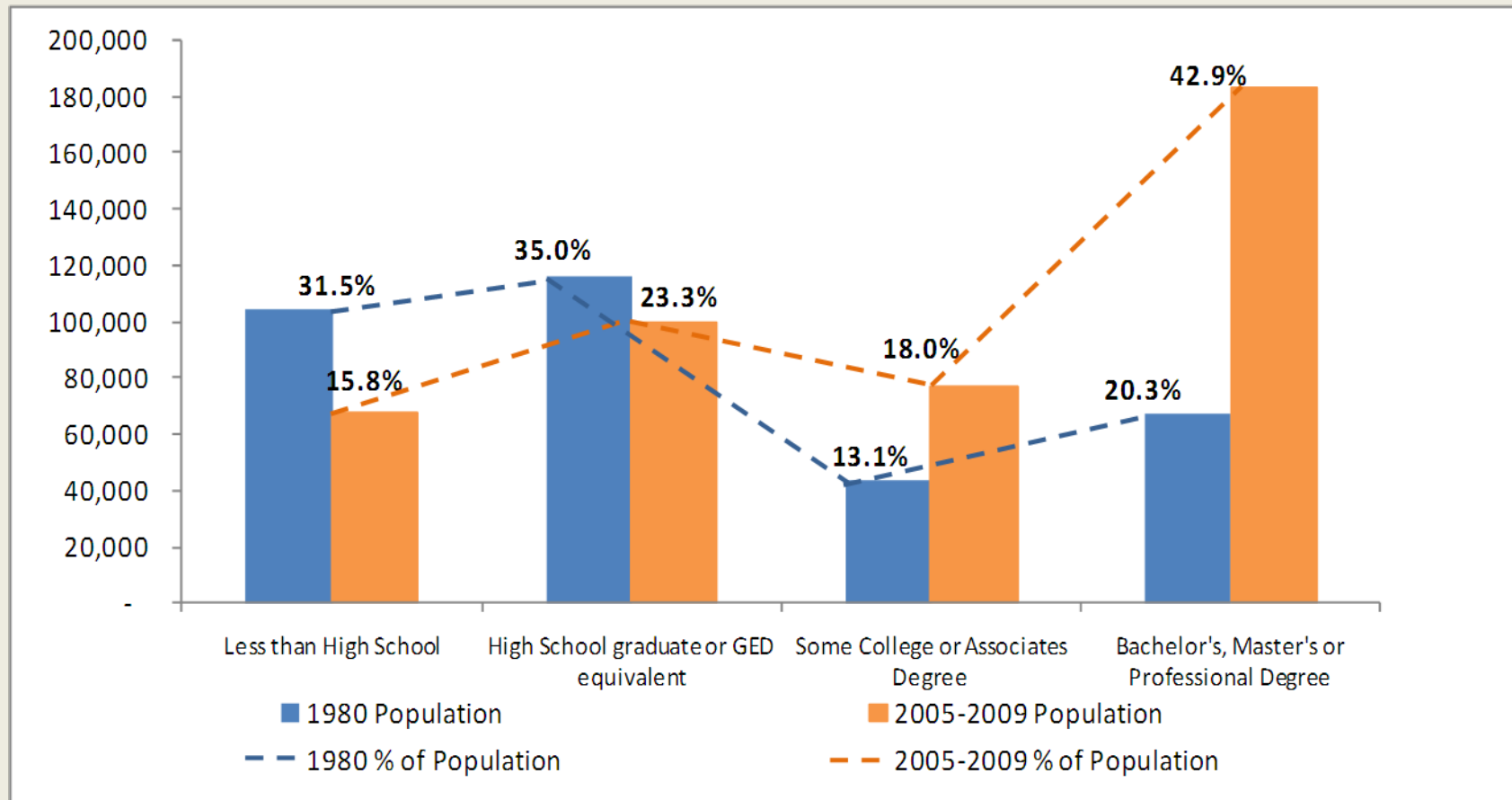


Nativity



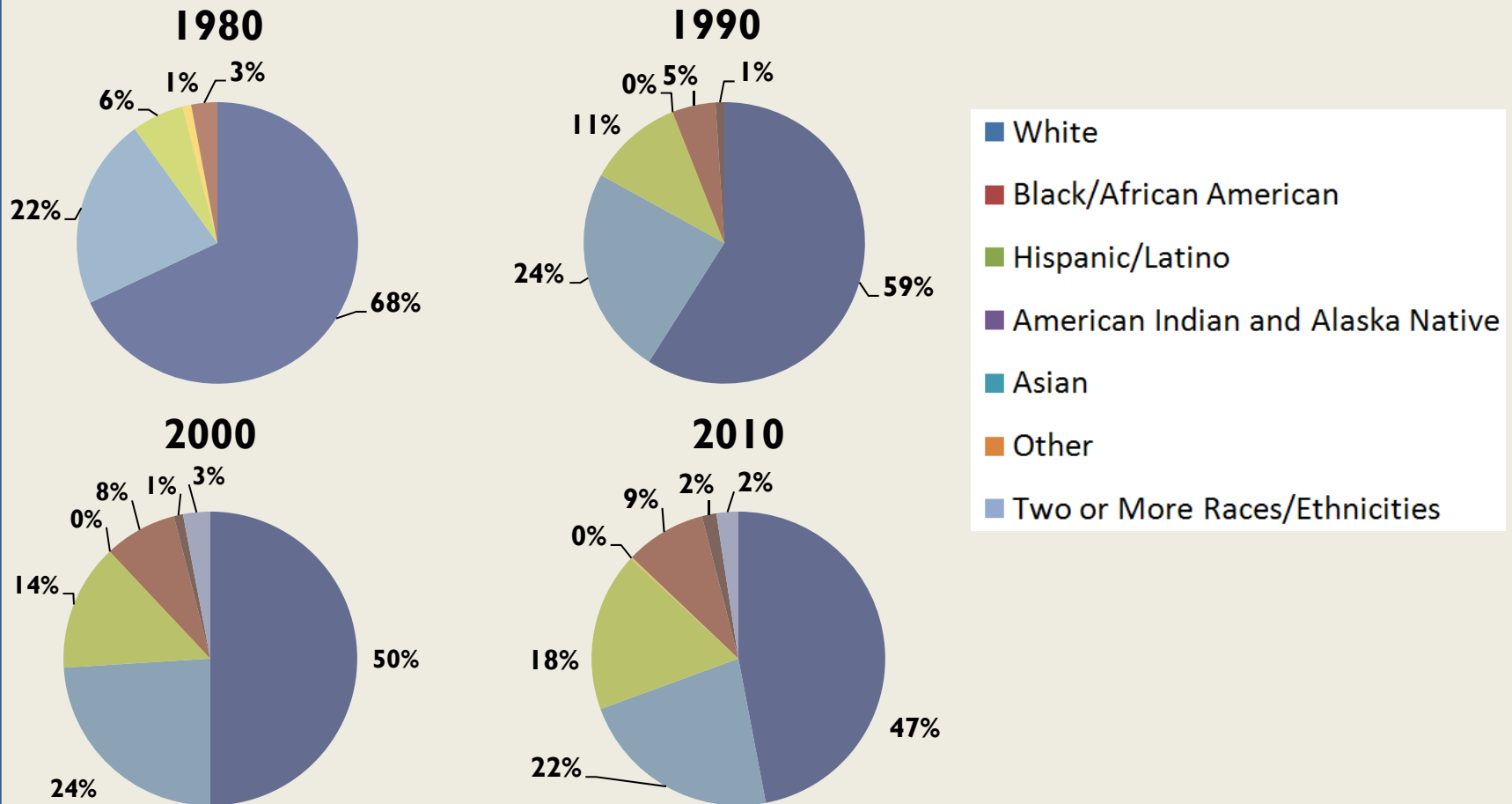
Educational Attainment of Population, 1980 and 2005-2009

- Boston has one of the most highly-educated populations among major American cities. According to the 2005-2009 American Community Survey, 42.9% of Boston's adult population has at least a bachelor's degree, ranking Boston 5th amongst the 30 largest cities in the nation.



Racial and Ethnic Breakdown for Boston's Population, 1980-2010

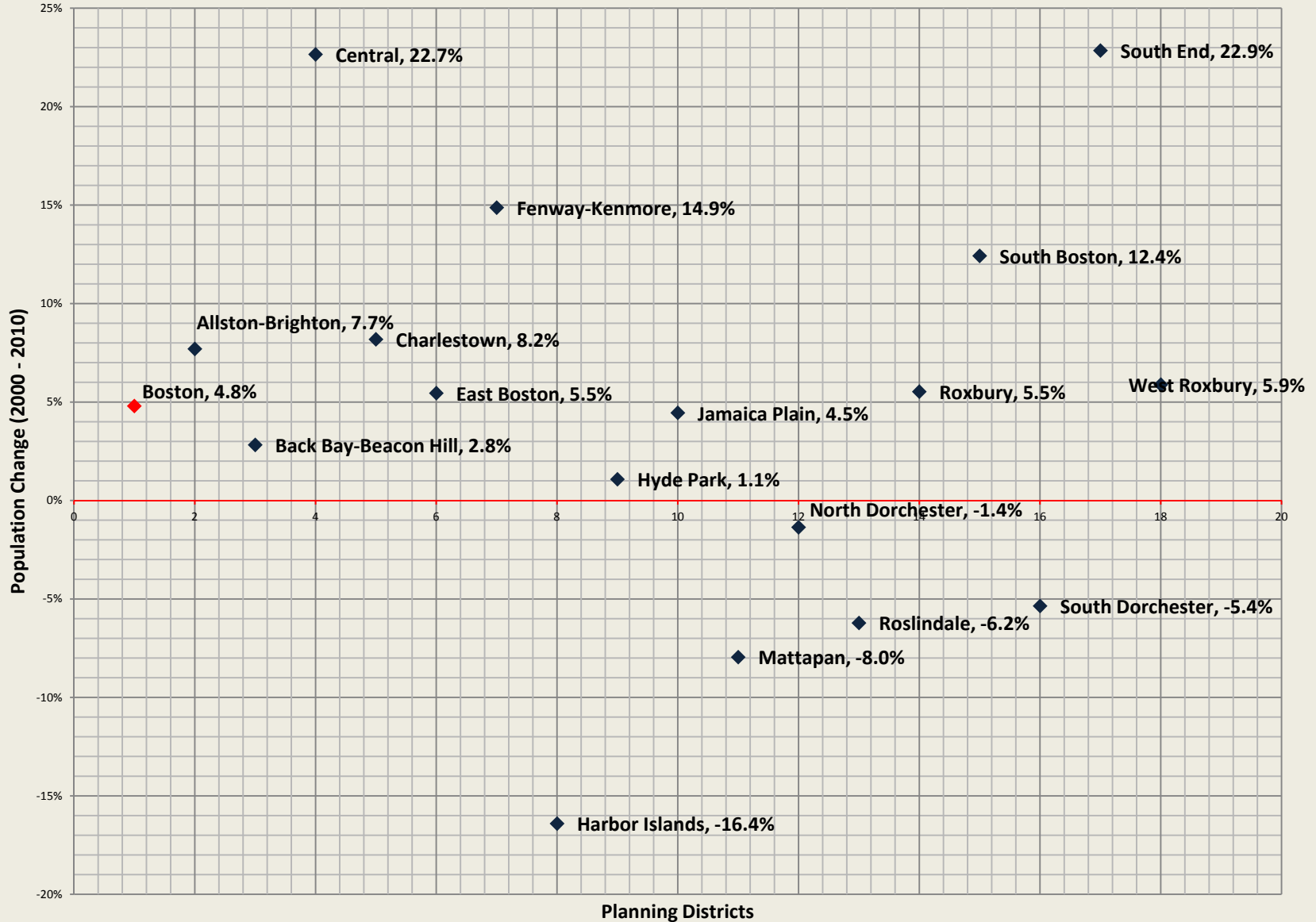
- Over the last several decades, the racial and ethnic composition of Boston has changed a great deal
- In 1980, close to 70% of Boston was white. Today, only half the city is white.
- The last two Census reports show Boston as a “majority-minority” city



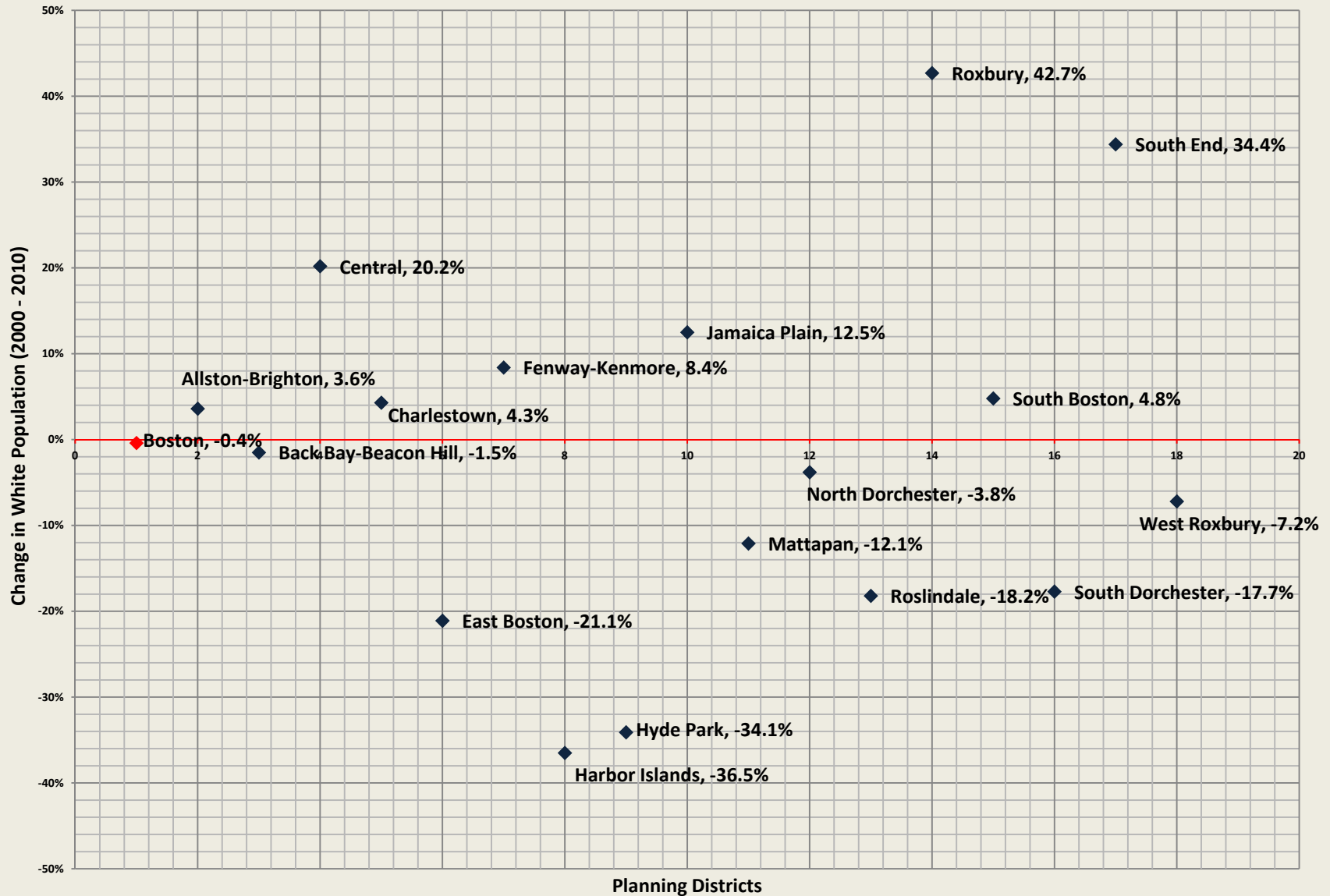
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, BRA Research Division Analysis.

Note: 2000 was the first year the Census compiled data on individuals who identified themselves as “multiracial”

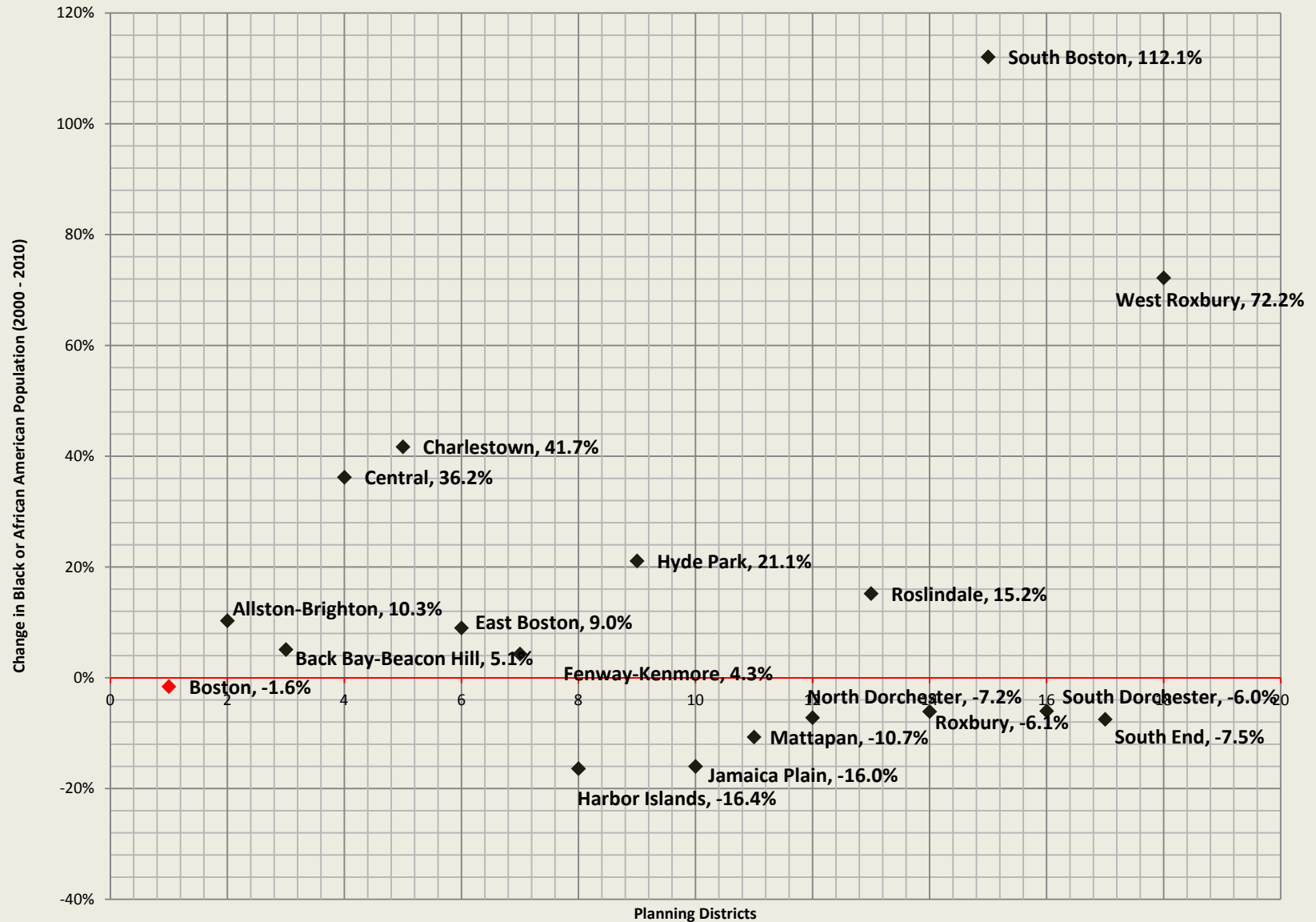
Population Change - BRA Planning Districts (2000 – 2010)



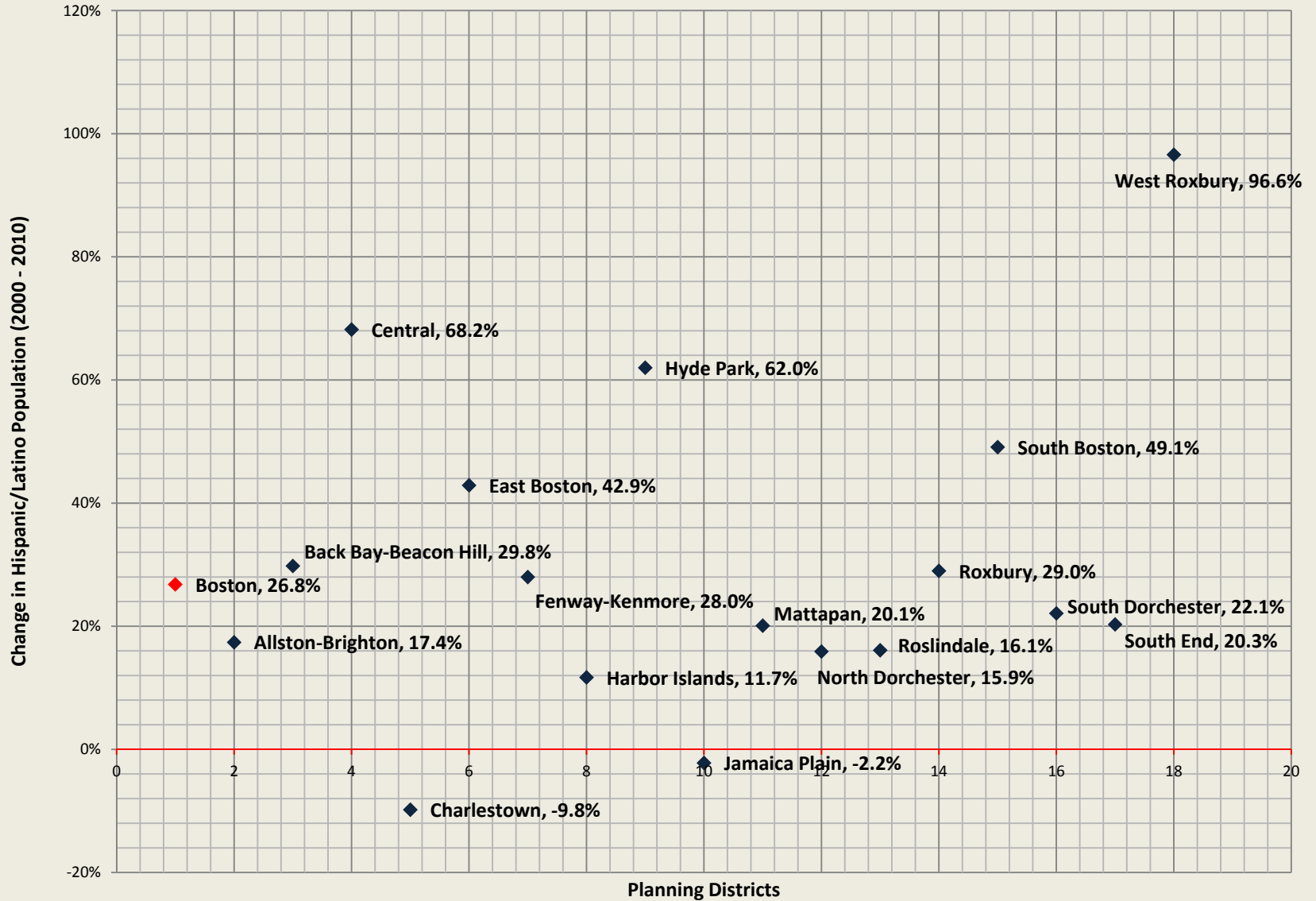
Change in White Population – BRA Planning Districts (2000 – 2010)



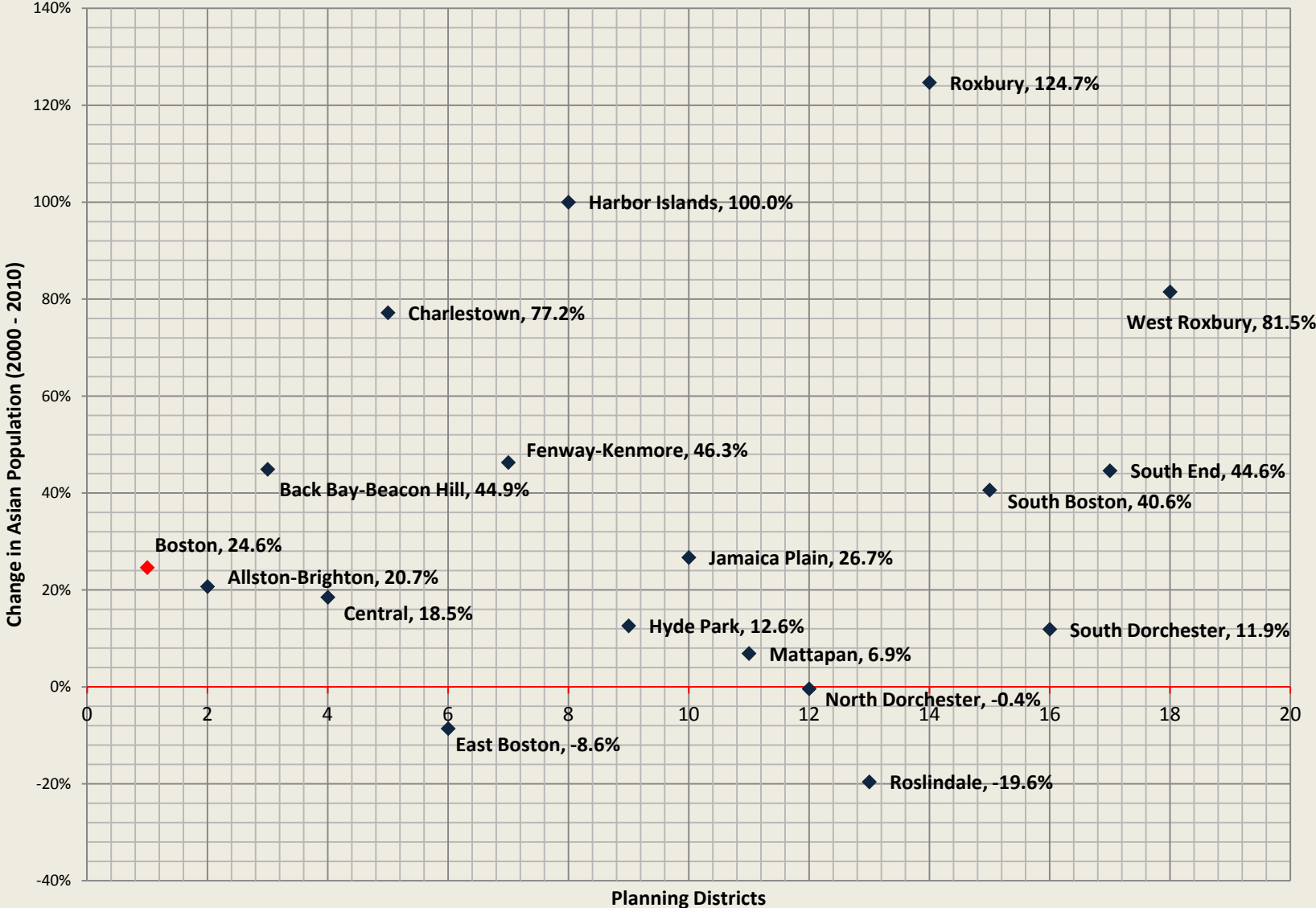
Change in Black or African American Population – BRA Planning Districts (2000 – 2010)



Change in Hispanic/Latino Population – BRA Planning Districts (2000 – 2010)

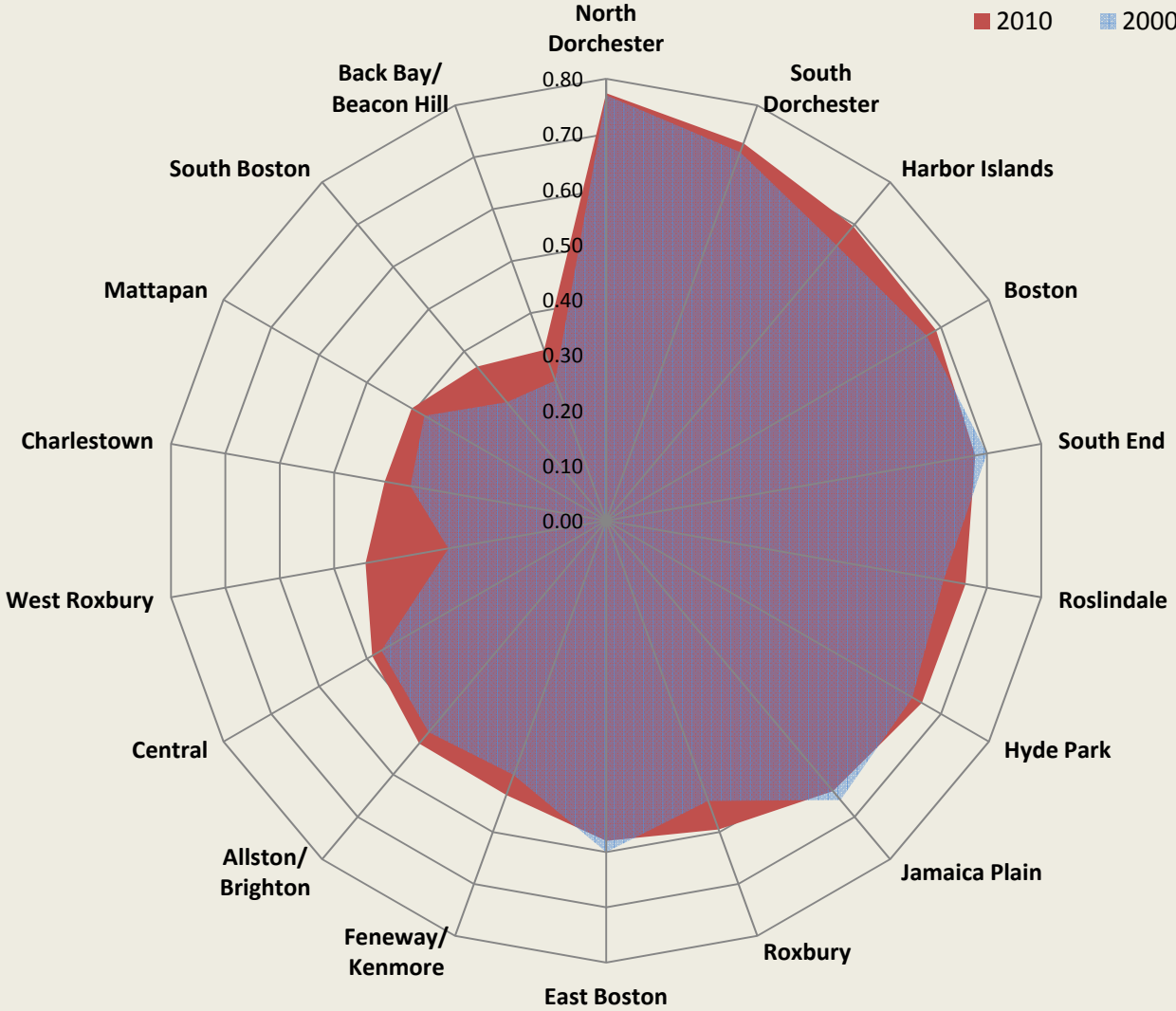


Change in Asian Population – BRA Planning Districts (2000 – 2010)



Source: 2010 U.S. Census, BRA Research Division Analysis

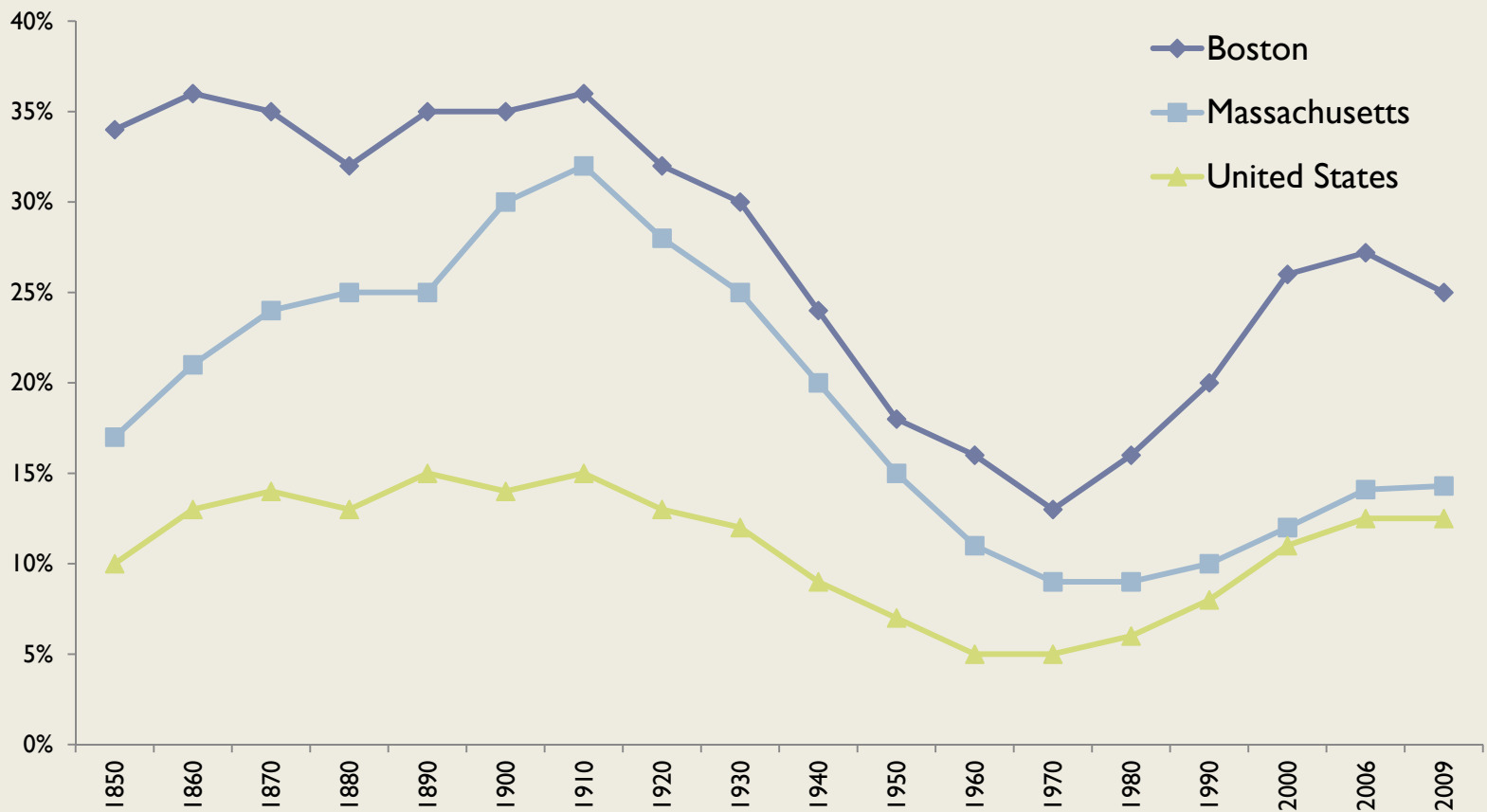
Planning District Diversity Index: 2000-2010



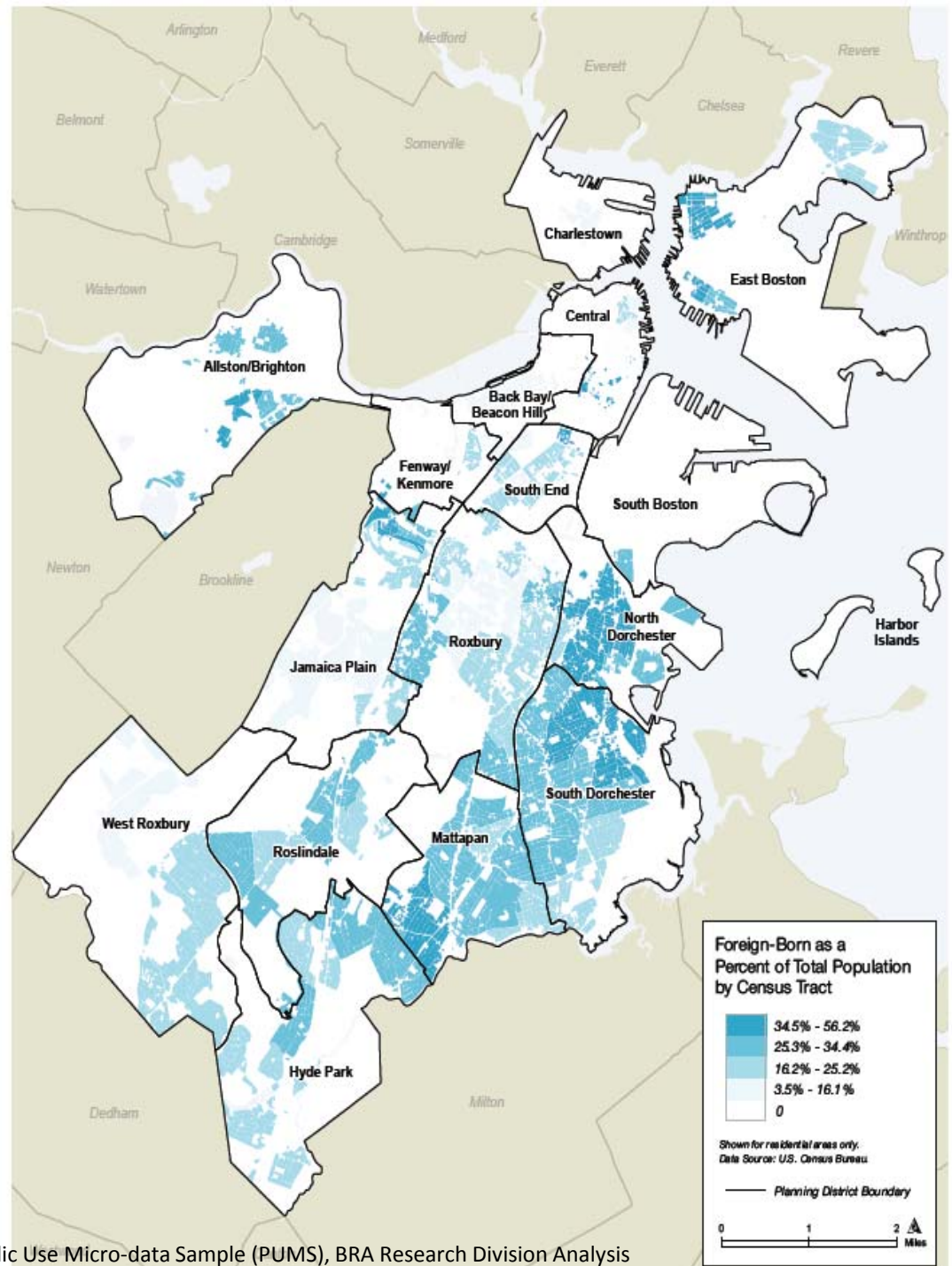
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Proportion of the Population that is Foreign Born 1850-2009

- Historically, Boston has had a greater proportion of foreign-born residents than both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the nation as a whole.
- Since the 1970s, the proportion of foreign-born residents in Boston has grown dramatically.



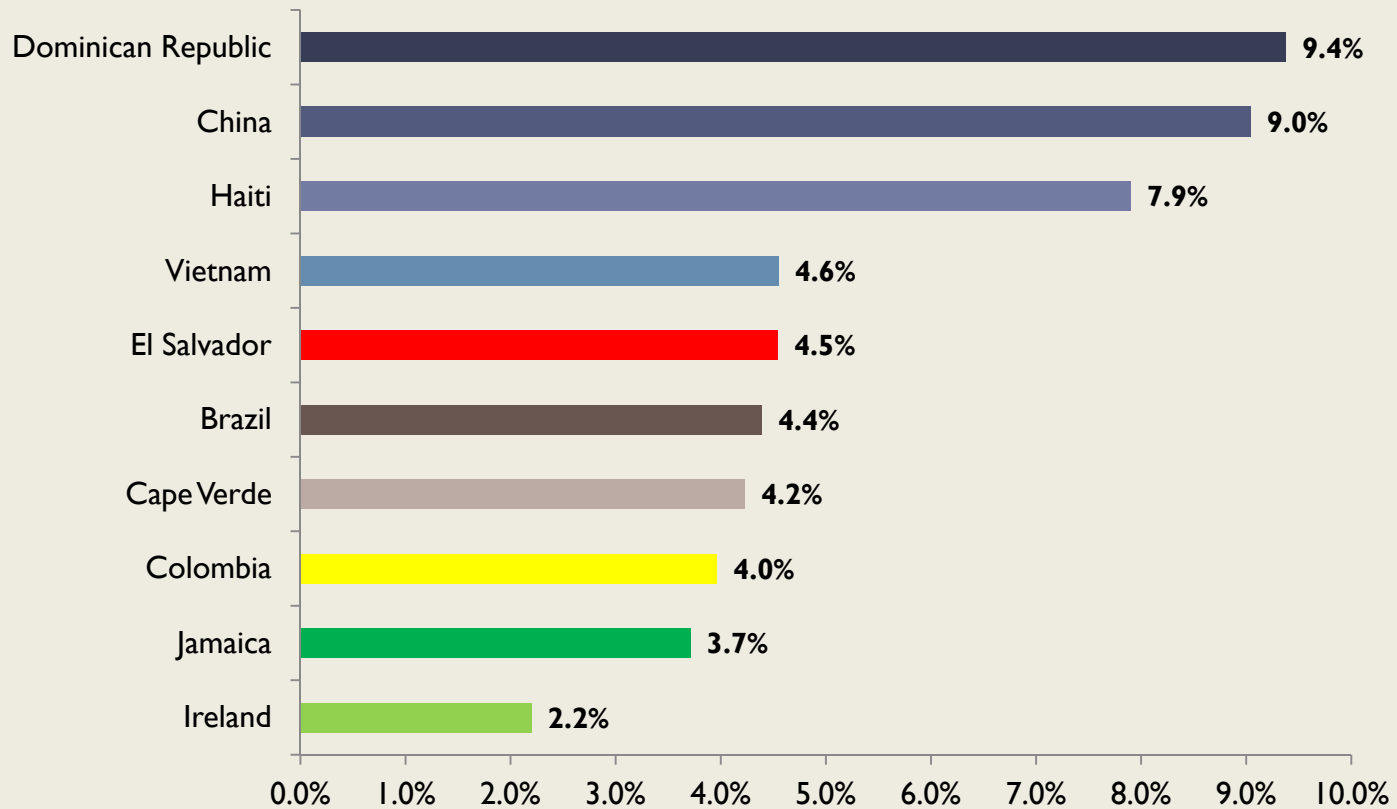
Boston's Foreign Born Population



Countries of Origin for Boston's Foreign-Born Population, 2009

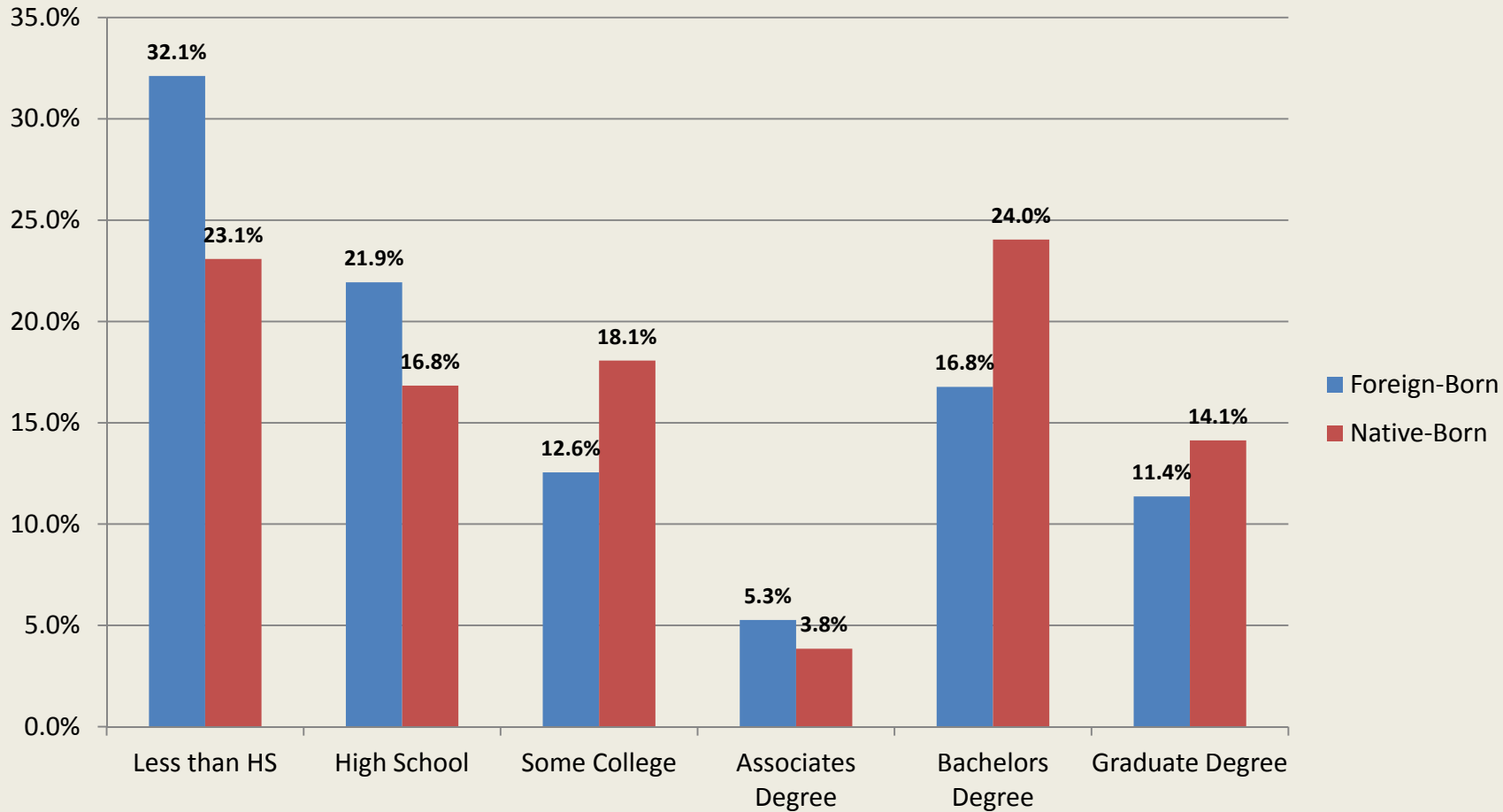
- Today most of Boston's immigrants come from the Caribbean, Latin America, and Asia

Share of the Foreign-Born Population in Boston



Educational Attainment by Nativity

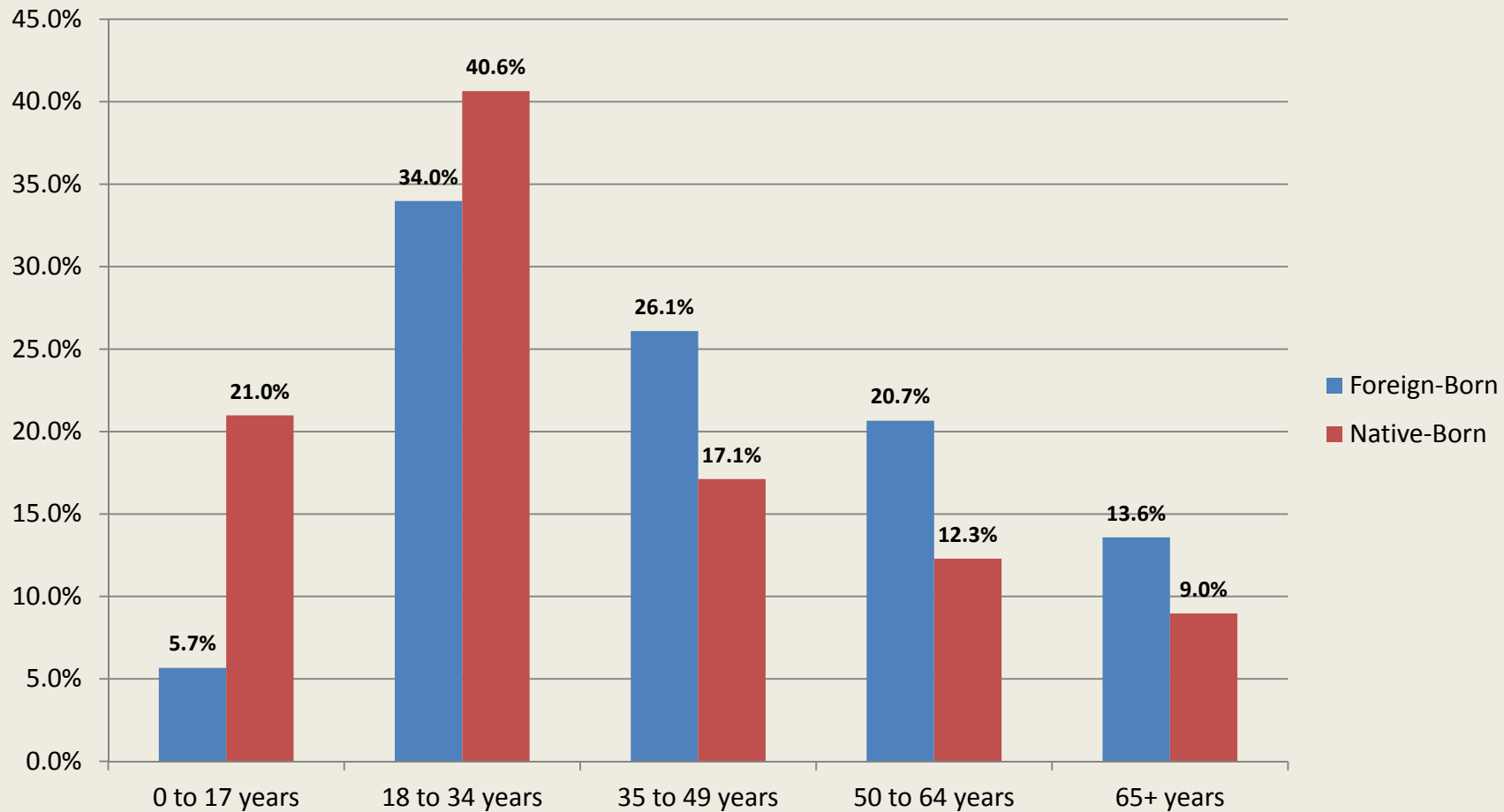
Overall, Boston's foreign-born population is less-educated than its native residents.



Source: 2009 American Community Survey Public Use Micro-data Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis

Age by Nativity

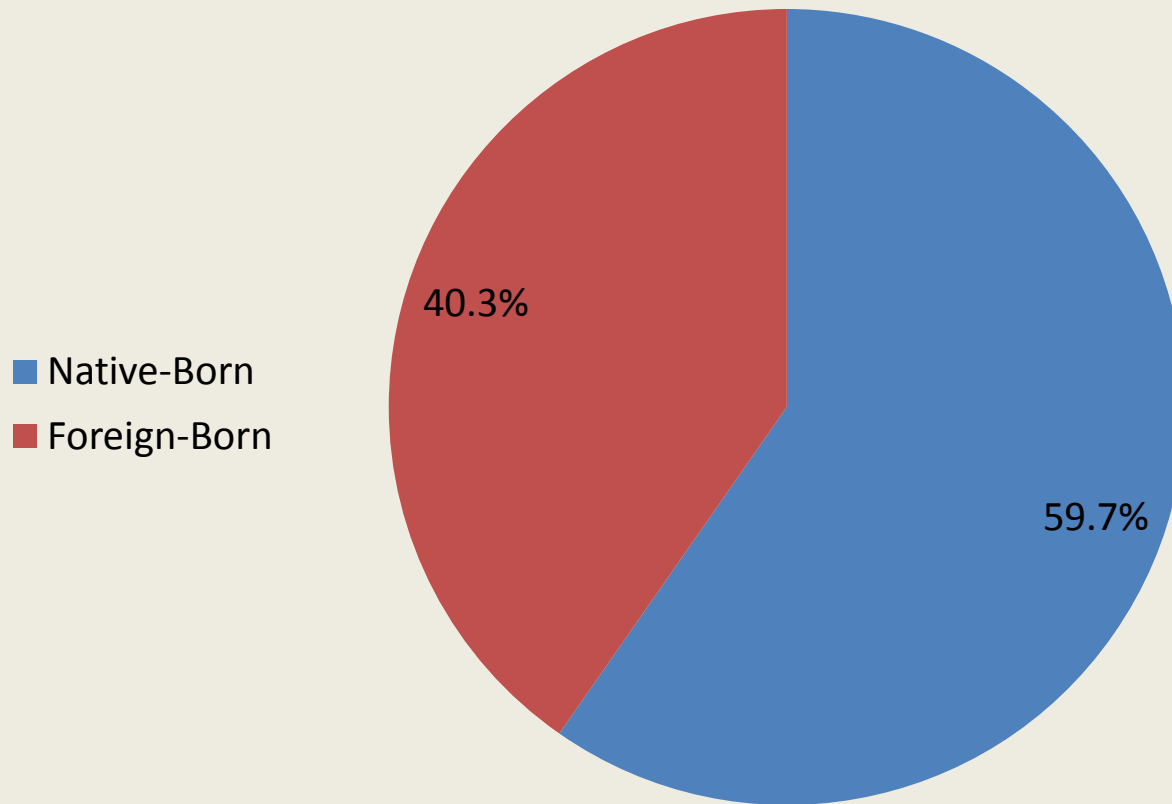
Older residents make up a far greater share of foreign-born residents than native residents.



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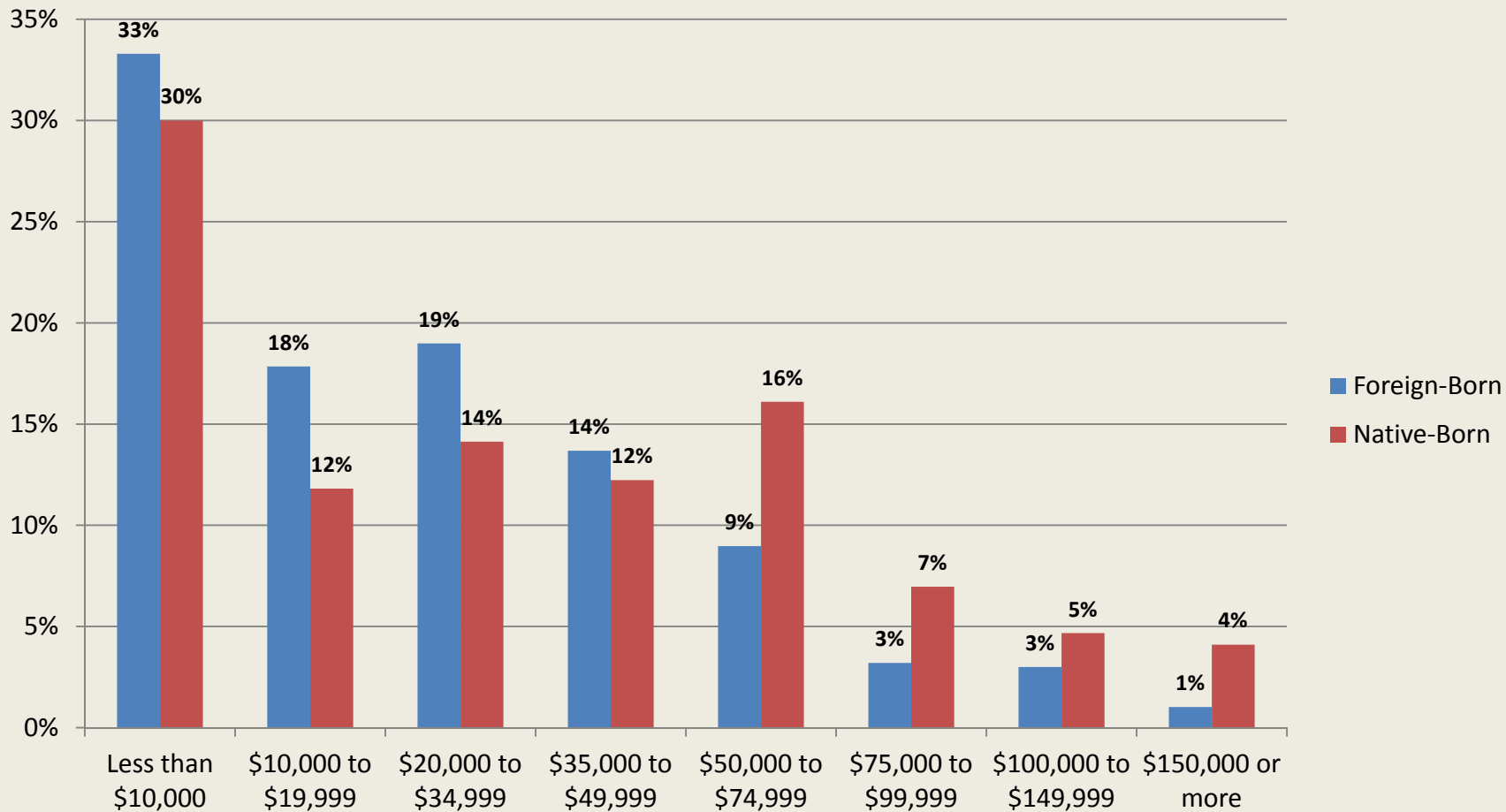
Nativity of Parent(s)

Although foreign-born children (0 to 17 years) make up a small share of all children in Boston, more than 40% of all children in Boston have at least one parent that is foreign born.



Income by Nativity

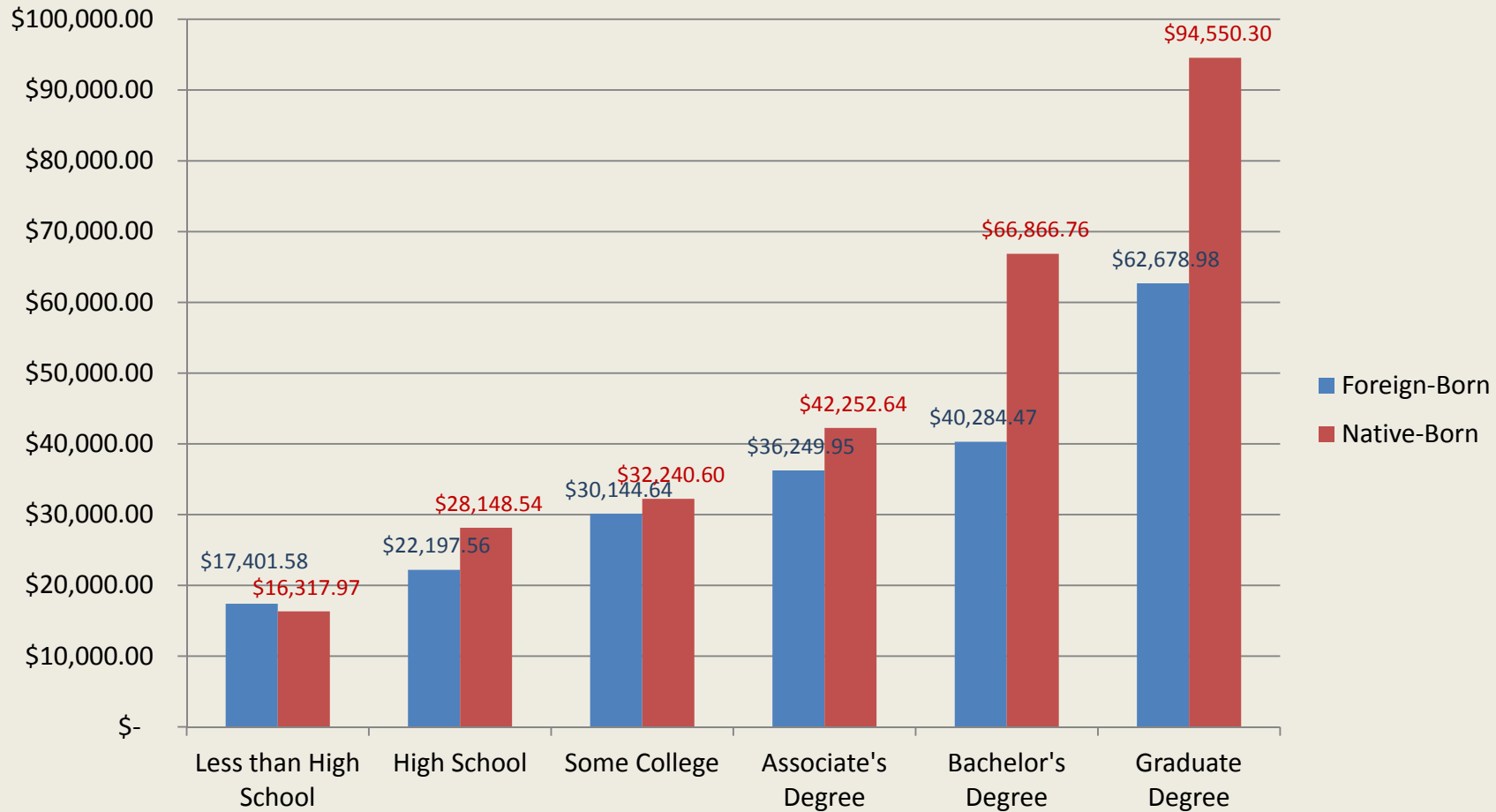
A smaller portion of foreign-born residents have high-paying jobs than native residents.



Source: 2009 American Community Survey Public Use Micro-data Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis

Wage Differential By Educational Attainment

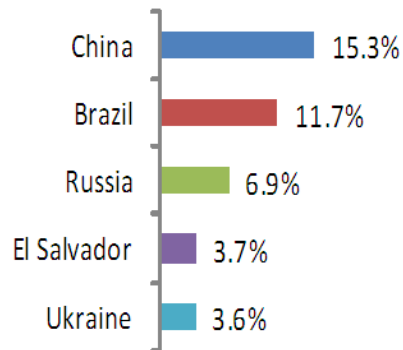
As educational attainment improves, native-born residents continue to earn higher wages than foreign-born residents.



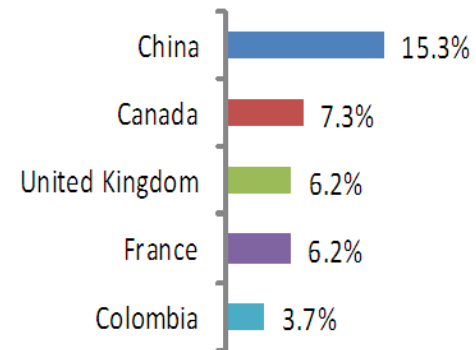
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Top 5 Countries of Origin for Foreign-Born Population by Planning District

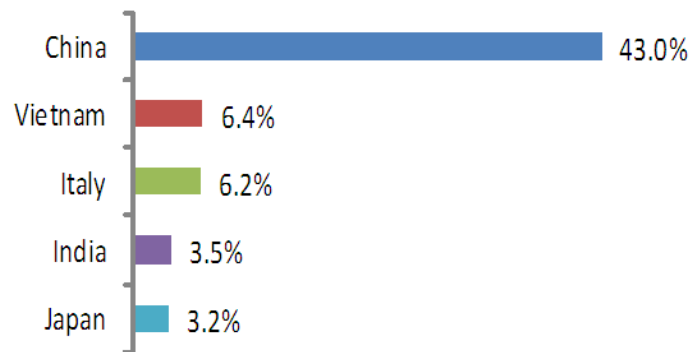
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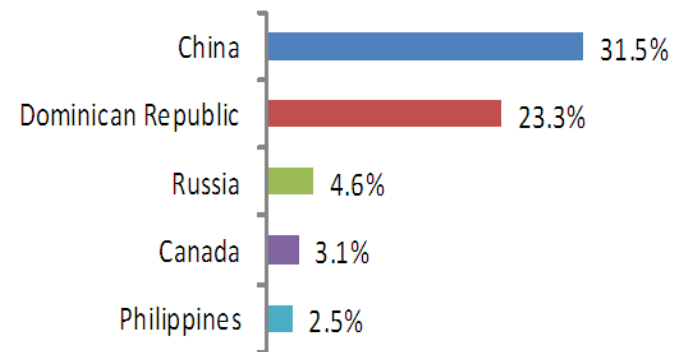
Back Bay-Beacon Hill



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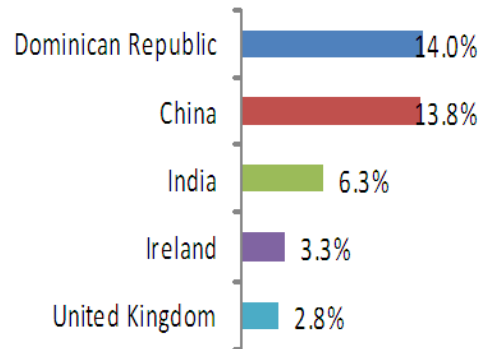


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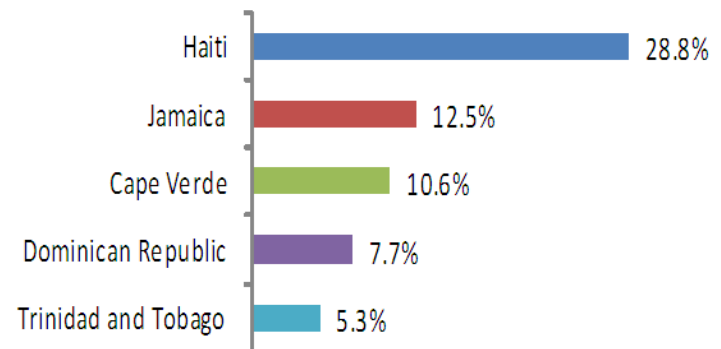


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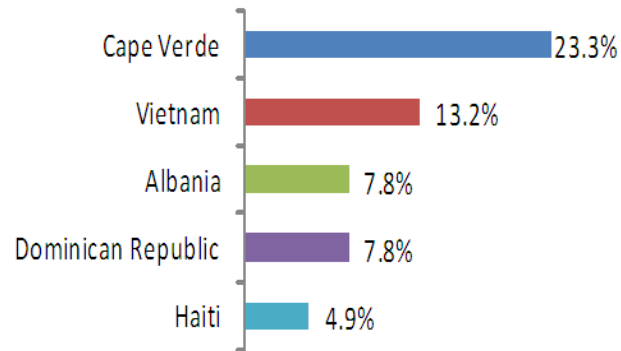
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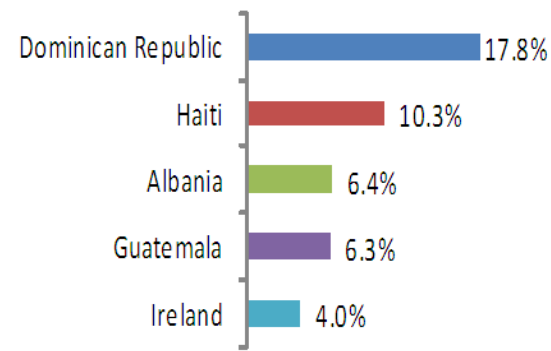
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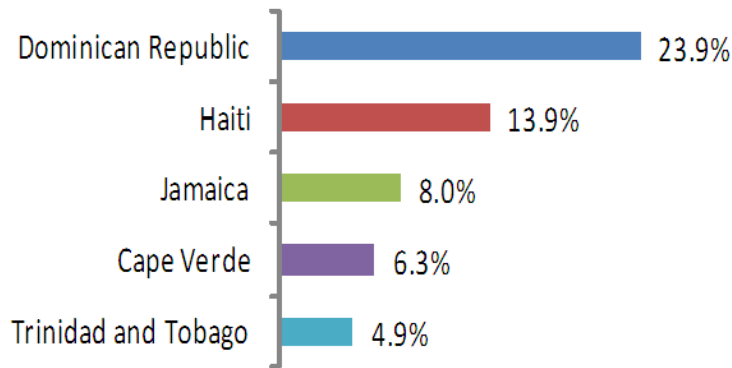


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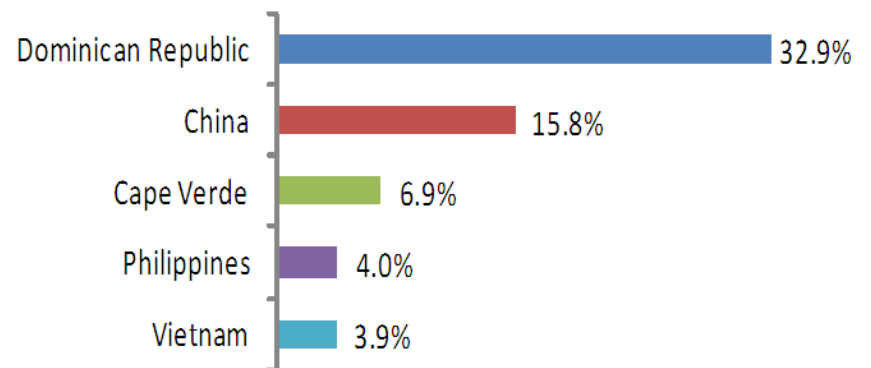


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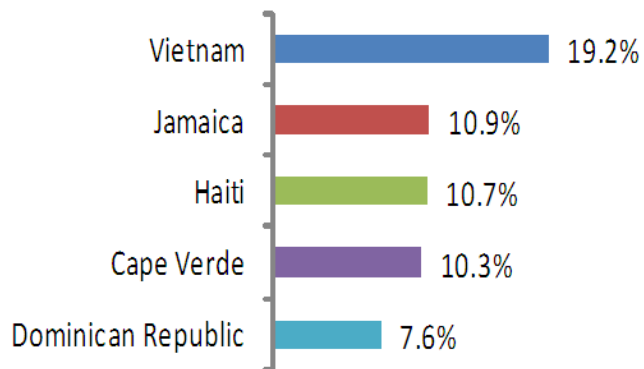
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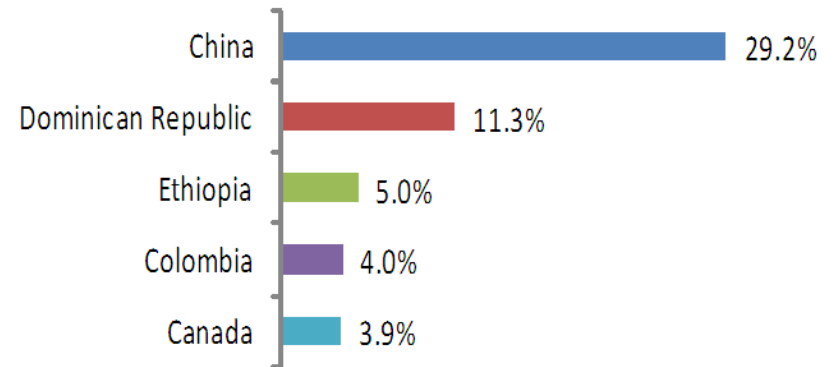
South Boston



South Dorchester



South End



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West Roxbury

