



# BOSTON'S PROJECTED POPULATION

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# Population projections help inform decisions related to Boston's future

## How many...

**Housing units** will be needed to house Boston's population in the future?

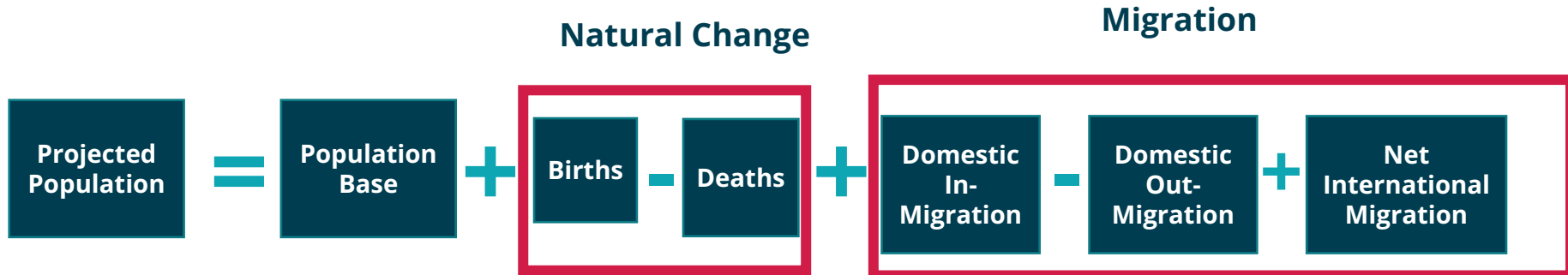
**Schools** will be needed to educate Boston Public School's children?

**Senior centers** will Boston need to build?

**Dorms** will Boston's colleges and universities need to build?

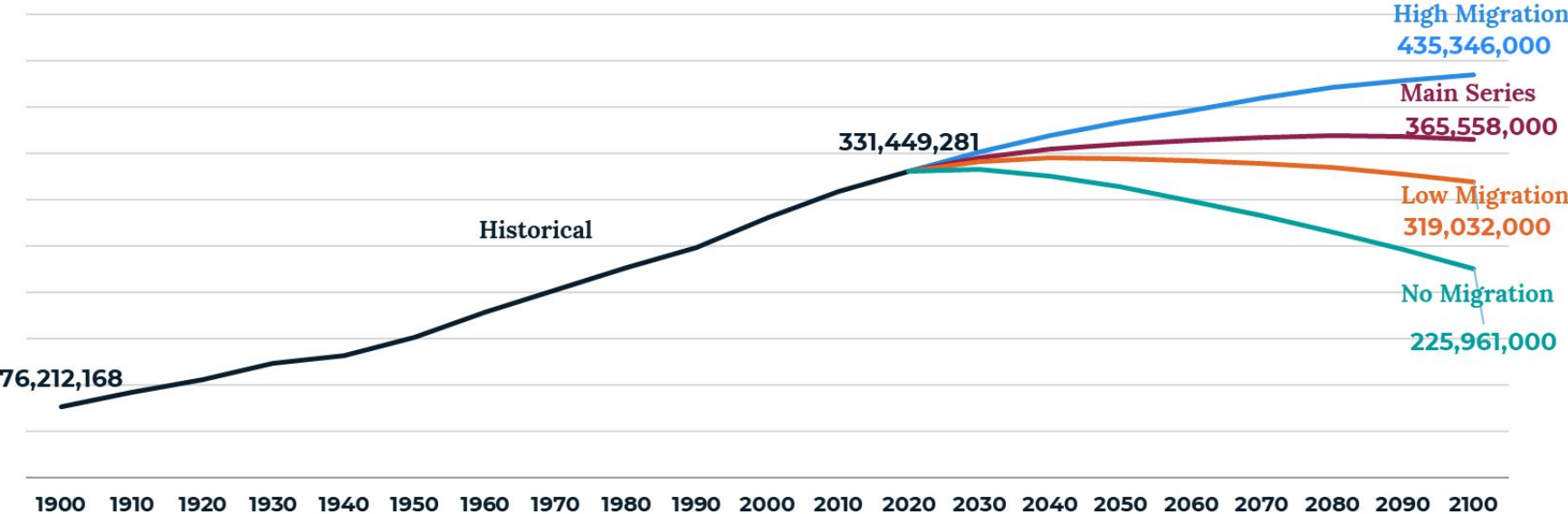
# THREE FACTORS THAT DRIVE POPULATION CHANGE:

BIRTHS  
DEATHS  
MIGRATION



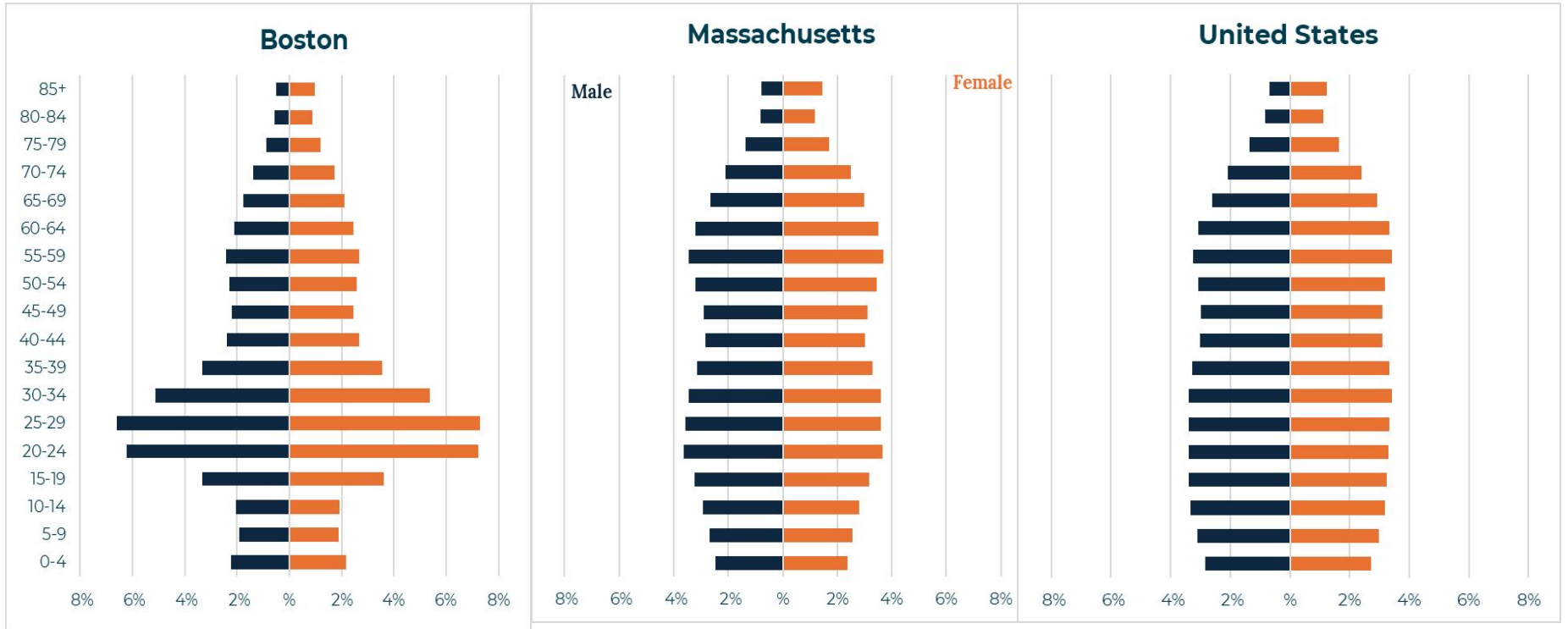
# DUE TO LOWER BIRTH RATES AND AGING POPULATION THE U.S. POPULATION WILL DECLINE WITHOUT INCREASED IMMIGRATION

## UNITED STATES POPULATION IS PROJECTED TO GROW MORE SLOWLY



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

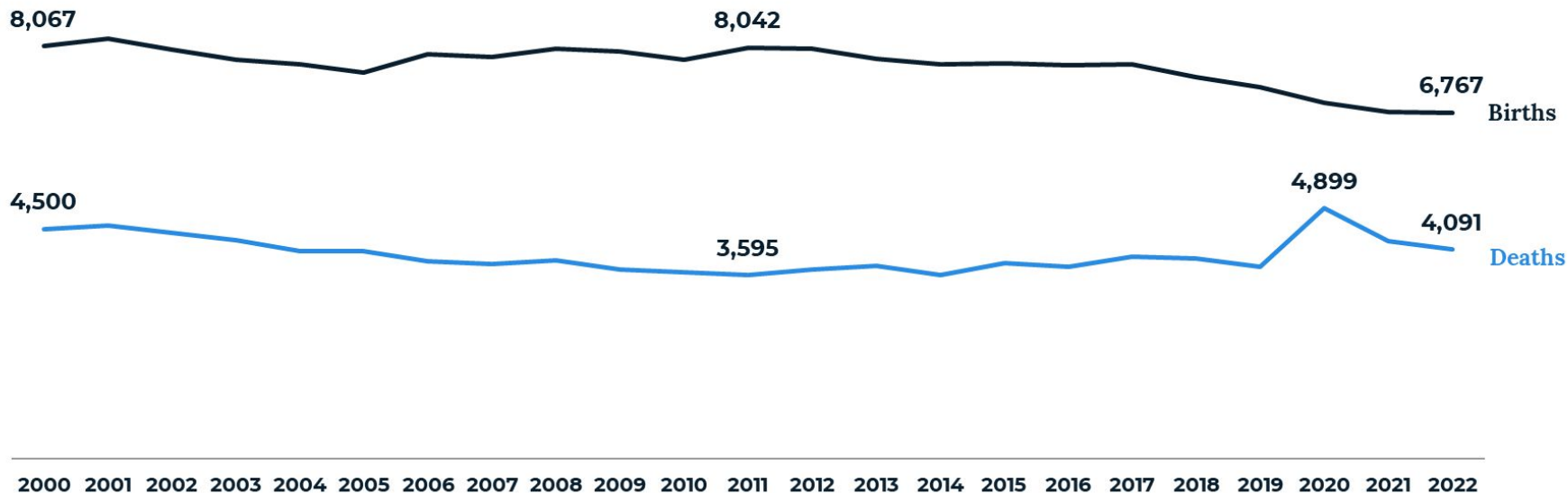
# BOSTON'S POPULATION GROWTH DEPENDS ON AN INFLUX OF YOUNG ADULTS FROM ACROSS THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES



Source: 2020 Boston Planning Department Estimate for Boston and Decennial Census for MA and US, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

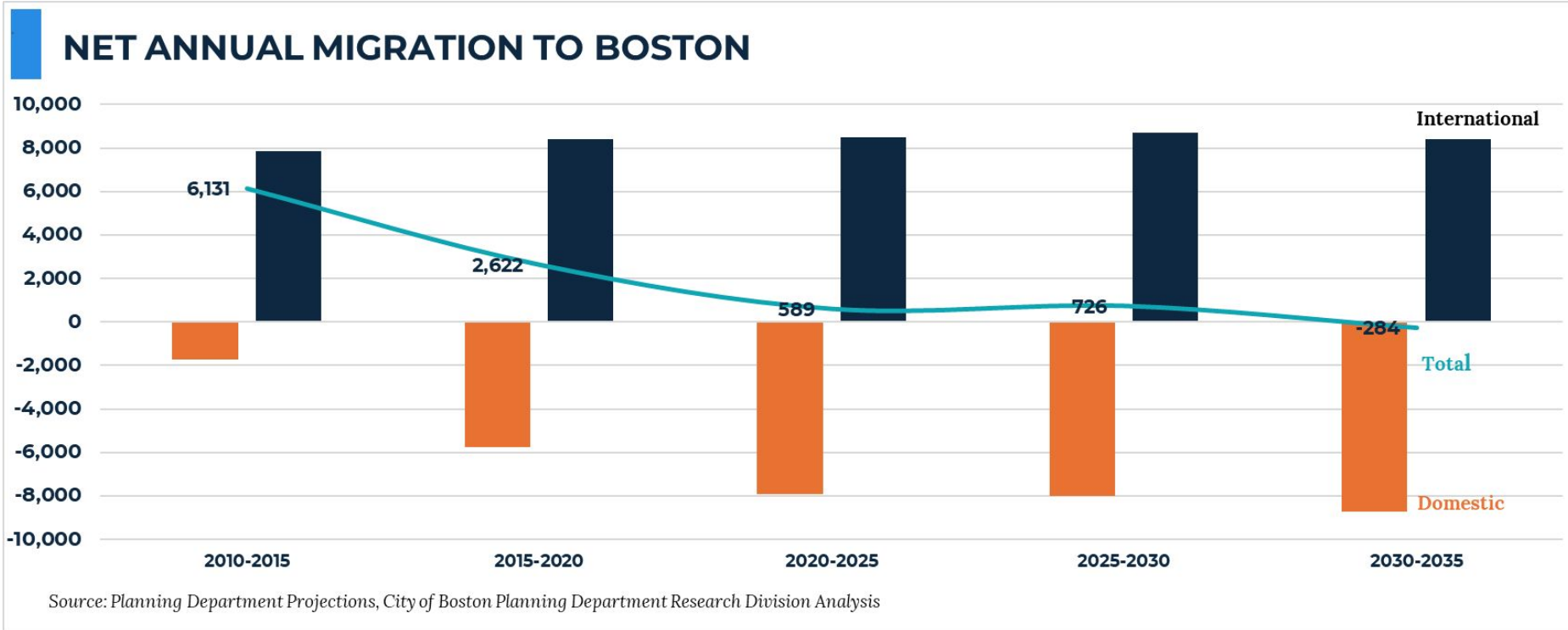
# SINCE 2011, BOSTON BIRTHS HAVE DECLINED, BUT DEATHS HAVE INCREASED

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS BOSTON 2000 TO 2022



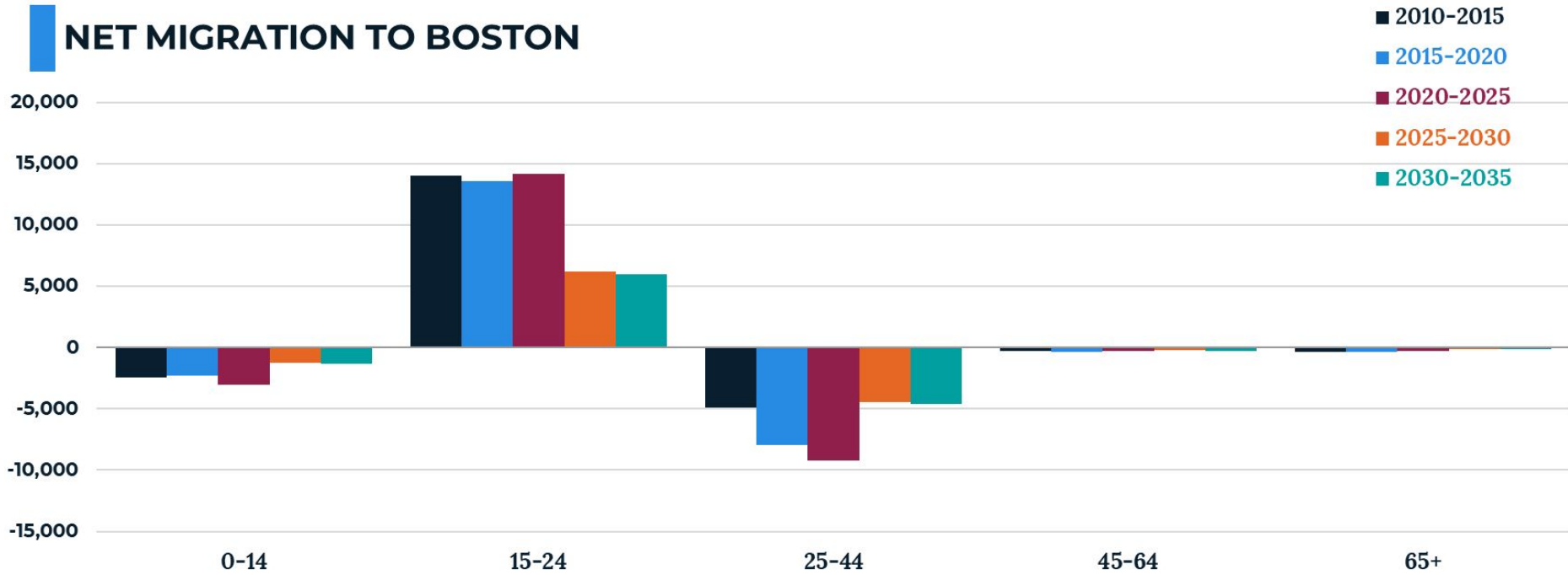
Source: Boston Public Health Commission, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

# BOSTON'S POPULATION GROWTH DEPENDS INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, AS DOMESTIC OUT MIGRATION HAS BEEN INCREASING





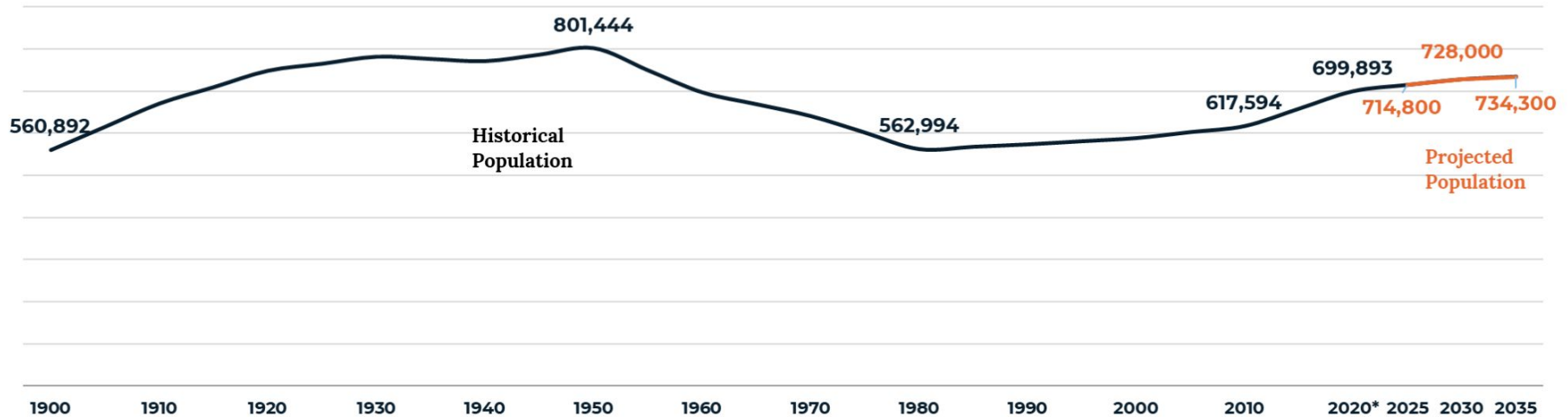
# BOSTON NET MIGRATION IS POSITIVE ONLY AMONG YOUNG ADULTS. CHILDREN UNDER 14 AND ADULTS 30-44 SEE SIGNIFICANT OUTMIGRATION



Source: Planning Department Projections, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis.

# BASED ON OBSERVED TRENDS, BOSTON'S POPULATION IS PROJECTED TO GROW TO 734,300 BY 2035

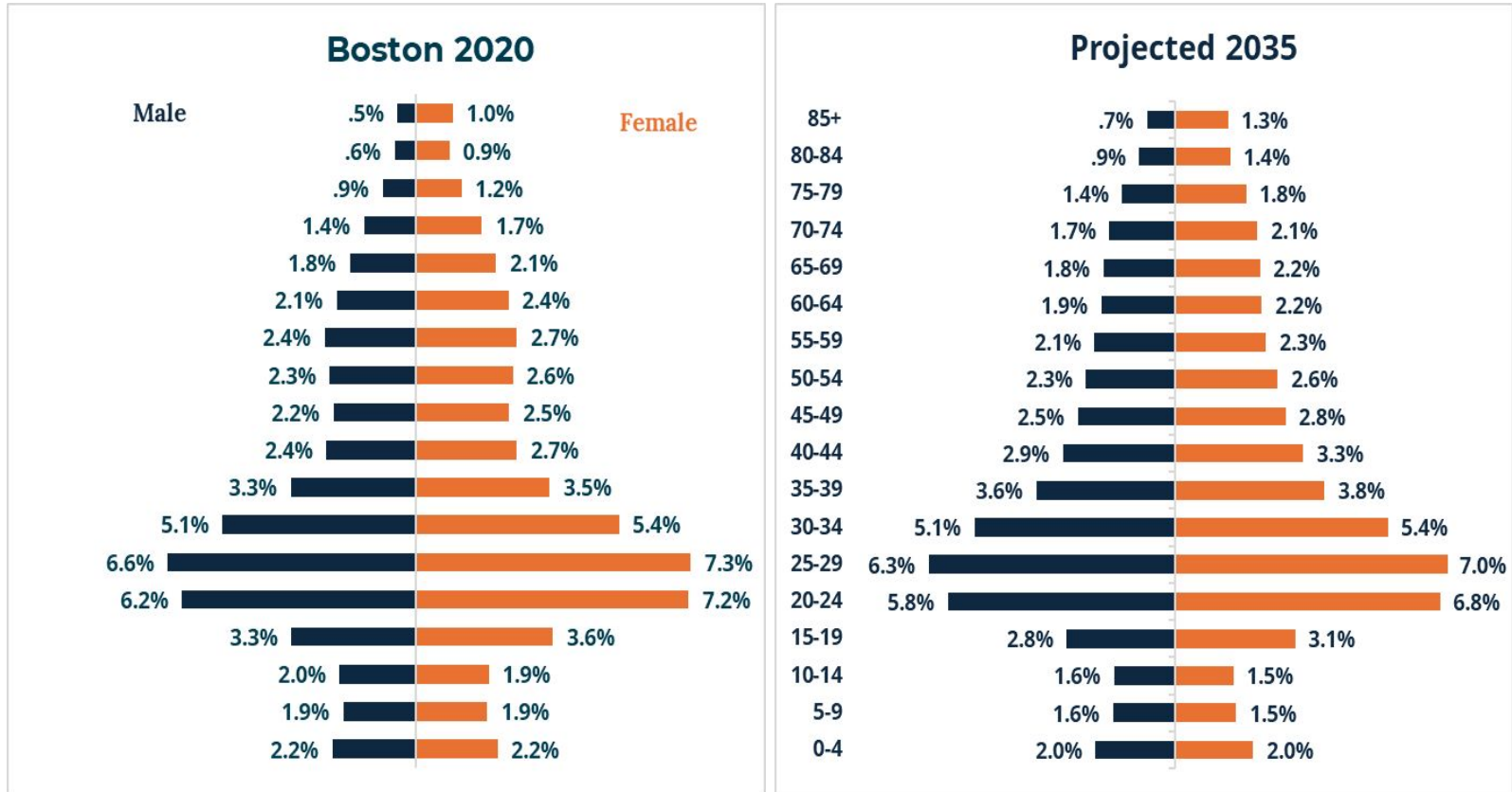
## BOSTON POPULATION HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED



Source: 1900-2010 Decennial Census, 2020 Planning Department Estimate, and 2025-2035 Planning Department Projections, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

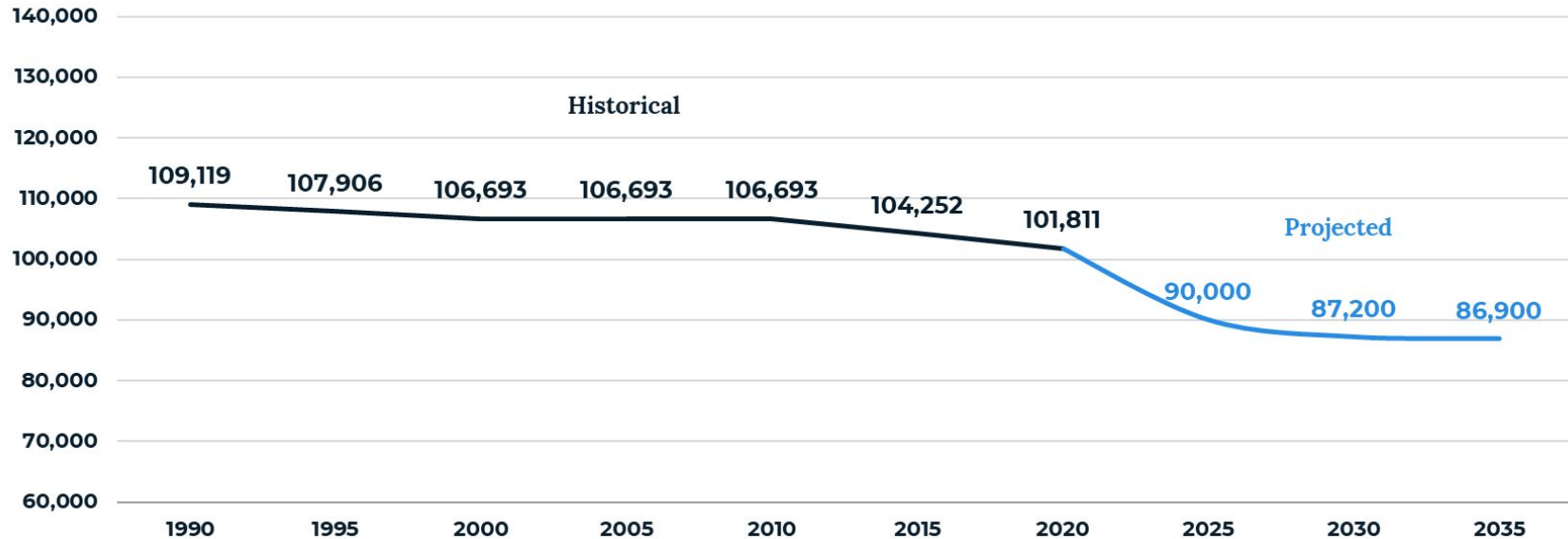
Projections to be updated annually or as new data become available.

# BOSTON'S UNDER 30 POPULATION SHARE IS PROJECTED TO DECLINE FROM 46.4% IN 2020 TO 41.9% IN 2035



# BOSTON'S CHILD POPULATION DECLINED DURING THE PANDEMIC AND THIS TREND IS PROJECTED TO CONTINUE AT A SLOWER PACE

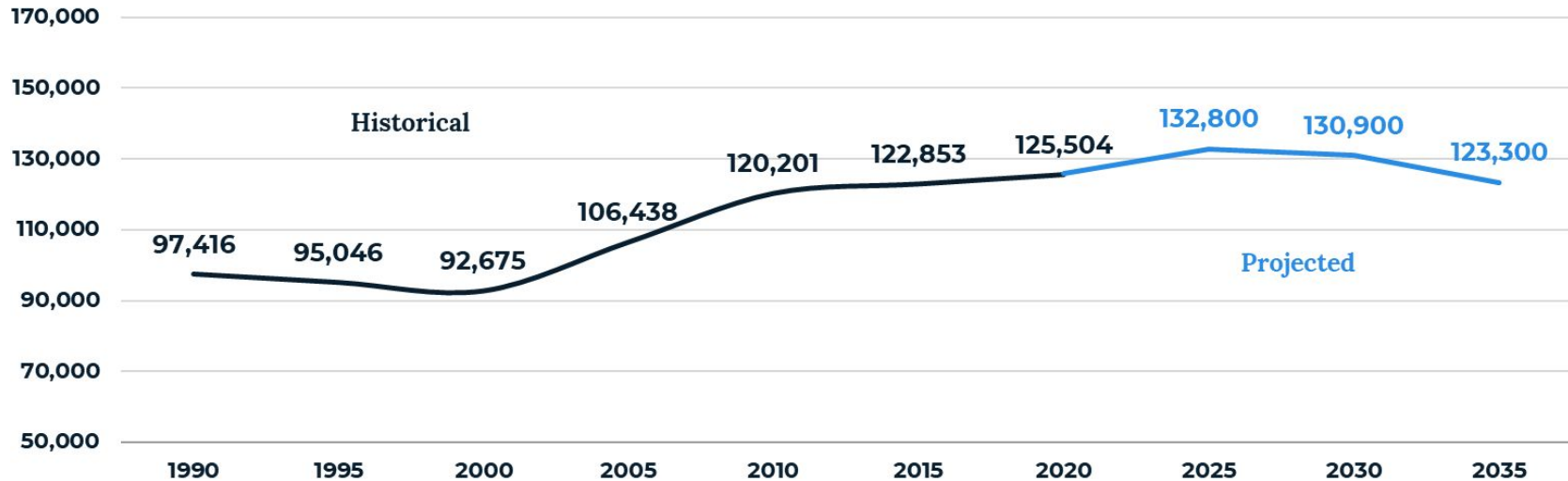
## BIRTH TO 17 YEARS



Source: PBoston Planning Department, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

# BOSTON'S YOUNG ADULTS ARE PROJECTED TO INCREASE UNTIL 2025 AND THEN DECLINE

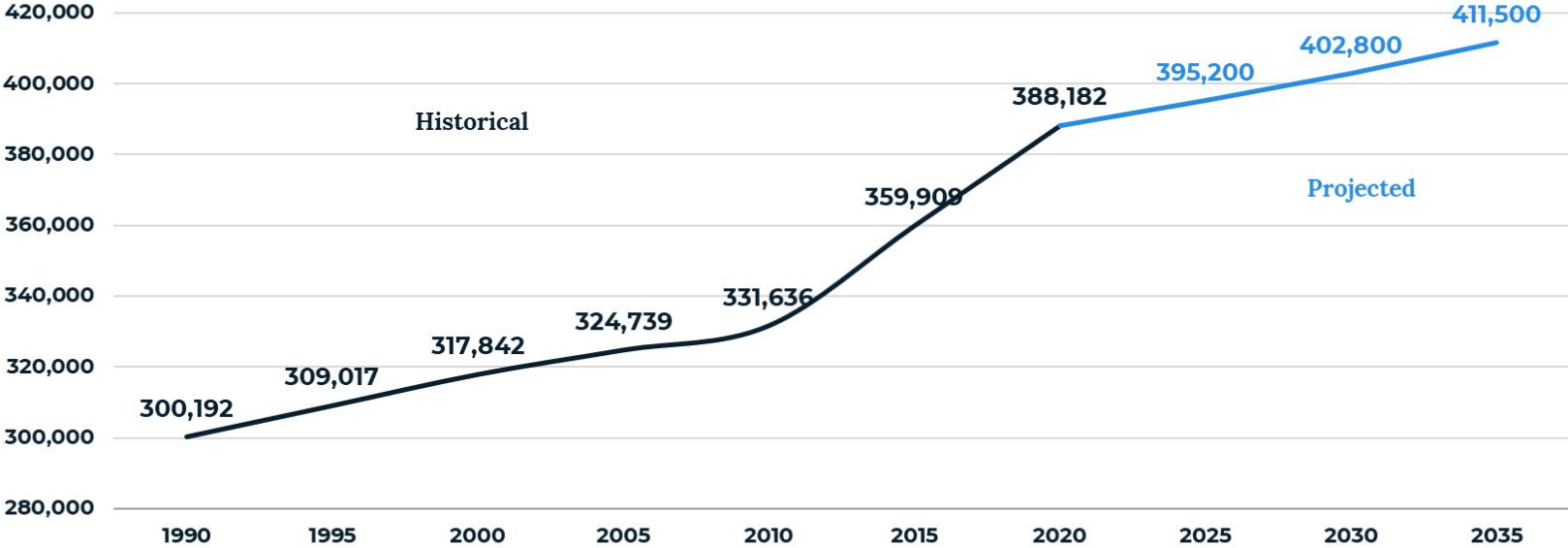
## 18 TO 24 YEARS



Source: Boston Planning Department, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

# BOSTON'S WORKING AGE POPULATION IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE THROUGH 2035

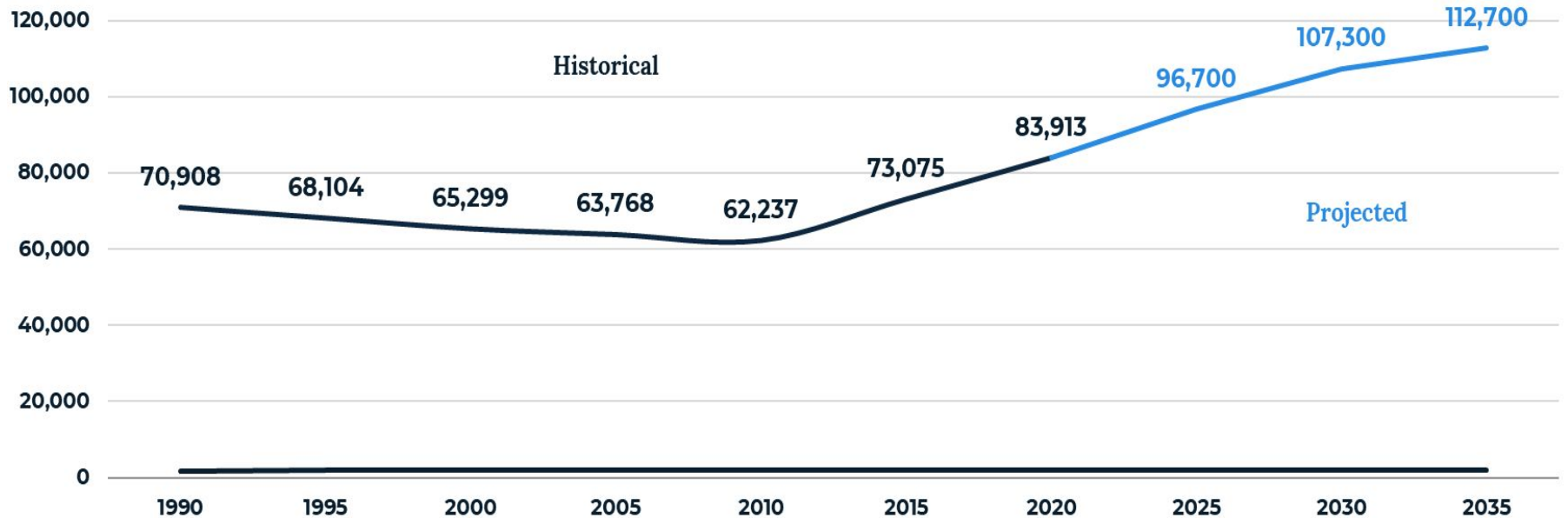
## 25 TO 64 YEARS



Source: Planning Department, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

# AS THE BABY BOOMERS AGE, BOSTON'S OLDER POPULATION INCREASES RAPIDLY THROUGH 2035

## 65 YEARS AND OLDER



Source: Planning Department, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

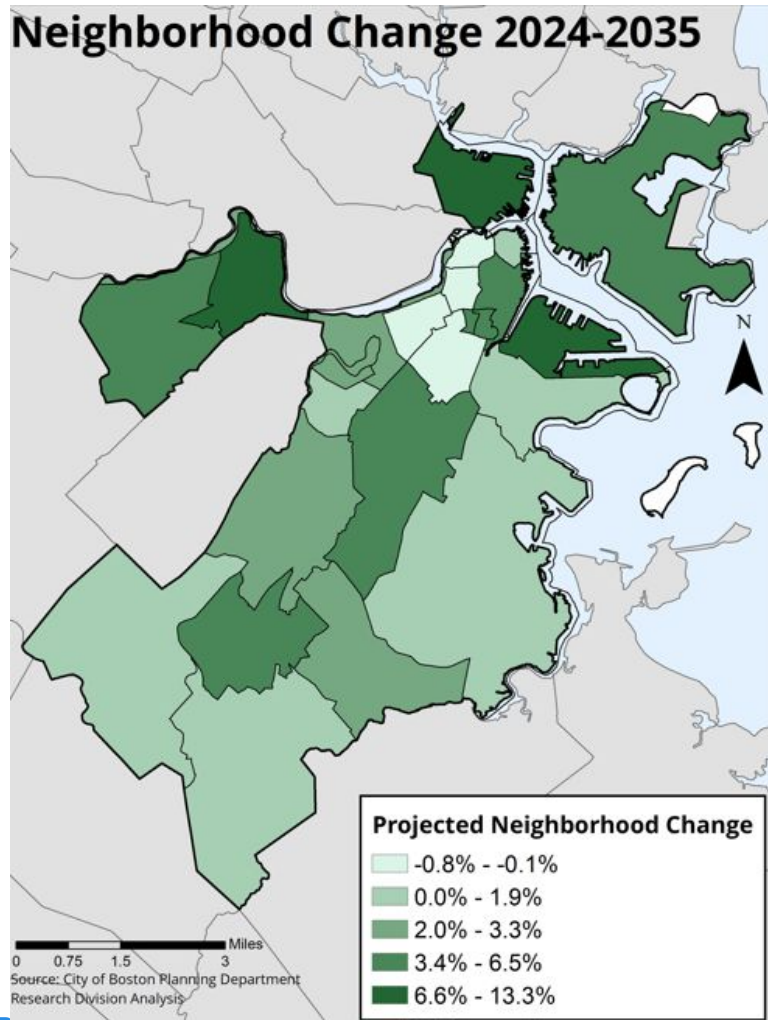
# BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD POPULATION PROJECTION METHODOLOGY

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- **Boston's neighborhood projections conform to the citywide projections controlled by**
  - Housing unit production
  - Population mobility
  - Population aging in place



## Neighborhood Change 2024-2035



**Charlestown,  
South Boston Waterfront,  
and Allston are the  
neighborhoods projected to  
have the largest population  
percentage increases.**