

Boston at a Glance - 2015

POPULATION			Marital Status - ACS 2009-2013		
Population Count - 1YR ACS 2013			Total population (15 years and over) 542,173		
Total population	644,710		Single	307,090	56.6%
Gender Distribution - 5YR ACS 2009-2013			Married	170,074	31.4%
Total population	629,182		Divorced or widowed	65,009	12.0%
Male	301,015	47.8%	Top 5 Languages Other than English Spoken at Home - ACS 2009-2013		
Female	328,167	52.2%	Spanish or Spanish Creole	94,188	
Age Distribution - ACS 2009-2013			French Creole	23,061	
Total population	629,182		Chinese	21,990	
0 to 4 years	33,408	5.3%	Vietnamese	11,368	
5 to 14 years	53,601	8.5%	Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	9,546	
15 to 19 years	48,897	7.8%	English Proficiency - ACS 2009-2013		
20 to 34 years	218,734	34.8%	Total population (5 years and over) 595,774		
35 to 44 years	79,199	12.6%	Speak only English at home	382,291	64.2%
45 to 54 years	71,295	11.3%	Speak another language at home	213,483	
55 to 59 years	31,500	5.0%	Speak English very well	112,047	18.8%
60 to 64 years	27,586	4.4%	Speak English less than very well	101,436	17.0%
65 and over	64,962	10.3%	EDUCATION		
Race & Ethnicity - ACS 2009-2013			Educational Attainment - ACS 2009-2013		
Total population	629,182		Total population (25 years and over) 410,047		
White only	292,908	46.6%	Less than high school	61,541	15.0%
Black or African American only	143,834	22.9%	High school graduate	91,911	22.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native only	1,115	0.2%	Some college or Associate's degree	76,634	18.7%
Asian only	56,235	8.9%	Bachelor's degree or higher	179,961	43.9%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander only	97	0.0%	Boston Public School Enrollment - BPS 2014-2015		
Hispanic only*	113,055	18.0%	Total students enrolled 57,100		
Other race	8,184	1.3%	Pre-kindergarten to grade 5	28,760	50.4%
Two or more races	13,754	2.2%	Middle School: grade 6 to grade 8	11,030	19.3%
Nativity - ACS 2009-2013			High School: grade 9 to grade 12	17,310	30.3%
Total population	629,182		College & University Enrollment - NCES 2013-2014		
Native	462,221	73.5%	Total students enrolled in Boston institutions 145,471		
Foreign born	166,961		Undergraduate programs	100,933	69.4%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	75,803	12.0%	Graduate programs	44,538	30.6%
Not a U.S. citizen	91,158	14.5%			

*Hispanics can be of any race, but are reported separately in this analysis.

Sources:

Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Schools at Glance 2014-2015, BPDA Research Division Analysis

National Center For Education Statistics (NCES), Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), Data Center, BPDA Research Division Analysis

U.S Census Bureau, 2013 1-Year Estimate and 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, BPDA Research Division Analysis

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HOUSING

Housing Units - ACS 2009-2013

Total housing units	273,118	
Occupied	249,414	
Owner occupied	85,138	31.2%
Renter occupied	164,276	60.1%
Vacant	23,704	8.7%

Household Type - ACS 2009-2013

Total households	249,414	
Family Households**	117,729	47.2%
Nonfamily Households	131,685	52.8%

Household Size - ACS 2009-2013

Total occupied housing units	249,414	
1-person household	94,659	38.0%
2-person household	78,252	31.4%
3-person household	36,656	14.7%
4-or-more person household	39,847	16.0%

Migration (Domestic/International) - ACS 2009-2013

Total population (1 year and over)	622,746	
Same residence (non-movers)	483,866	77.7%
Moved within Suffolk County	71,246	11.4%
Moved from different county within MA	27,841	4.5%
Moved from different state	27,213	4.4%
Moved from abroad	12,580	2.0%

BPDA Board Approved Projects in 2014 - BPDA ***

Number of projects	66
Number of residential units	5,180
Total square feet	9.6 million

INCOME & POVERTY LEVEL

Income (In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars)*** - ACS 2009-2013

Per capita income	\$ 33,964
Median household income	\$ 53,601
Median family income	\$ 62,014
Median non-family income	\$ 44,484

Population Below Poverty Level - ACS 2009-2013

Poverty rate	21.4%
Child poverty rate	28.8%

LABOR FORCE

Labor Force Participation - ACS 2009-2013

Residents in Labor Force (16 Years and Over)	369,227	
Men in Labor Force	183,088	49.6%
Women in Labor Force	186,139	50.4%
Resident Labor Force Participation Rate (16 Years and Over)		68.8%
Participation Rate for Men		72.0%
Participation Rate for Women		65.9%

Transportation Means to Work - ACS 2009-2013

Total labor force working in Boston	552,989	
Resident	209,385	
Auto	74,904	13.5%
Public transit	84,879	15.3%
Walked / Bicycle	47,923	8.7%
Other	1,679	0.3%
Non-resident	343,604	
Auto	207,335	37.5%
Public transit	124,846	22.6%
Walked / Bicycle	9,032	1.6%
Other	2,391	0.4%

**A family consists of a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder.

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