

BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

▶ WOMEN



POPULATION

- Between 2000 and 2010, Boston's female population grew 5.3% from 305,553 to 321,643. During this same period the male population increased 4.4% from 283,588 to 295,951.
- Women account for 52.1% of the total population.
- Boston has a significantly higher percentage of women between 20 and 34 than the United States as a whole. The percentage of women 20-34 matches the city percentage for the same age group.

FEMALE POPULATION % BY AGE

Age	Boston Total	Boston %	United States %
0-19	68,130	21.2%	25.9%
20-34	111,360	34.6%	19.8%
35-54	75,093	23.3%	27.7%
55-64	29,973	9.3%	12.0%
65+	37,087	11.5%	14.6%

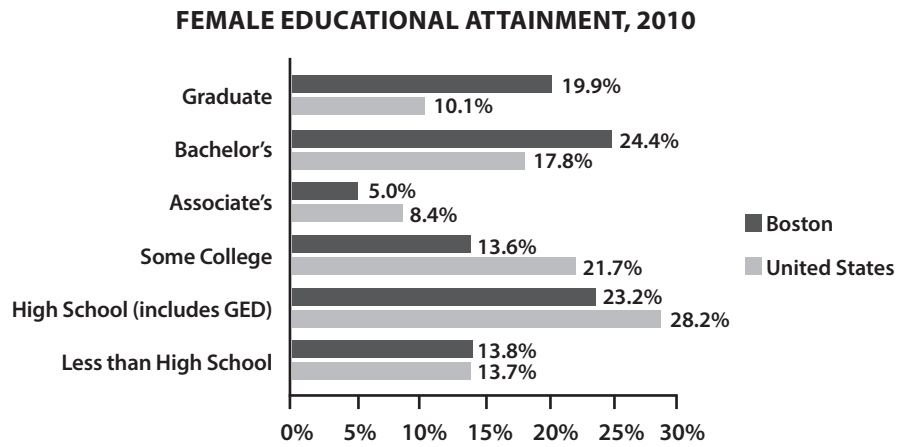
Source: 2010 US Census, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Women head close to 45% of Boston households with children under 18.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

- Nearly half of Boston's female population has an associate's, bachelor's, or graduate degree.
- The percentage of women with a college degree in Boston is similar to that of men.

- Boston has a significantly higher percentage of women with a graduate or bachelor’s degree than the United States as a whole.



Source: American Community Survey 2010, BRA Research Division Analysis

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND POVERTY

- The median annual earnings for female workers in Boston are \$35,135, compared to \$40,912 for male workers. The disparity between female and male median wage is greater nationally, where women earn \$26,864 compared to \$37,464 for men.

MEDIAN WAGES BY OCCUPATION BY SEX, 2010

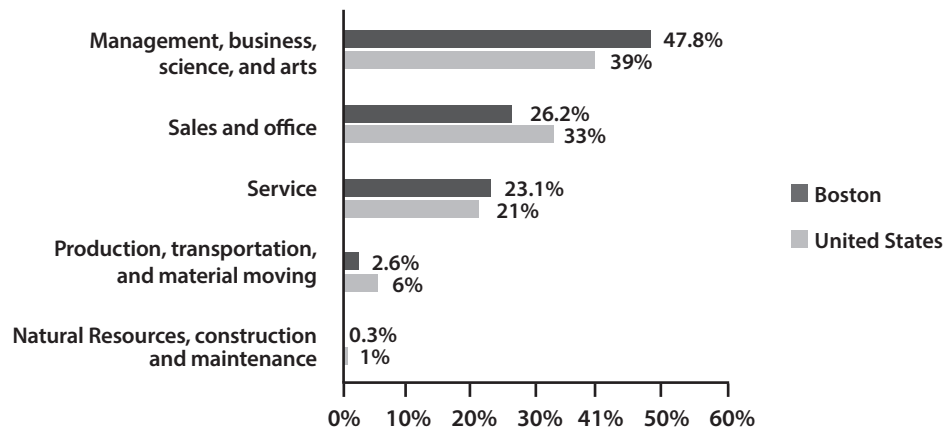
	Boston			Massachusetts			United States		
	Male	Female	Difference	Male	Female	Difference	Male	Female	Difference
Management, business, science, & arts occupations	\$61,867	\$51,391	-16.9%	\$60,205	\$51,170	-10.5%	\$62,270	\$43,438	-30.2%
Service occupations	\$25,502	\$17,412	-13.7%	\$25,808	\$16,231	-37.1%	\$21,104	\$14,792	-29.9%
Sales & Office occupations	\$32,317	\$27,442	-15.1%	\$40,446	\$30,129	-25.5%	\$33,045	\$24,637	-25.4%
Natural Resources, construction, & maintenance occupations	\$32,113	\$57,964	80.5%	\$41,316	\$31,688	-23.3%	\$32,090	\$20,954	-34.7%
Productions, Transportation, & material moving occupations	\$31,455	\$21,591	-31.4%	434,719	\$21,652	-37.6%	\$30,951	\$20,967	-32.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2010, BRA Research Division Analysis



- 22.9% of women in Boston are impoverished. This rate is higher than the male poverty rate of 19.7%.
- 52.8% of children who live in a female headed household are living in poverty.
- 48.8% of female headed households with children are impoverished.
- The Boston female labor force participation rate is 76.5%, compared to an 82.9% rate for males.
- Nearly half of women in Boston hold management, business, science, and arts occupations.
- Boston has a significantly higher percentage of women employed in management, business, science, and arts occupations than the United States as a whole. This is likely reflective of the higher education levels of Boston’s female population, as well the city’s high concentration of white collar jobs.

FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION, 2010

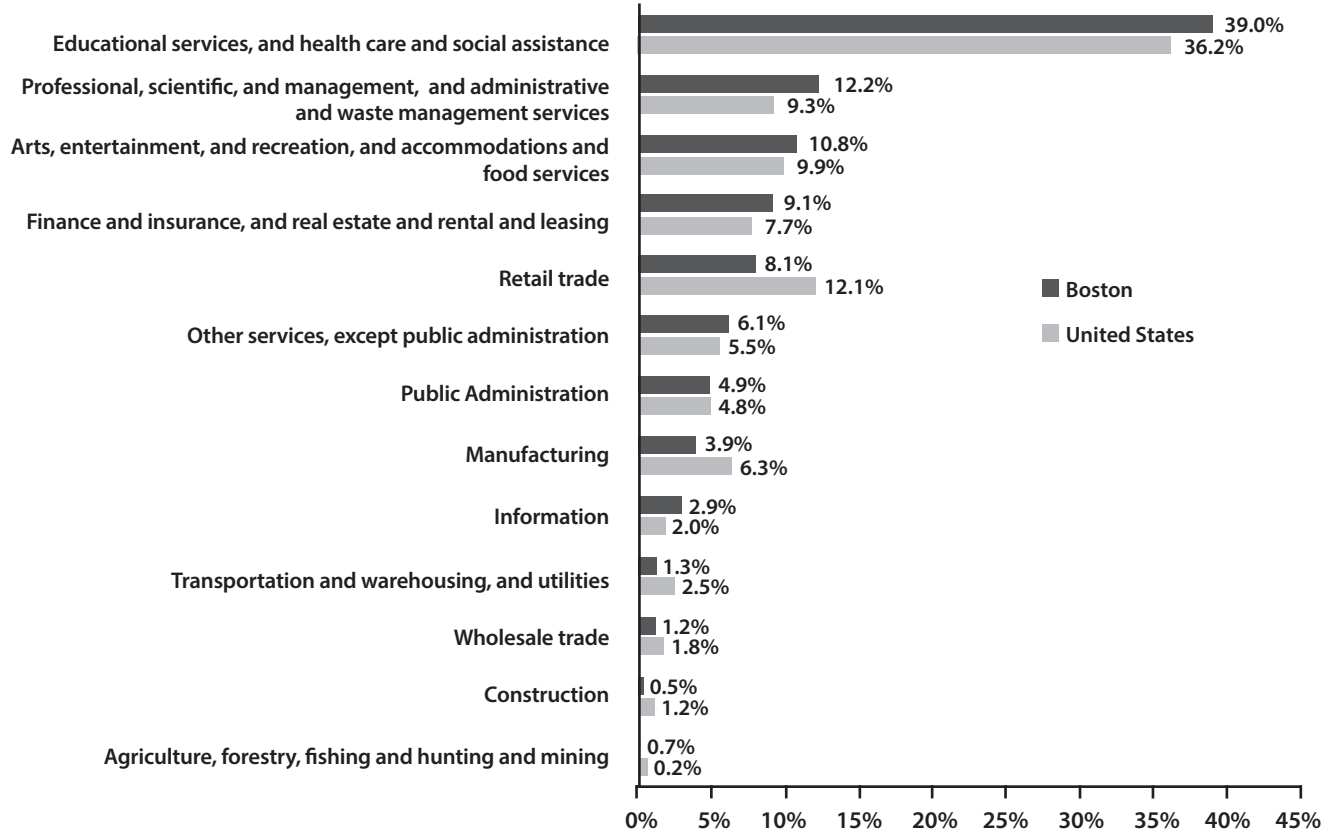


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- The educational services and health care and social assistance industries are the key employer of women in Boston.



FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2010



Source: American Community Survey 2010, BRA Research Division Analysis

- There are close to 15,000 women owned businesses in Boston generating over \$2.5 billion in annual direct sales and directly employing 28,879 employees. ¹
- These businesses create a total gross product statewide of \$3.1 billion, generate \$587 million in taxes and support 33,700 jobs.
- There are 163,217 employed female residents in Boston. They earn \$5.8 billion and generate a total gross product effect of \$16.9 billion and \$3.2 billion in state and federal income and sales taxes

¹All economic contribution information calculated using data from the Survey of Business Owners, 2012 Census, Regional Economic Models, Inc., and BRA Research Division Analysis.

FEMALE POPULATION BY NEIGHBORHOOD

	2000			2010			% Female Population Change
	Population Total	Female Population	%	Population Total	Female Population	%	
Allston	25,623	12,606	49.2%	29,196	14,210	48.7%	12.7%
Back Bay	17,952	8,920	49.7%	18,088	9,268	51.2%	3.9%
Bay Village	1,194	481	40.3%	1,312	586	44.7%	21.8%
Beacon Hill	9,052	4,619	51.0%	9,023	4,929	54.6%	6.7%
Brighton	44,025	23,128	52.5%	45,801	23,655	51.6%	2.3%
Charlestown	15,195	8,261	54.4%	16,439	8,850	53.8%	7.1%
Chinatown	3,559	1,729	48.6%	4,444	2,236	50.3%	29.3%
Dorchester	118,848	62,910	52.9%	114,235	60,369	52.8%	-4.0%
Downtown	6,342	2,904	45.8%	9,872	4,773	48.3%	64.4%
East Boston	38,413	18,767	48.9%	40,508	19,194	47.4%	2.3%
Fenway	29,316	14,766	50.4%	33,796	17,589	52.0%	19.1%
Harbor Islands	640	84	13.1%	535	108	20.2%	28.6%
Hyde Park	30,076	16,030	53.3%	30,637	16,182	52.8%	0.9%
Jamaica Plain	38,176	20,300	53.2%	37,468	20,364	54.4%	0.3%
Leather District	219	96	43.8%	639	270	42.3%	181.3%
Longwood Medical Area	3,969	2,473	62.3%	3,785	2,880	76.1%	16.5%
Mattapan	24,333	13,070	53.7%	22,600	12,296	54.4%	-5.9%
Mission Hill	13,935	6,837	49.1%	16,305	8,066	49.5%	18.0%
North End	9,637	5,235	54.3%	10,131	5,464	53.9%	4.4%
Roslindale	30,351	16,252	53.5%	28,680	15,466	53.9%	-4.8%
Roxbury	41,484	22,494	54.2%	48,454	26,204	54.1%	16.5%
South Boston	31,005	15,928	51.4%	33,311	17,044	51.2%	7.0%
South Boston Waterfront	509	207	40.7%	1,889	809	42.8%	290.8%
South End	21,911	9,715	44.3%	24,577	11,927	48.5%	22.8%
West End	4,622	2,070	44.8%	5,423	2,408	44.4%	16.3%
West Roxbury	28,755	15,671	54.5%	30,446	16,496	54.2%	5.3%

Source: US Census Bureau, BRA Research Division Analysis





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