

# BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS 2015

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## BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

# GENDER

### Population

- In 2014, Boston's population of 656,051 included 316,075 males and 339,976 females.
- Females made up 51.8% of the Boston population overall, but 58.2% of the elderly population. { **TABLE 1** }

**TABLE 1**  
BOSTON POPULATION  
by Age and Gender

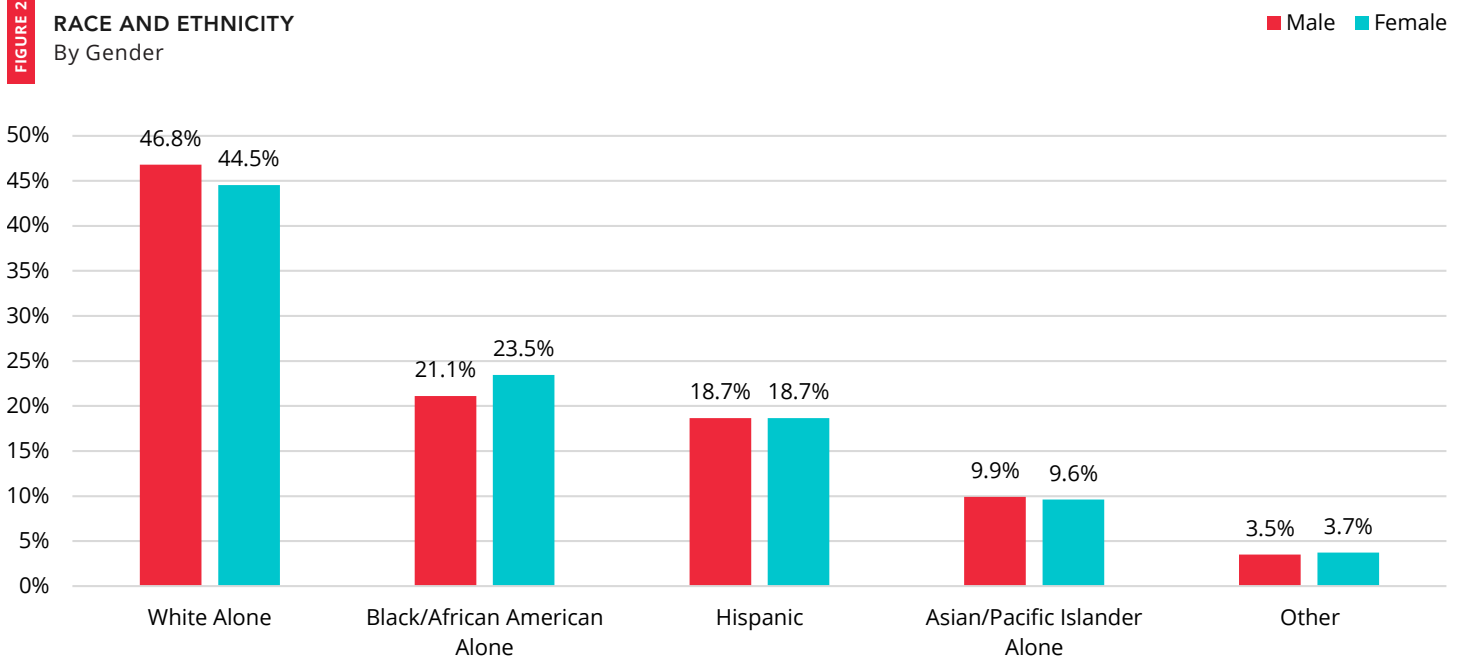
| AGE          | TOTAL          | % FEMALE     |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 0-19         | 139,831        | 50.2%        |
| 20-34        | 226,905        | 50.8%        |
| 35-64        | 221,458        | 52.0%        |
| 65+          | 67,857         | 58.2%        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>656,051</b> | <b>51.8%</b> |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

### Race and Ethnicity

- The race/ethnicity of males and females in Boston is similar. { **FIGURE 2** }

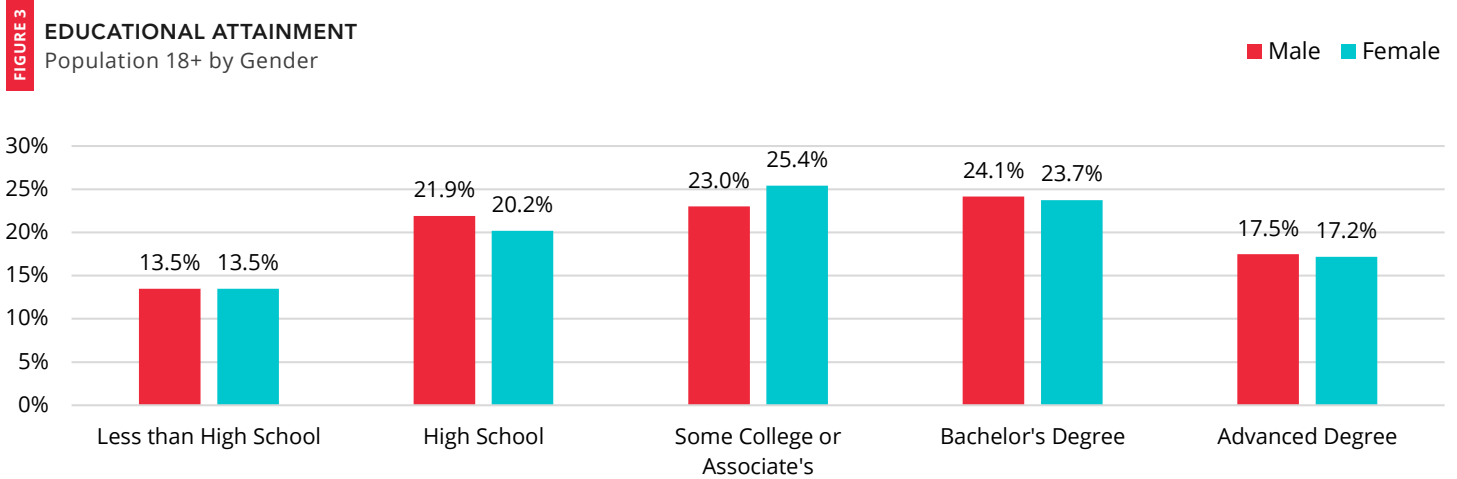
**FIGURE 2**  
RACE AND ETHNICITY  
By Gender



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-Year American Community Survey, PUMS data; BRA Research Division Analysis

## Education

• Overall, the educational attainment of males and females age 18 and over is similar. { **FIGURE 3** }



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

• More women than men age 18 to 34 are enrolled in college or graduate school. { **TABLE 4** }

**TABLE 4** ENROLLMENT IN COLLEGE OR GRADUATE SCHOOL  
by Age and Gender

| AGE      | % OF MALES ENROLLED | % OF FEMALES ENROLLED |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 18 to 24 | 59.2%               | 71.4%                 |
| 25 to 34 | 17.0%               | 17.5%                 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

- The educational attainment of some younger female cohorts is higher than that of men.
- Women in Boston ages 25-44 have a higher education attainment than men of the same age.
- However, men over age 45 are more likely than women of the same age to have a Bachelor's degree or higher. { **TABLE 5** }

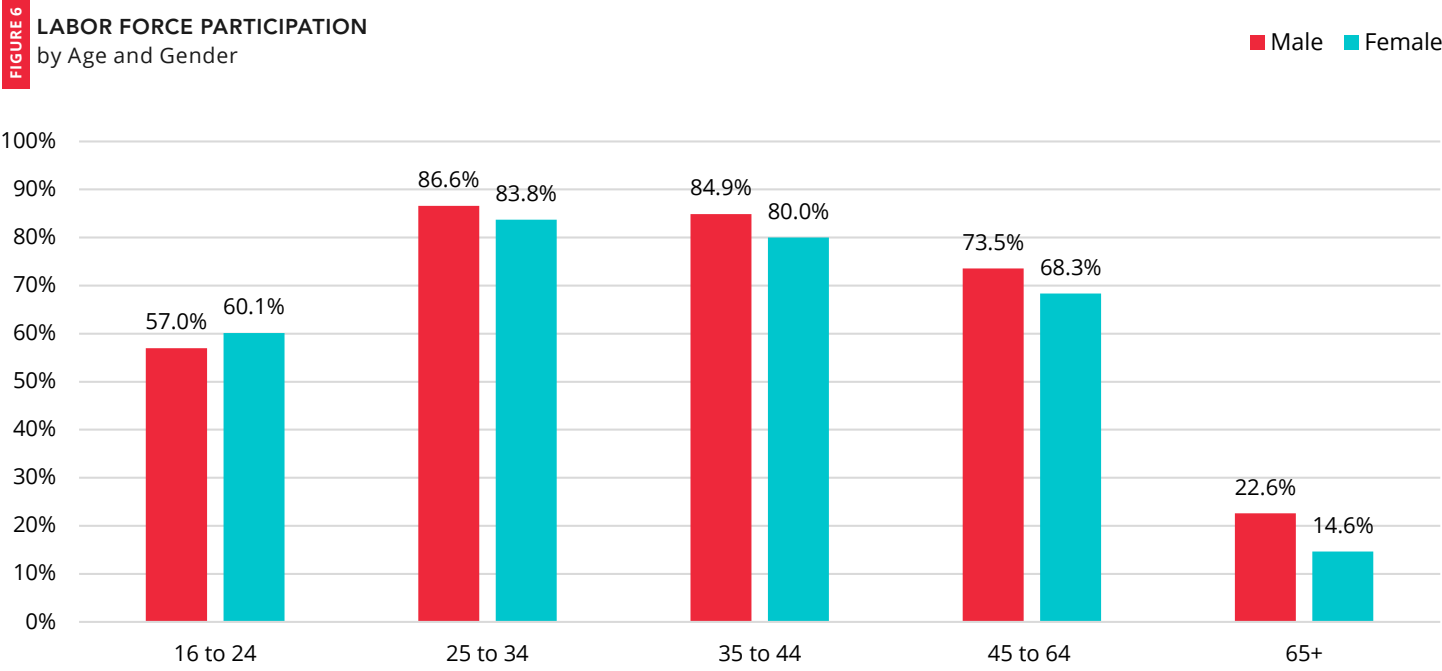
**TABLE 5** BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER  
by Age and Gender

| AGE      | % OF MALES WITH BA+ | % OF FEMALES WITH BA+ |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 18 to 24 | 19.5%               | 17.8%                 |
| 25 to 34 | 63.8%               | 70.3%                 |
| 35 to 44 | 41.1%               | 46.7%                 |
| 45 to 64 | 36.7%               | 32.6%                 |
| 65+      | 31.8%               | 23.9%                 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

# Employment

- Overall, women have a lower labor force participation rate than men, except in the 16 to 24 age group. { **FIGURE 6** }
- Women are more likely than men to be employed in sales and office occupations. { **TABLE 7** }



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

**TABLE 7** OCCUPATIONS OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYED BOSTON RESIDENTS by Gender for Ages 16+

| OCCUPATION   | MEN   | WOMEN |
|--|-------|-------|
| Management, business, science, and arts occupations          | 47.6% | 50.4% |
| Service occupations  | 19.4% | 22.0% |
| Sales and office occupations                                 | 15.6% | 24.0% |
| Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations | 8.1%  | 0.5%  |
| Production, transportation, and material moving occupations  | 9.2%  | 3.2%  |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

## Income and Poverty

- Among those who worked full-time, year-round, median income for males is \$60,792 and for females is \$51,925.
- The overall median income for men with income (ages 15 and over) is \$32,305. For women it is only \$23,829.
- The poverty rate is higher for females than males in all age groups. { **TABLE 8** }
- The difference is particularly marked for the 18 to 34 age group, during which females may be disproportionately still enrolled in school or single-handedly caring for small children.
- 46.1% of all families with related children under 18 are headed by a single female householder. The poverty rate for families with children headed by single mothers is 43.9%.

**TABLE 8** **POVERTY RATE**  
by Age and Gender

| AGE          | MALE POVERTY RATE | FEMALE POVERTY RATE |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Under 18     | 32.0%             | 34.3%               |
| 18 to 34     | 19.8%             | 26.1%               |
| 35 to 64     | 16.5%             | 19.5%               |
| 65 and over  | 16.9%             | 21.6%               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>20.6%</b>      | <b>24.5%</b>        |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

## Neighborhoods

- The relatively higher female population in Longwood may be due to the large percentage of female students at Simmons and Emmanuel Colleges. { **TABLE 9** }

**TABLE 9**  
**NEIGHBORHOODS**  
by Female Population Share

| NEIGHBORHOOD            | FEMALES | % OF NEIGHBORHOOD POPULATION |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Longwood                | 3,243   | 63.9%                        |
| Beacon Hill             | 5,151   | 56.4%                        |
| Brighton                | 25,451  | 55.9%                        |
| South Boston            | 17,956  | 54.4%                        |
| Jamaica Plain           | 20,181  | 53.8%                        |
| Charlestown             | 9,376   | 53.7%                        |
| Mattapan                | 12,948  | 53.4%                        |
| Hyde Park               | 18,125  | 53.2%                        |
| Roslindale              | 15,023  | 53.0%                        |
| Roxbury                 | 25,545  | 52.9%                        |
| West Roxbury            | 16,321  | 52.9%                        |
| South Boston Waterfront | 1,364   | 52.8%                        |
| North End               | 4,579   | 52.5%                        |
| Dorchester              | 62,852  | 52.1%                        |
| Fenway                  | 16,912  | 51.9%                        |
| Allston                 | 10,254  | 51.8%                        |
| Back Bay                | 9,047   | 51.8%                        |
| Downtown                | 8,181   | 49.5%                        |
| Mission Hill            | 8,125   | 49.5%                        |
| South End               | 14,803  | 47.0%                        |
| West End                | 2,499   | 46.3%                        |
| East Boston             | 20,113  | 46.2%                        |
| Harbor Islands          | 118     | 33.1%                        |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

## BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

## FOREIGN BORN

## Population

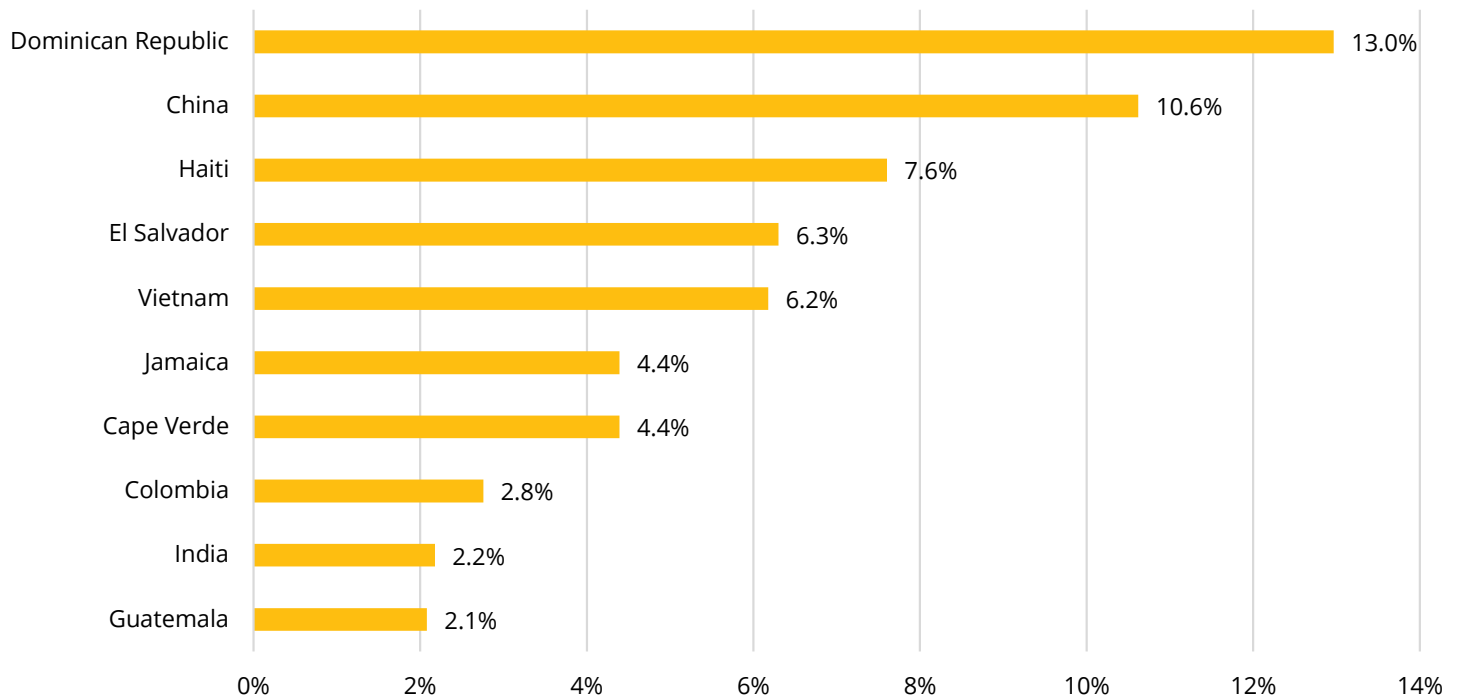
- From 2000 to 2014, Boston's foreign-born population grew from 151,836 to 177,461. The foreign born accounted for 27.1% of the city's population, an increase of 19.2% over this time period. <sup>1</sup>
- Boston has the 7th highest share of foreign-born residents among the 25 largest U.S. cities.
- Naturalized citizens made up 49% of Boston's foreign-born population.
- 51.1% of Boston's children age 0 to 17 lived with at least one foreign-born parent in 2014.

## Origins

- The Dominican Republic, China, and Haiti were the most common countries of origin for Boston's foreign-born population in 2014. { **FIGURE 1** }

FIGURE 1

**TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN**  
for the Foreign-Born Population, 2014



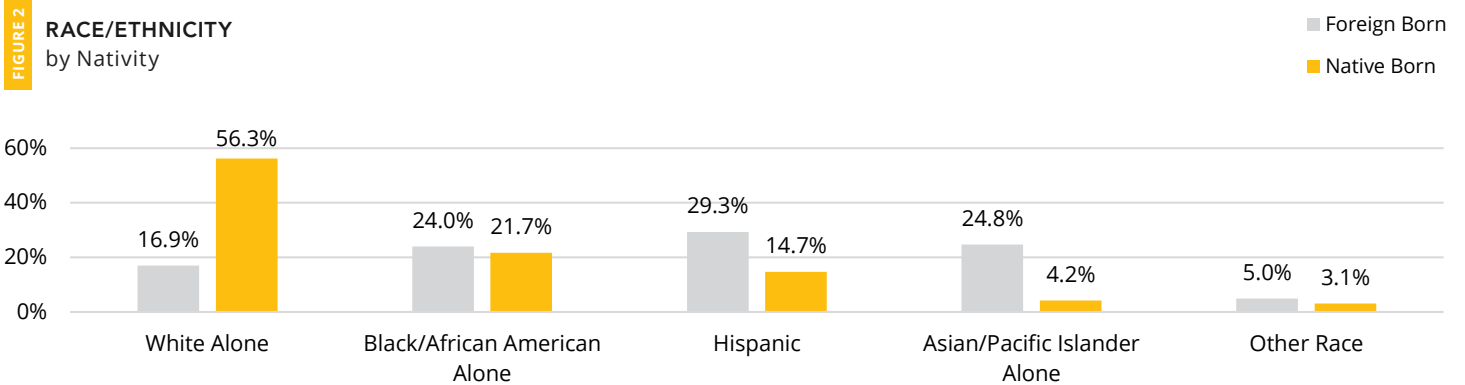
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2000 Decennial Census SF 3, and 2014 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis



## Race & Ethnicity

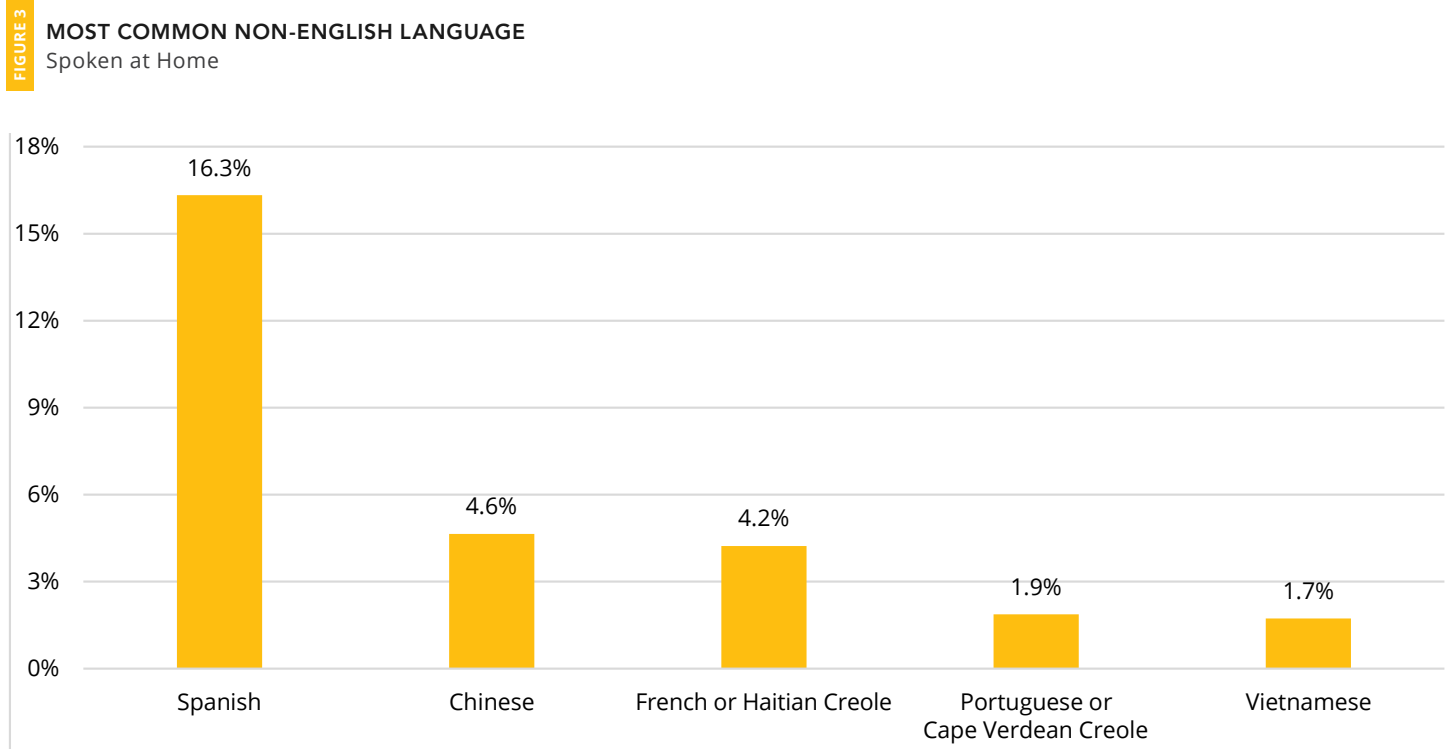
• The race/ethnicity of the foreign born reflects the predominance of countries of origin in the Caribbean, Latin America, and Asia. { **FIGURE 2** }



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis

## Languages

- From 2000 to 2014, the percentage of residents 5 years or older speaking a non-English language at home increased from 33% to 37%.
- In 2014, 17% of all Boston residents 5 years or older had limited English proficiency, up from 16.3% in 2000. <sup>2</sup>
- Spanish was the most common non-English language spoken at home in Boston. { **FIGURE 3** }



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

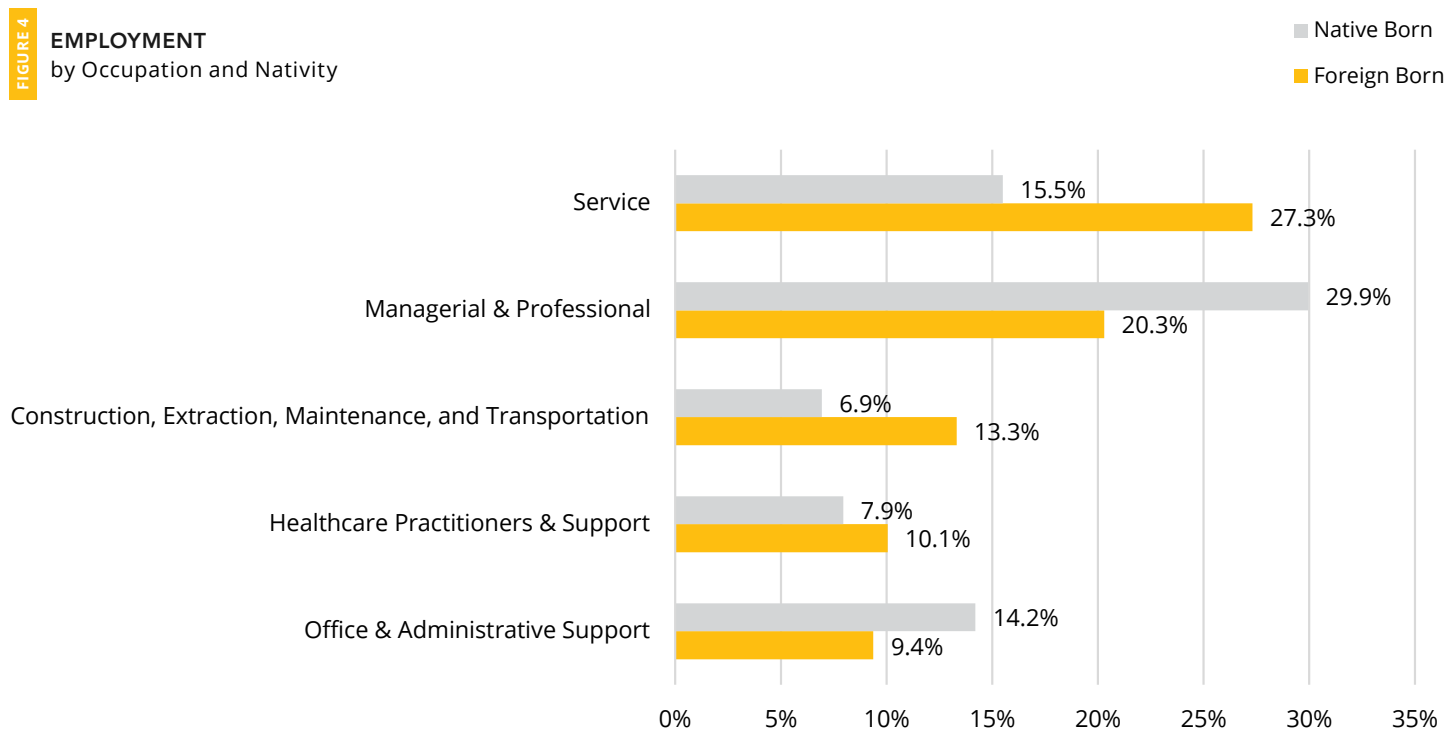
<sup>2</sup> Limited English language proficiency is self-identified as speaking English "less than very well."

## Educational Attainment

- In general, the foreign-born population has lower educational attainment than the native born.
- Among foreign-born residents 25 years or older in Boston, about one-third had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to the city's share of 45.9%.<sup>3</sup>
- 27.6% of the foreign born 25 years or older had not completed high school in 2014, compared to the citywide share of 15.7%.

## Economic Contributions

- Foreign born in Boston made \$3.4 billion in total expenditures in 2014. These annual expenditures generated a gross regional product of \$2.3 billion and contributed \$116 million in state and local taxes. Their economic activity created 15,000 jobs in the local economy.<sup>4</sup>
- Boston's foreign born were employed in a wide variety of sectors. Similar to the native born, the largest share of the foreign born worked in healthcare and social assistance industries (30%).
- However, foreign-born employment differs from native-born employment by occupation. Foreign-born workers are more likely to work in service occupations and less likely to work in managerial or professional occupations. { **FIGURE 4** }
- The poverty rate among the foreign born in Boston in 2014 was 27 percent compared to 21 percent for native-born residents.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-Year American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis

<sup>4</sup> Regional Economic Model, Inc. (REMI) 2014, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Half of East Boston's residents were foreign born, the greatest share of any neighborhood in the city. Beacon Hill had the lowest share at 10.3%. { **TABLE 5** }

**TABLE 5** NEIGHBORHOODS  
by Foreign-Born Population Share

| NEIGHBORHOOD            | FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION | % OF NEIGHBORHOOD POPULATION |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| East Boston             | 22,001                  | 50.5%                        |
| Mattapan                | 8,701                   | 35.9%                        |
| Downtown                | 5,414                   | 32.8%                        |
| Dorchester              | 38,683                  | 32.0%                        |
| Hyde Park               | 9,453                   | 27.7%                        |
| Roslindale              | 7,349                   | 25.9%                        |
| Mission Hill            | 4,243                   | 25.8%                        |
| Allston                 | 5,029                   | 25.4%                        |
| South End               | 7,615                   | 24.2%                        |
| Roxbury                 | 11,600                  | 24.0%                        |
| Brighton                | 10,821                  | 23.8%                        |
| Fenway                  | 7,458                   | 22.9%                        |
| West End                | 1,206                   | 22.3%                        |
| Jamaica Plain           | 7,799                   | 20.8%                        |
| West Roxbury            | 6,218                   | 20.1%                        |
| Back Bay                | 3,267                   | 18.7%                        |
| Charlestown             | 3,079                   | 17.6%                        |
| South Boston            | 4,247                   | 12.9%                        |
| South Boston Waterfront | 322                     | 12.5%                        |
| Longwood Medical Area   | 562                     | 11.1%                        |
| North End               | 928                     | 10.6%                        |
| Beacon Hill             | 943                     | 10.3%                        |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

## BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

## COLLEGES &amp; UNIVERSITIES

## World-Renowned Center for Education

- Boston is home to 31 colleges and universities<sup>1</sup> plus two community colleges.
- Boston's colleges and universities contribute to the education of its residents: 46.5% of Boston residents ages 25 and over have a Bachelor's degree or higher.<sup>2</sup>

## Enrollment

- In 2014, there were more than 137,000 students enrolled in colleges and universities (except community colleges) located in Boston.<sup>3</sup>
- Additionally, Bunker Hill Community College and Roxbury Community College enroll about 16,000 students a year.<sup>4</sup>
- Boston University is the largest university with 32,610 students in 2014. { **TABLE 1** }

TABLE 1

**TOP TEN COLLEGES IN BOSTON**  
by Student Enrollment, Fall 2014

| INSTITUTION NAME                           | TOTAL 2014 |
|--|------------|
| Boston University                          | 32,610     |
| Northeastern University                    | 22,707     |
| University of Massachusetts at Boston      | 16,746     |
| Boston College                             | 13,575     |
| Suffolk University                         | 6,723      |
| Berklee College of Music                   | 4,710      |
| Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences | 4,650      |
| Emerson College                            | 4,535      |
| Wentworth Institute of Technology          | 4,465      |
| Simmons College                            | 3,996      |

Source: University Accountability Ordinance Fall 2014 data for programs based in Boston

## Employment

- Boston's colleges and universities employed 34,793 people in payroll jobs in 2014.<sup>5</sup> This is a 5.8% share of Boston's total payroll jobs.
- The share of employment in colleges and universities is 2.76 times higher in Boston than in the United States as whole.
- Payroll employment in Boston's colleges and universities grew 9.2% from 2010 to 2014.

<sup>1</sup> Department of Neighborhood Development, "City of Boston Student Housing Trends, 2014-2015", excluding MIT

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

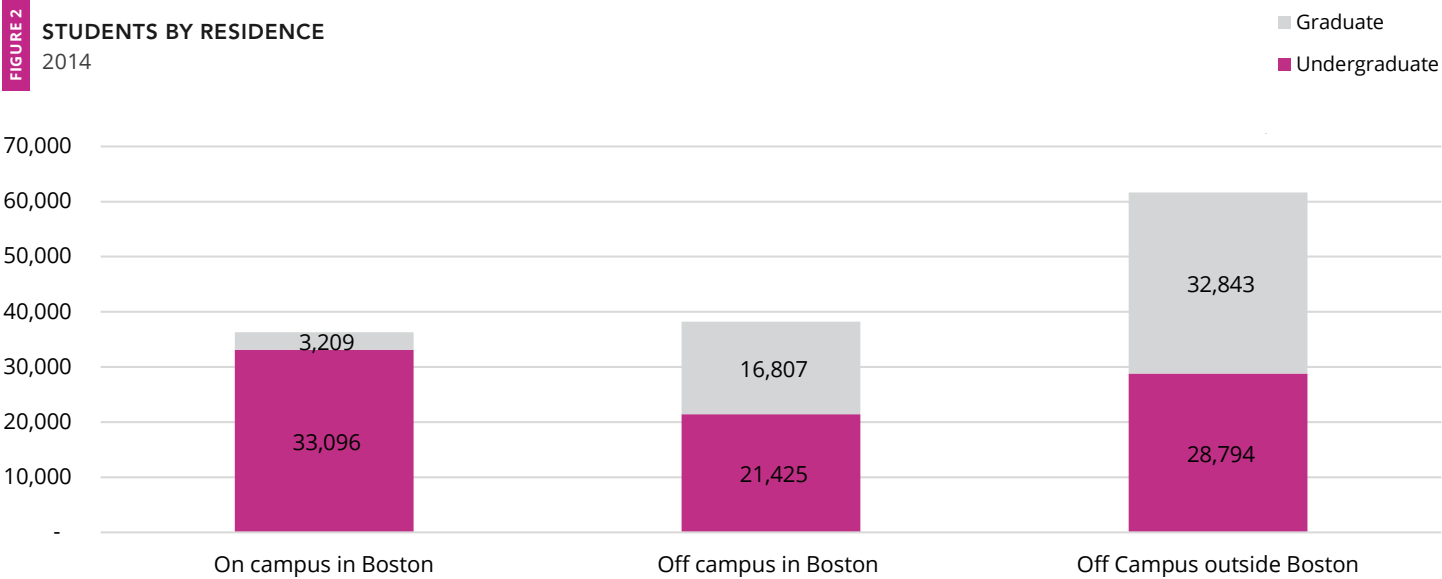
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<sup>4</sup> Bunker Hill Community College "Fast Facts – Fall 2014" and Roxbury Community College "About Us"

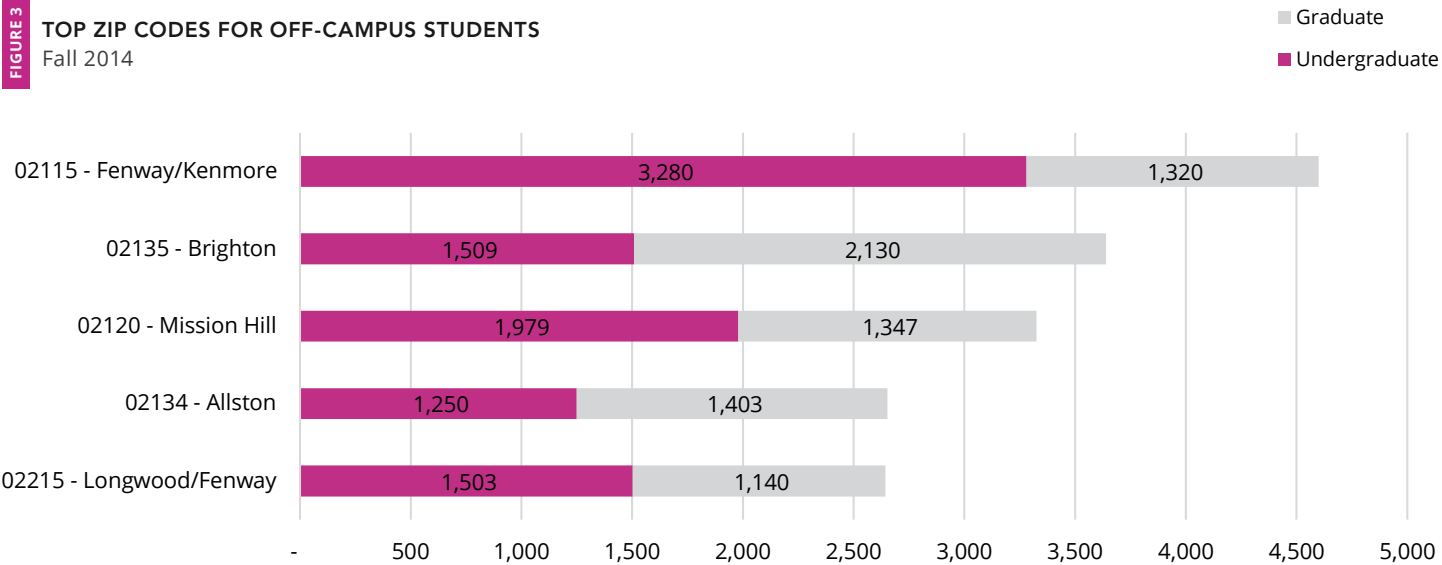
<sup>5</sup> Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), ES-202 2014, BRA Research Division Analysis

# Student Housing

- Of students enrolled in Boston's institutions of higher education for Fall 2014, 32% lived on campus and 68% lived off campus.<sup>6</sup>
- Of the students living off campus, 38% lived in Boston, while 62% lived in other communities. { **FIGURE 2** }
- There are approximately 38,000 Boston college and university students who live off-campus in Boston. { **FIGURE 3** }



Source: City of Boston Housing Trends, 2014-2015 Academic Year, Department of Neighborhood Development, BRA Research Division Analysis. Note: Includes all institutions reporting under the University Accountability Ordinance, including MIT. MIT and Boston College have on-campus housing outside of Boston which houses approximately 10,000 additional students.



Source: Source: City of Boston Housing Trends, 2014-2015 Academic Year, Department of Neighborhood Development, BRA Research Division Analysis

<sup>6</sup> Based on student addresses reported by all schools reporting under the University Accountability Ordinance in Fall 2014, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology which has some buildings in Boston.

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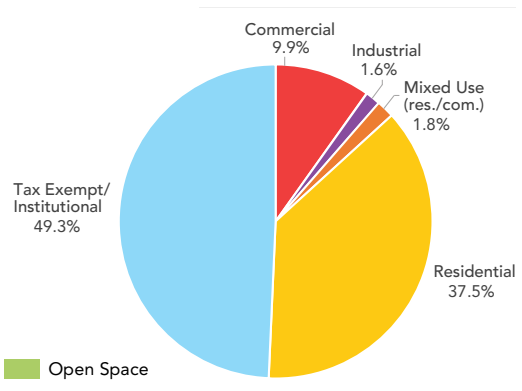
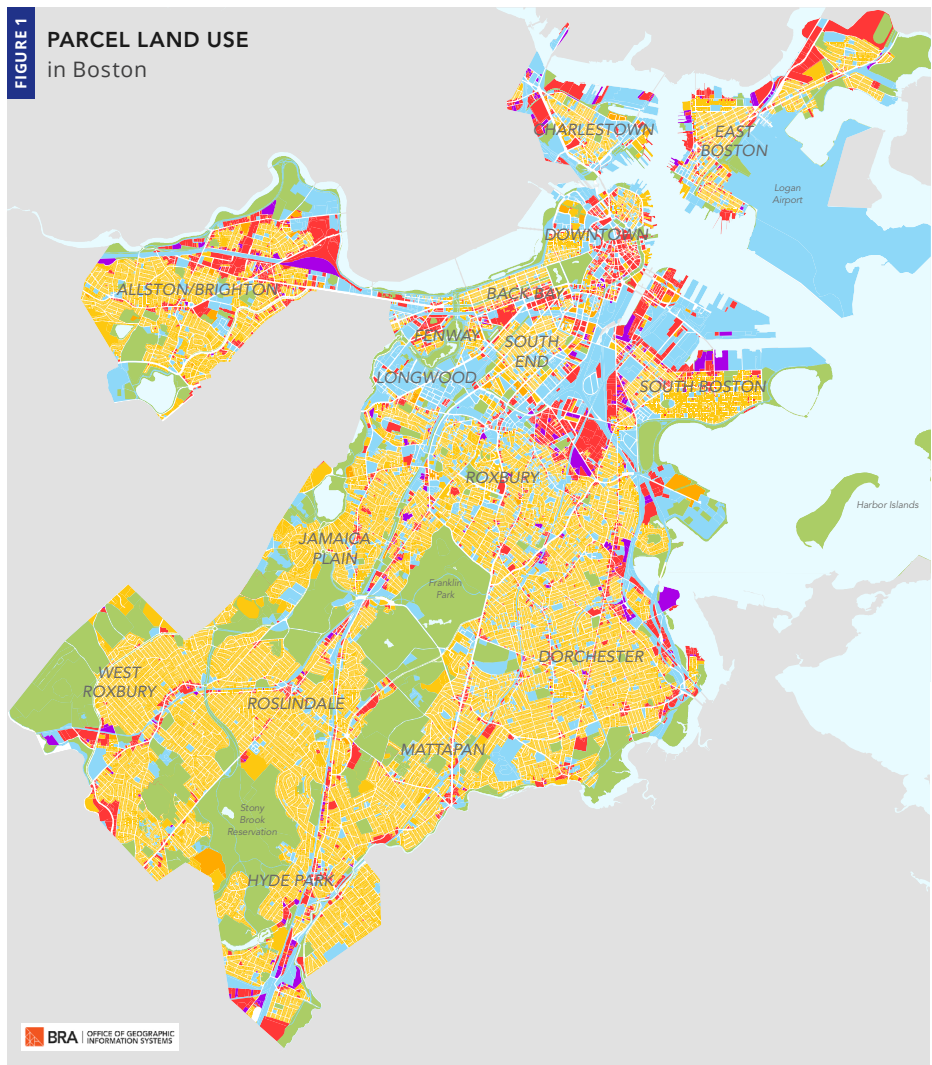
# LAND USE & HOUSING

## Land Area

- Boston has a land area of 48.28 square miles.
- Boston's land area is 0.6% of the 7,800 square miles in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Boston is the second smallest major U.S. city in terms of land area after San Francisco.

## Land Use

- Almost 50% of land parcels in Boston have tax-exempt public or institutional uses. 38% of land parcels are residential, and remaining parcels are commercial, industrial, or mixed-use. { **FIGURE 1** }

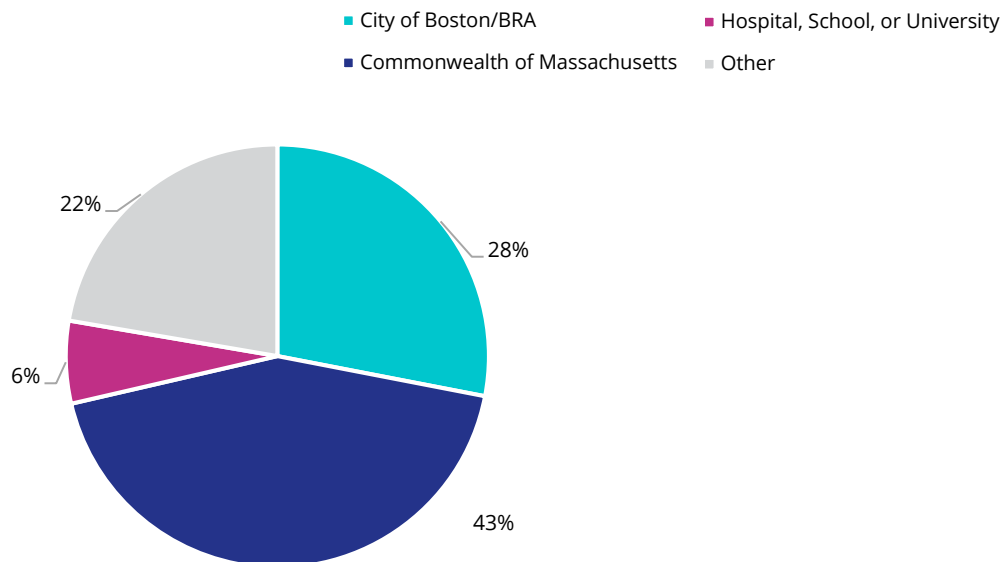


Source: Assessing Data FY'15

## Tax-Exempt Properties

- Much of the tax-exempt land in Boston is open space. 20.9% of the land in Boston is dedicated to public open space such as the Boston Common & Garden, the Charles River Esplanade, the Emerald Necklace, Franklin Park, and Stony Brook Reservation.
- Another large category of tax-exempt land is land owned by universities and hospitals. Boston is home to 31 colleges and universities and 21 hospitals, including Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and Boston University which are the city’s largest private employers. { **FIGURE 2** }

**FIGURE 2** OWNERSHIP OF TAX-EXEMPT LAND in Boston



Source: FY2015 Boston Assessing Data

## Commercial Land Uses

- Boston has approximately 63.1 million square feet of office space. <sup>1</sup>
- Boston has almost 23.3 million square feet of retail space for almost 4,500 retail and food services establishments. <sup>2</sup>
- From 1990 to 2013, Boston added 6,588 new hotel rooms across the city for a total of 18,658 rooms. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Colliers International, Market Snapshot, 2014 Q4

<sup>2</sup> CoStar Property, Total Market Statistics, 2015 Q1; U.S. Census Bureau 2012 Economic Census, Retail Indicators Branch

<sup>3</sup> Pinnacle Advisory Group

## Residential Properties

- In 2013 Boston had a population density of 13,354 people per square mile of land overall, placing its density between that of San Francisco and Chicago in terms of major U.S. cities.
- Boston has a population density of 40,772 people per square mile of residential land.
- Boston had 274,459 total housing units in 2014, up 9% from 251,935 in 2000. { **TABLE 3** }
- In 2014, Boston had 253,749 occupied housing units of which 34.9% were owner-occupied – a historically high owner-occupancy rate. { **FIGURE 4** }

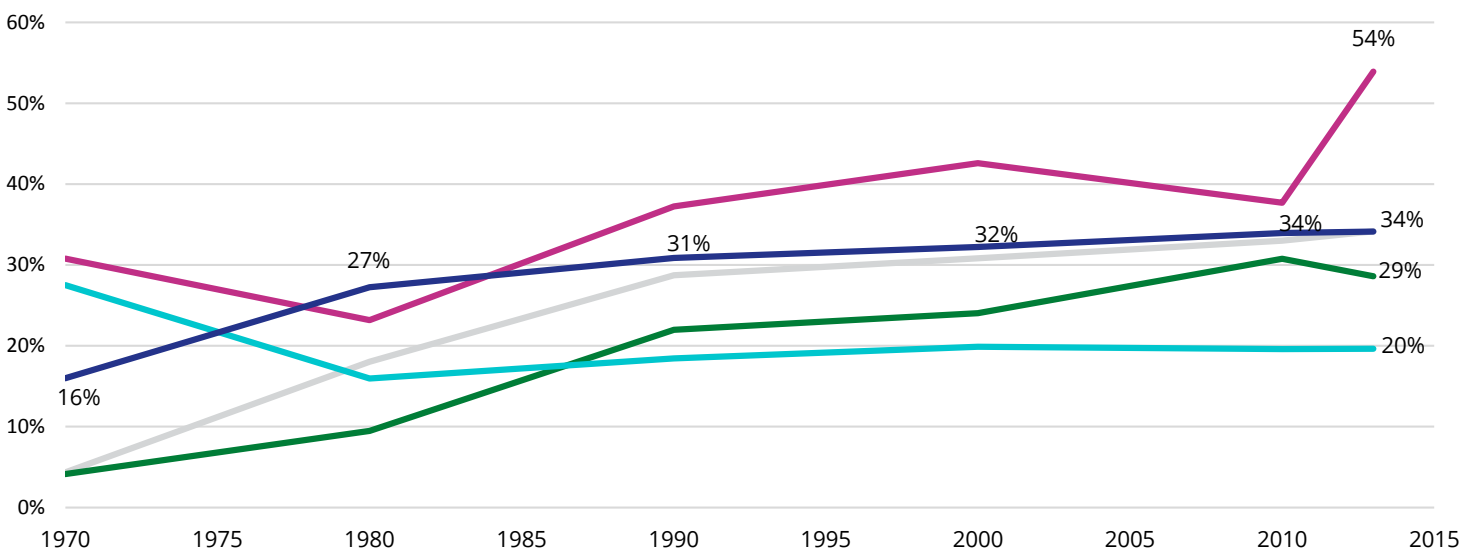
**TABLE 3**  
**HOUSING UNITS**  
by Units in Structure

| UNITS IN STRUCTURE        | HOUSING UNITS  | % OF TOTAL  |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1, Attached or Detached   | 51,775         | 18.9%       |
| 2                         | 33,983         | 12.4%       |
| 3 or 4                    | 66,212         | 24.1%       |
| 5 to 9                    | 33,831         | 12.3%       |
| 10 to 19                  | 22,316         | 8.1%        |
| 20 to 49                  | 24,695         | 9.0%        |
| 50 or more                | 41,071         | 15.0%       |
| Mobile Home or Boat, etc. | 576            | 4.8%        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>274,459</b> | <b>100%</b> |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

**FIGURE 4**  
**OWNER-OCCUPANCY RATE**  
Boston and Selected Neighborhoods 1970-2013

South Boston Waterfront Back Bay Boston City  
Roxbury Downtown



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1970-2010 Decennial Census, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division



| NEIGHBORHOOD            | OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS | % OWNER-OCCUPIED |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| West Roxbury            | 12,907                 | 64.1%            |
| Hyde Park               | 11,945                 | 57.7%            |
| South Boston Waterfront | 1,304                  | 53.9%            |
| Roslindale              | 10,500                 | 53.7%            |
| Jamaica Plain           | 15,325                 | 46.5%            |
| Charlestown             | 8,234                  | 42.4%            |
| Mattapan                | 8,402                  | 38.9%            |
| South End               | 15,733                 | 36.9%            |
| South Boston            | 14,985                 | 36.2%            |
| Back Bay                | 9,689                  | 34.2%            |
| Dorchester              | 41,676                 | 33.8%            |
| Beacon Hill             | 5,414                  | 31.5%            |
| Downtown                | 7,204                  | 28.6%            |
| East Boston             | 15,334                 | 27.9%            |
| North End               | 5,134                  | 26.3%            |
| Longwood                | 254                    | 26.0%            |
| West End                | 3,000                  | 24.3%            |
| Brighton                | 20,397                 | 23.8%            |
| Roxbury                 | 17,692                 | 19.6%            |
| Mission Hill            | 6,060                  | 11.6%            |
| Fenway                  | 11,616                 | 10.5%            |
| Allston                 | 6,609                  | 9.7%             |

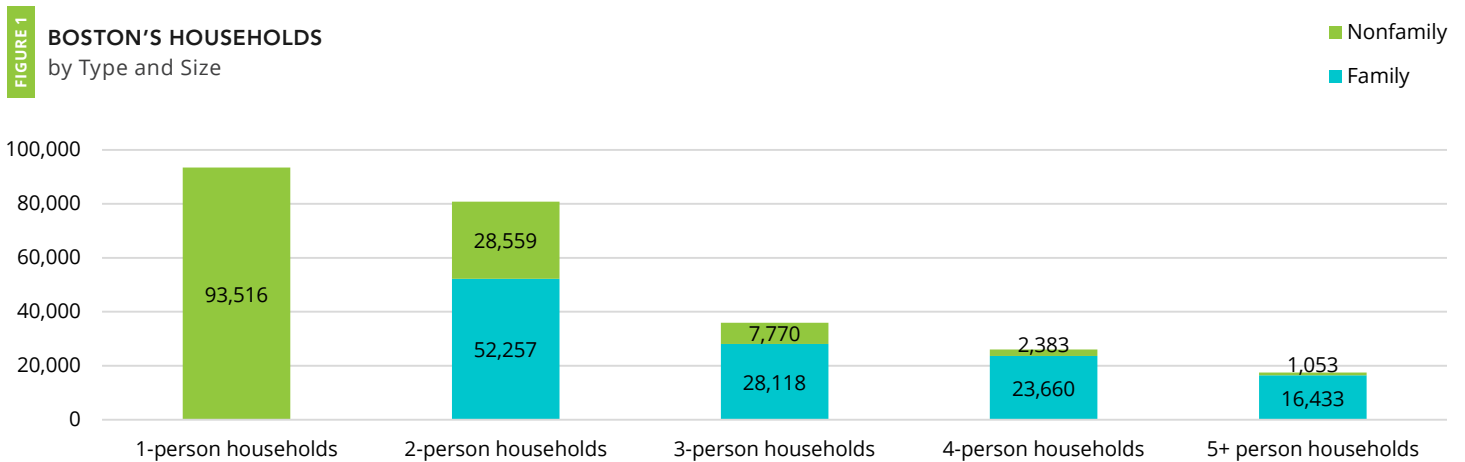
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## BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

## CHILDREN &amp; FAMILIES

## Households

- Boston is home to 253,749 households of which 120,468 (47.5%) are family households. <sup>1</sup>
- 36.9% of all Boston households are one-person nonfamily households.
- Families of four make up only 9.3% of all Boston households. { **FIGURE 1** }



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

## Family Types

- Married couple families make up 54.9% of all family households.
- Families that are headed by women with no husband present make up 35.5% of all family households.
- Remaining families are headed by men with no wife present. { **TABLE 2** }
- About 50% of children in Boston live with only one parent.

**TABLE 2** FAMILIES BY TYPE  
2010 - 2014

| FAMILY TYPE                 | 2010    |       | 2014    |       | % CHANGE |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|----------|
|                             | Count   | %     | Count   | %     |          |
| Family Households           | 116,244 |       | 120,468 |       | 3.6%     |
| Husband-Wife Families       | 64,502  | 55.5% | 66,119  | 54.9% | 2.5%     |
| Male Householder Families   | 10,441  | 9.0%  | 11,591  | 9.6%  | 11.0%    |
| Female Householder Families | 41,301  | 35.5% | 42,758  | 35.5% | 3.5%     |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census & 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

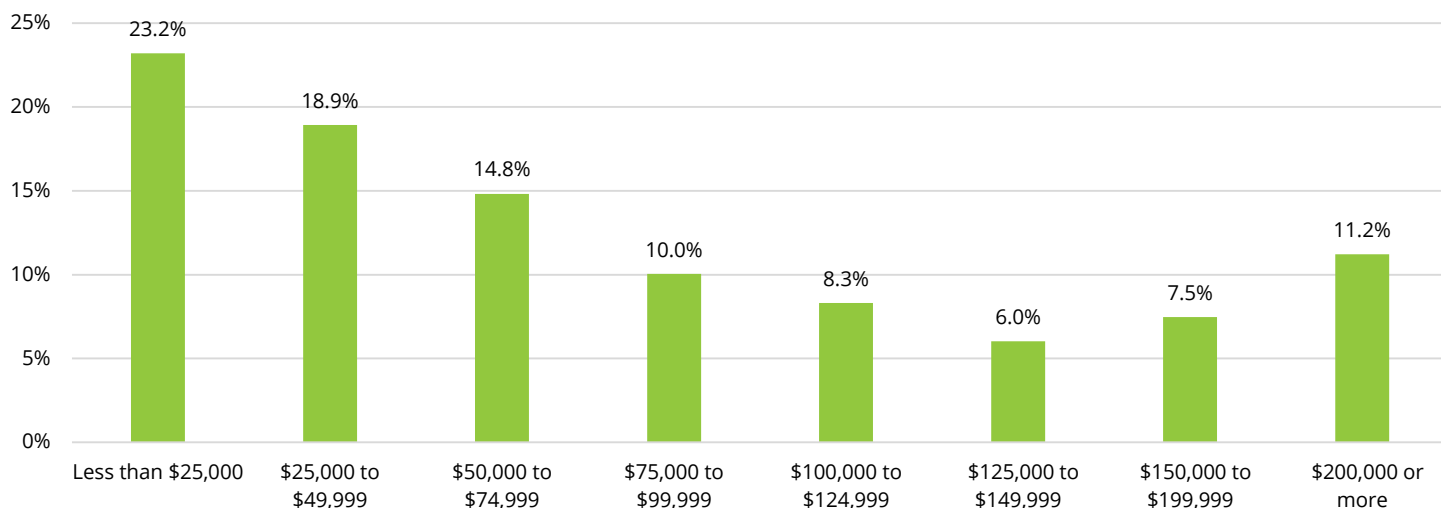
<sup>1</sup> The US Census Bureau defines a family as, "two or more people (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption residing in the same housing unit."

## Income and Poverty

- The median family income in Boston in 2014 was \$61,714 per year. { **FIGURE 3** }

FIGURE 3

### FAMILY INCOME in the Past 12 Months



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Overall, 17.3% of Boston families live in poverty.
- However, the poverty rate is only 7.9% for married-couple families. { **TABLE 4** }
- Caring for children under the age of 18, especially as a single parent, increases a family's chance of living in poverty. Overall 33.1% of children in Boston live in poverty, and the poverty rate for female-headed families with children is 43.9%.

TABLE 4

### FAMILIES IN POVERTY by Family Type

| FAMILY TYPE                                 | FAMILIES IN POVERTY | POVERTY RATE | % OF FAMILIES IN POVERTY |
|---|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| All Families                                | 20,838              | 17.3%        | 100%                     |
| Married-Couple Family                       | 5,234               | 7.9%         | 25.1%                    |
| <i>with related children under 18 years</i> | 3,165               | 12.2%        |                          |
| Female-headed, no husband                   | 13,396              | 31.3%        | 64.3%                    |
| <i>with related children under 18 years</i> | 11,388              | 43.9%        |                          |
| Male-headed, no wife                        | 2,208               | 19.0%        | 10.6%                    |
| <i>with related children under 18 years</i> | 1,265               | 28.9%        |                          |

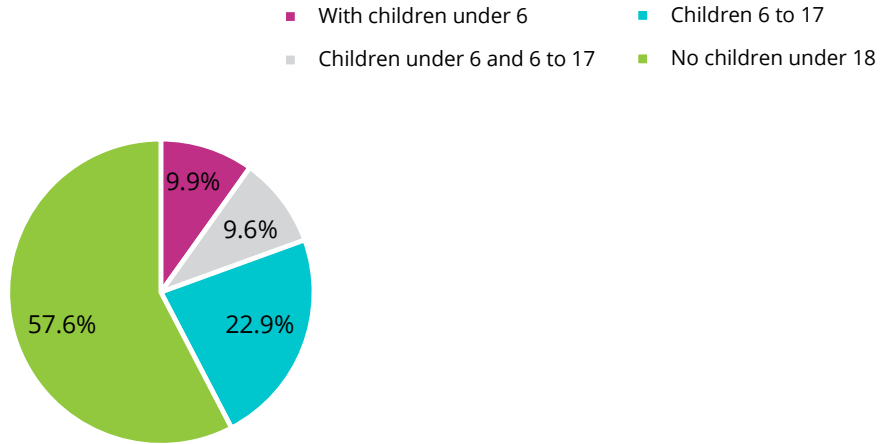
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

Note: Poverty Rate is percentage of families who have income below the poverty threshold. The poverty threshold varies by household size and composition. In 2014, the poverty threshold for a family of 2 adults and 2 children is \$24,008.

## Children

- 42.4% of family households in 2014 have children under the age of 18, down from 44.4% in 2010 { **FIGURE 5** }

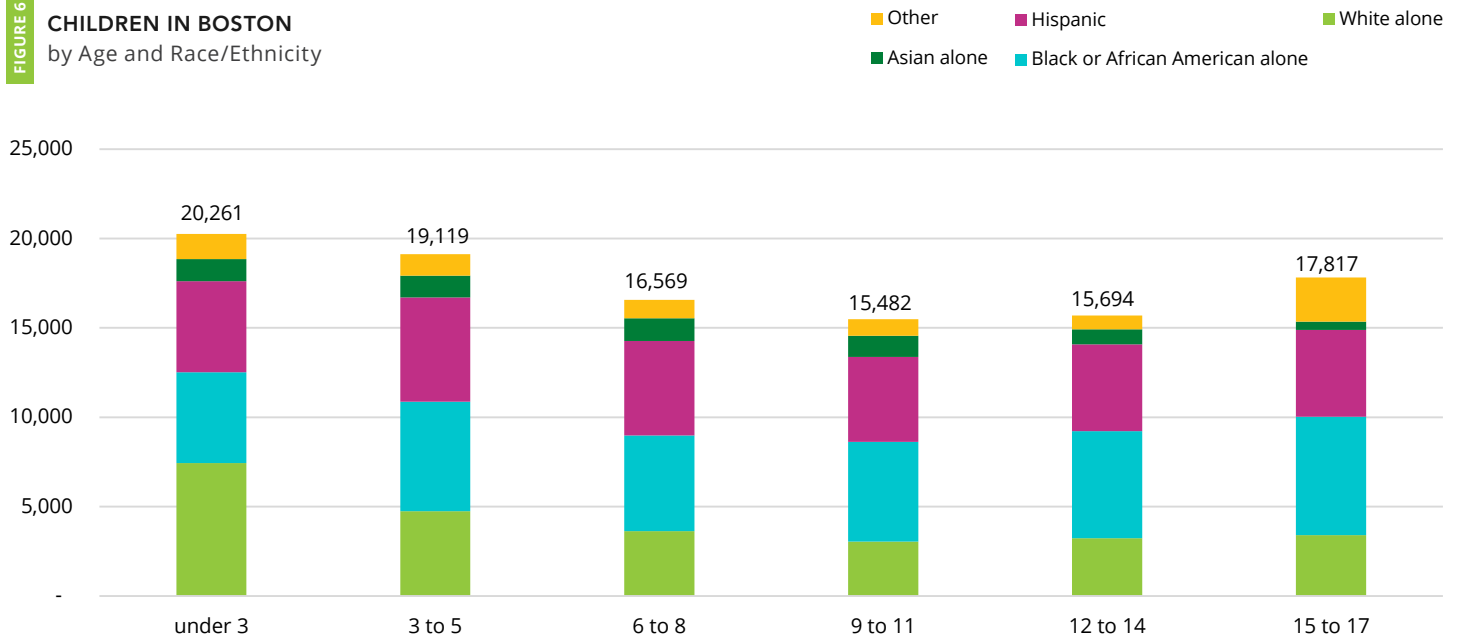
**FIGURE 5**  
**FAMILIES**  
by Presence of Children



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

- There are 108,571 children living in Boston, 16.5% of the total Boston population { **FIGURE 6** }
- Overall, children in Boston are 26.5% White, non-Hispanic, 30.9% Hispanic, 29.7% Black/African-American, 7.8% Asian, and 5.1% other.
- However, the composition varies by age group. White, non-Hispanics make up 36.7% of children under age 3, but only 19.1% of 15-17 year olds.

**FIGURE 6**  
**CHILDREN IN BOSTON**  
by Age and Race/Ethnicity



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Children in Boston are concentrated in certain neighborhoods. Children make up over 20% of the populations of Roxbury, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roslindale and East Boston. { **TABLE 7** }

**TABLE 7**  
**NEIGHBORHOODS**  
by Children Under 18

| NEIGHBORHOOD            | CHILDREN UNDER 18 | % OF NEIGHBORHOOD POPULATION |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Roxbury                 | 11,880            | 24.6%                        |
| Dorchester              | 29,216            | 24.2%                        |
| Hyde Park               | 7,905             | 23.2%                        |
| Mattapan                | 5,520             | 22.8%                        |
| Roslindale              | 5,820             | 20.5%                        |
| East Boston             | 8,763             | 20.1%                        |
| West Roxbury            | 6,146             | 19.9%                        |
| Charlestown             | 3,219             | 18.4%                        |
| Jamaica Plain           | 6,104             | 16.3%                        |
| South Boston            | 4,814             | 14.6%                        |
| South End               | 4,307             | 13.7%                        |
| Mission Hill            | 1,909             | 11.6%                        |
| Brighton                | 4,012             | 8.8%                         |
| Beacon Hill             | 793               | 8.7%                         |
| Back Bay                | 1,090             | 6.2%                         |
| Downtown                | 1,002             | 6.1%                         |
| West End                | 320               | 5.9%                         |
| Allston                 | 810               | 4.1%                         |
| North End               | 316               | 3.6%                         |
| South Boston Waterfront | 87                | 3.4%                         |
| Longwood                | 111               | 2.2%                         |
| Fenway                  | 641               | 2.0%                         |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

- 90.4% of children in Boston are native-born; however, over half live with at least one foreign-born parent.
- 43.6% of children age 5-17 speak a language other than English at home. { **TABLE 8** }

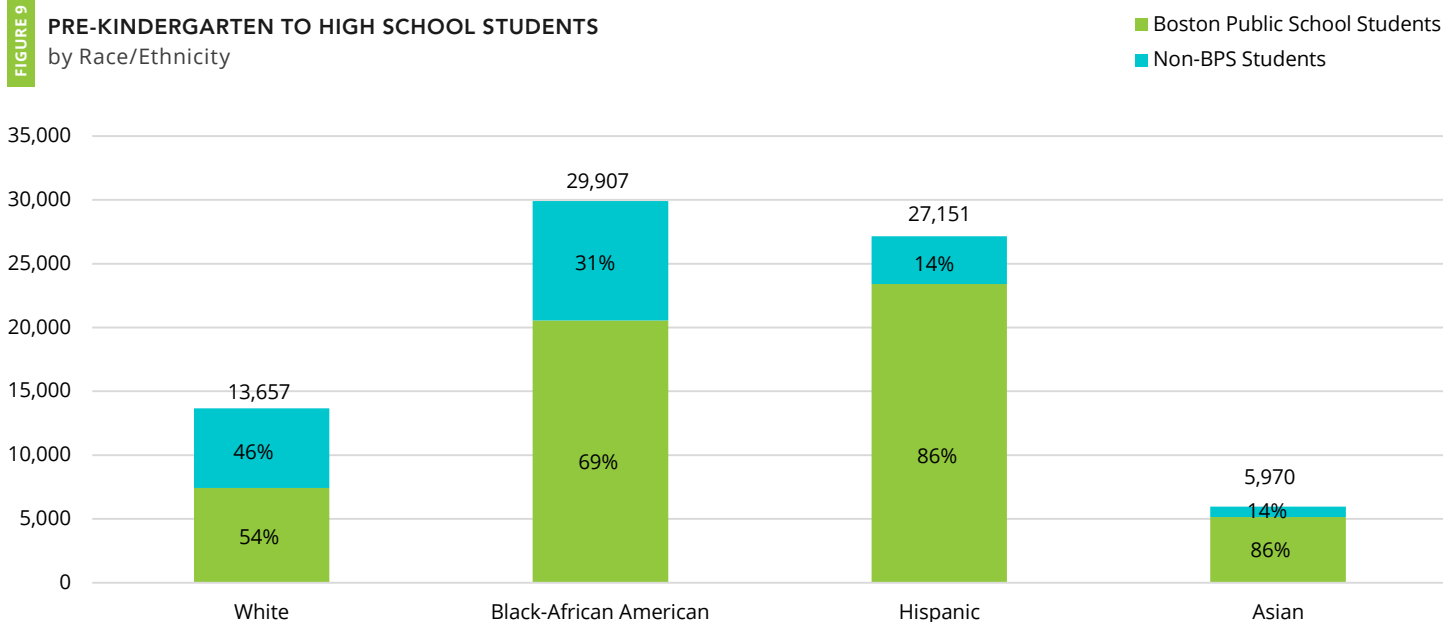
**TABLE 8** TOP LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME  
for Population Ages 5-17

| LANGUAGE                          | TOTAL  | PERCENT |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| English only                      | 41,832 | 56.4%   |
| Spanish                           | 18,555 | 25.0%   |
| Haitian Creole                    | 2,754  | 3.7%    |
| Chinese                           | 2,344  | 3.2%    |
| Portuguese or Cape Verdean Creole | 2,075  | 2.8%    |
| Cushite                           | 2,000  | 2.7%    |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample, BRA Research Division Analysis  
Note: Chinese includes Mandarin and Cantonese. Cushite languages are spoken primarily in Somalia, Eritrea, Djibouti, & Ethiopia

- About 74% of school-aged children in Boston attend Boston Public Schools.
- Only 54% of White students attend Boston Public Schools, while 86% of Hispanic and Asian students attend BPS. { **FIGURE 9** }

**FIGURE 9** PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
by Race/Ethnicity



Source: Boston Public Schools at a Glance, 2014-2015, BRA Research Division Analysis

## BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

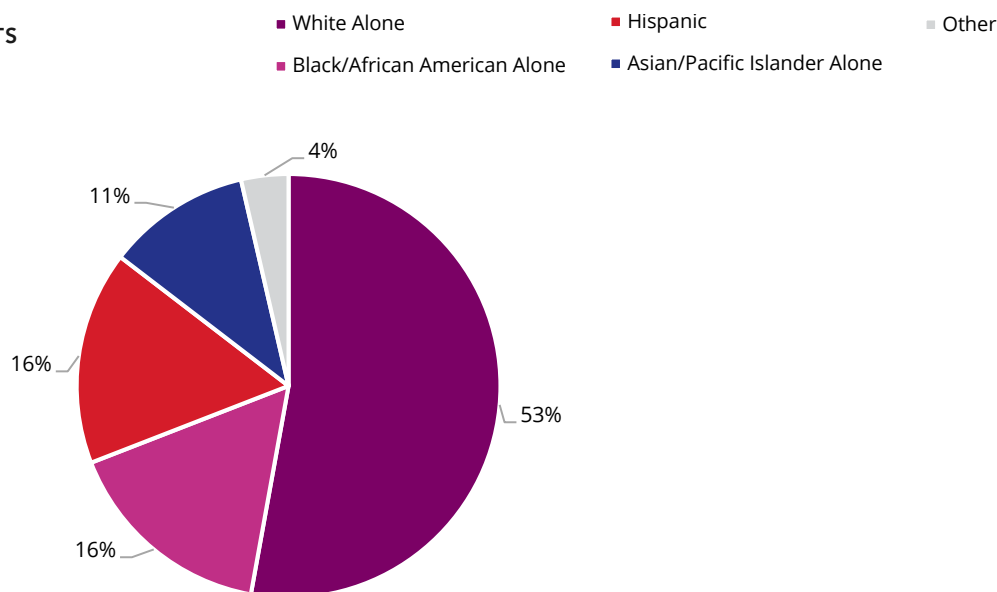
## YOUNG ADULTS

## Population

- In 2014, there were 258,374 Boston residents between the ages of 18 and 34, up 3% from 2010.<sup>1</sup>
- Residents aged 18-34 make up 39.4% of Boston's total population, a share that has been steady since 1980, and which is higher than other U.S. cities.
- The young adult population is 51.5% female, approximately the same gender composition as the Boston population as a whole.
- In 2014, the non-Hispanic White share of the young adult population was 53%, compared to 56% in 2000 and 46% in the Boston population overall in 2014. { **FIGURE 1** }
- 22.7% of the young adults in Boston are foreign-born, compared to 27.6% of Boston's population.
- 34.4% speak a language other than English at home, and 11.3% speak English less than "very well".
- 14.5% of young adults speak Spanish at home.

FIGURE 1

**RACE/ETHNICITY OF YOUNG ADULTS**  
in Boston



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division

## Households

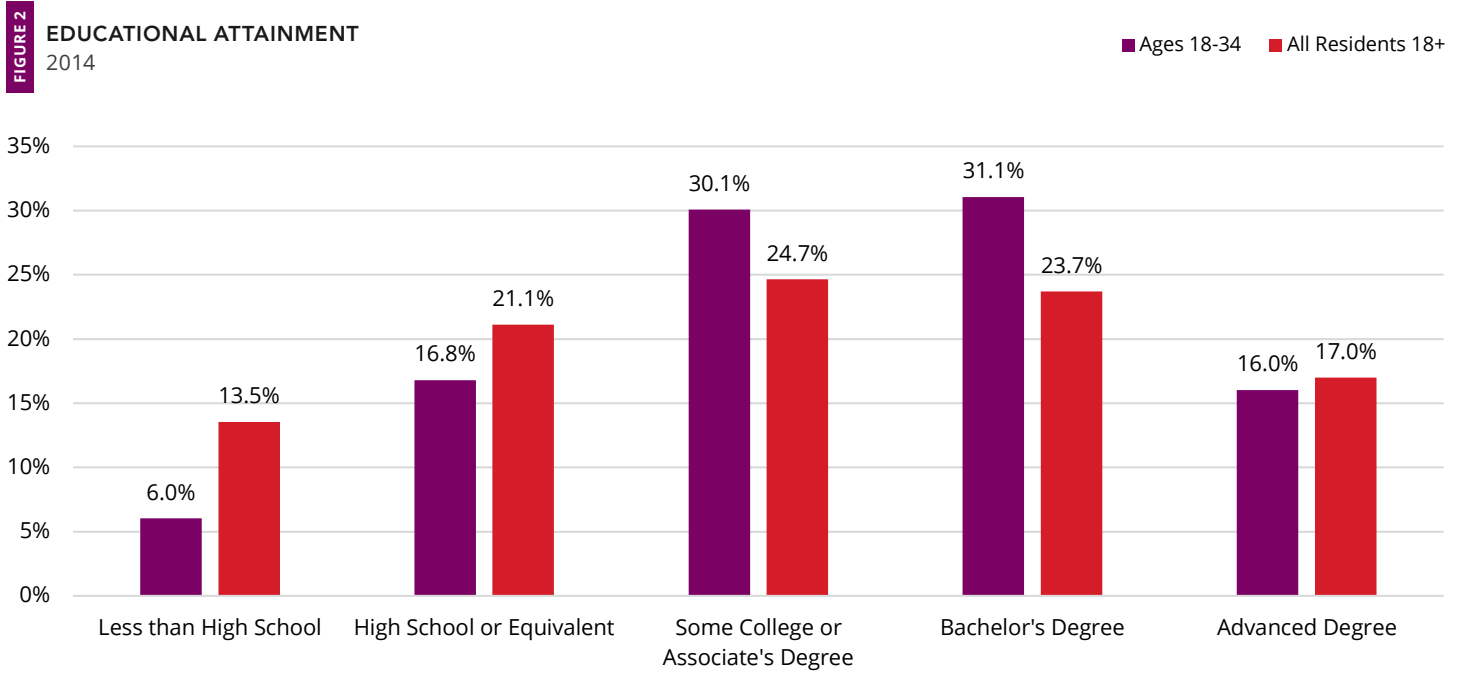
- 85.3% of young adults live in households, including 19.0% of young adults who live with a parent or grandparent.
- 14.7% of all young adults reside in group quarters, such as a college dormitory – among 18-22 year olds this percentage rises to 44.7%.
- Only 14.9% of young adult householders own their residence.<sup>2</sup>
- Only 15.2% of young adults are currently married, 2.4% are widowed, divorced, or separated, and 82.4% have never been married.

<sup>1</sup> Note: Source is U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup> The householder is the person whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. If it is owned or rented jointly, either person could be designated the householder.

## Education

- 38.5% of young adults in Boston are currently enrolled in school, including 70.2% of young adults age 18-24 and 17.1% of those age 25-34.
- 47.1% of young adults have a Bachelor's degree or higher. { **FIGURE 2** }

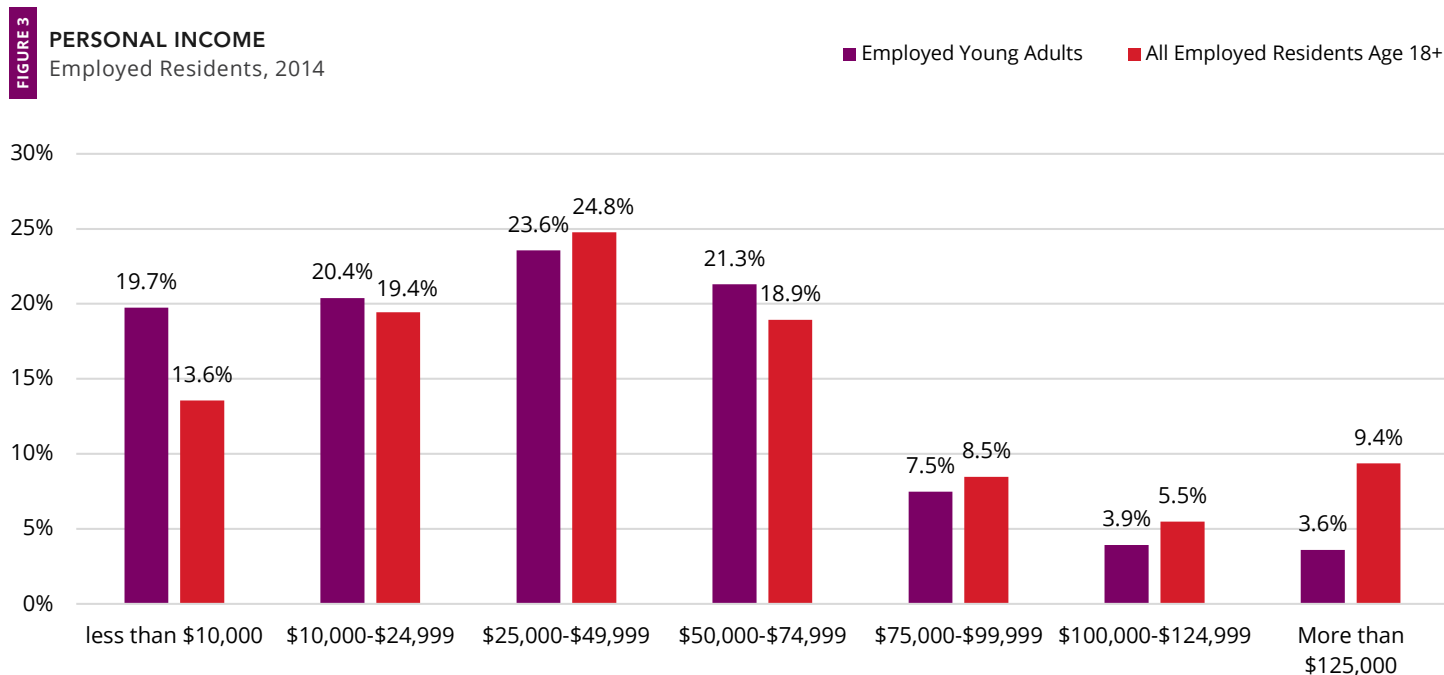


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis



## Employment, Income, and Poverty

- The labor force participation rate for young adults in Boston is 70.3%.
- The median income of employed young adults is \$35,000 a year compared to \$40,000 a year for all employed workers age 18 and over.
- School enrollment affects the income of young adults: the median personal income of employed young adults who are enrolled in school is only \$9,000 a year. { **FIGURE 3** }
- The poverty rate of young adults falls from 26.6% among 18-22 year olds to 11.8% among 31-34 year olds.
- Although students living in dormitories are not included in poverty calculations, the poverty rate for young adult students who live off-campus is 62.6%.
- The median household income of households with a householder ages 18-34 is \$63,000 compared to \$55,800 for all Boston households.<sup>3</sup>



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis

<sup>3</sup> Household income includes the income of everyone in the household, including roommates and other non-family members

## Neighborhoods

- The share of the neighborhood population that is between the ages of 18 and 34 varies dramatically, from 95.3% for Longwood to 19.2% for West Roxbury. { **TABLE 4** }

**TABLE 4**  
**NEIGHBORHOODS**  
by Young Adult Population Share

| NEIGHBORHOOD            | YOUNG ADULTS | % OF NEIGHBORHOOD POPULATION |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Longwood                | 4,842        | 95.3%                        |
| Fenway                  | 26,307       | 80.7%                        |
| Allston                 | 15,509       | 78.3%                        |
| North End               | 5,402        | 61.9%                        |
| Mission Hill            | 9,433        | 57.4%                        |
| Beacon Hill             | 5,089        | 55.7%                        |
| Brighton                | 25,047       | 55.1%                        |
| Back Bay                | 8,714        | 49.9%                        |
| South Boston Waterfront | 1,237        | 47.9%                        |
| Downtown                | 7,789        | 47.1%                        |
| South Boston            | 14,650       | 44.4%                        |
| West End                | 2,338        | 43.3%                        |
| Jamaica Plain           | 14,171       | 37.8%                        |
| Harbor Islands          | 133          | 37.3%                        |
| South End               | 11,672       | 37.1%                        |
| Charlestown             | 5,650        | 32.4%                        |
| Roxbury                 | 15,555       | 32.2%                        |
| East Boston             | 13,622       | 31.3%                        |
| Dorchester              | 36,166       | 30.0%                        |
| Hyde Park               | 8,379        | 24.6%                        |
| Mattapan                | 5,720        | 23.6%                        |
| Roslindale              | 6,492        | 22.9%                        |
| West Roxbury            | 5,938        | 19.2%                        |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis

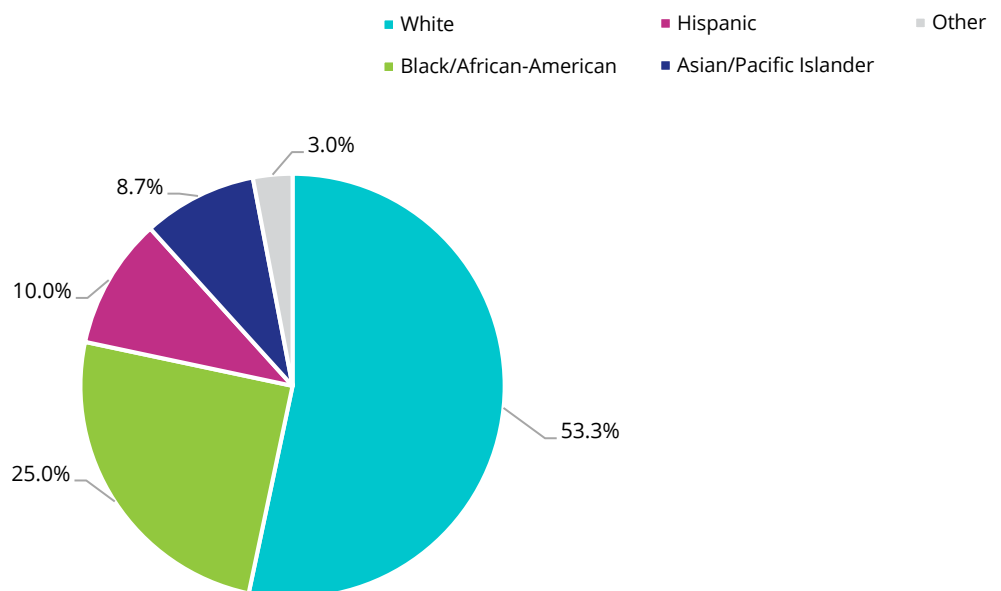
## BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

# ELDERLY

### Population

- In 2014, there were 67,857 Boston residents age 65 or over, up 9% from 2010. <sup>1</sup>
- Residents age 65 and over make up 10.3% of Boston's total population, a share that has been steady since 2000.
- The over-65 population is 58.2% female.
- The non-Hispanic White share of the elderly population is 53.3% - down from 67.4% in 2000, but it is still higher than that of the Boston population overall (45.6%). { **FIGURE 1** }
- 35.7% of the elderly are foreign-born, compared to 27.6% of Boston's population.
- 35.5% speak a language other than English at home, and 29.4% speak English less than "very well".

**FIGURE 1**  
**BOSTON'S ELDERLY POPULATION**  
 by Race/Ethnicity



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample, BRA Research Division

### Households

- 51,030 Boston households, 20.1% of total households, include one or more people 65 years and over.
- 95.2% of the elderly live in households, while 4.8% reside in group quarters, such as a nursing home.
- 47.1% of the elderly live in owner-occupied housing, compared to 34.9% of the general population.
- 37% of the elderly are currently married, 26.5% are widowed, 19.8% are divorced or separated, and 16.7% never married.
- 4.7% of the elderly live with their grandchild(ren) and .9% are responsible for their grandchild(ren).
- 37% of the population over age 65 lives alone.

<sup>1</sup> Note: Source is U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year American Community Survey unless otherwise noted.

## Economic Status

- Only 18.0% of the population over age 65 was in the labor force in 2014, and 42.1% were living with some type of disability.
- Overall, 19.6% of the elderly population lives below the poverty line, compared to 22.6% of Boston's general population.
- However, the poverty rate for women over age 75 rises to 25.3%.
- The share of the neighborhood population that is elderly ranges from 17.8% in West Roxbury to 0.3% in Longwood. { **TABLE 2** }

**TABLE 2**  
**NEIGHBORHOODS**  
by Elderly Population Share

| NEIGHBORHOOD            | ELDERLY POPULATION | % OF NEIGHBORHOOD POPULATION |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| West Roxbury            | 5,492              | 17.8%                        |
| Downtown                | 2,549              | 15.4%                        |
| Back Bay                | 2,413              | 13.8%                        |
| West End                | 741                | 13.7%                        |
| Mattapan                | 3,086              | 12.7%                        |
| Roslindale              | 3,467              | 12.2%                        |
| Hyde Park               | 4,133              | 12.1%                        |
| Brighton                | 5,484              | 12.1%                        |
| Charlestown             | 1,947              | 11.2%                        |
| North End               | 932                | 10.7%                        |
| Beacon Hill             | 942                | 10.3%                        |
| South End               | 3,197              | 10.2%                        |
| Roxbury                 | 4,889              | 10.1%                        |
| Mission Hill            | 1,658              | 10.1%                        |
| South Boston Waterfront | 256                | 9.9%                         |
| East Boston             | 4,086              | 9.4%                         |
| Jamaica Plain           | 3,486              | 9.3%                         |
| South Boston            | 3,032              | 9.2%                         |
| Dorchester              | 10,882             | 9.0%                         |
| Fenway                  | 1,655              | 5.1%                         |
| Allston                 | 591                | 3.0%                         |
| Longwood                | 13                 | 0.3%                         |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis