

BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

WOMEN



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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% |

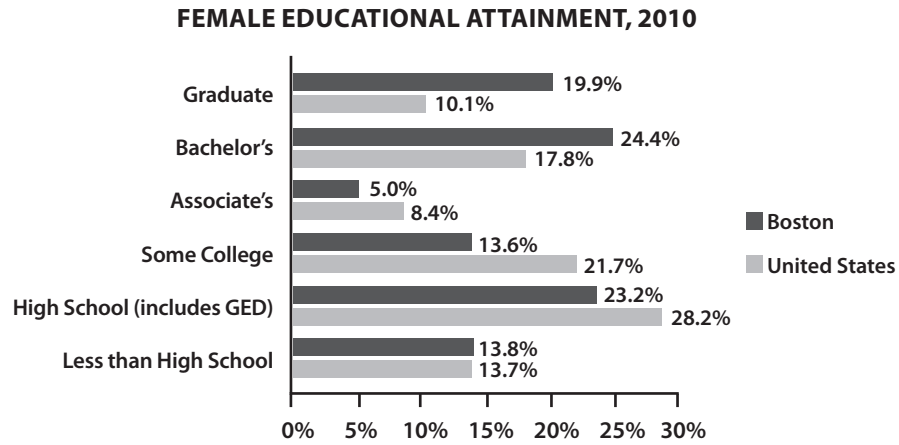
Source: 2010 US Census, BRA Research Division Analysis

- 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.

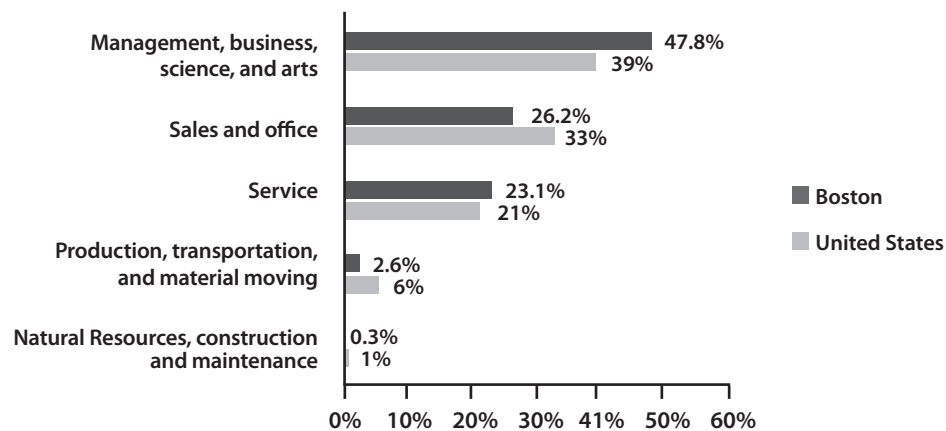
MEDIAN WAGES BY OCCUPATION BY SEX, 2010

| | 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% | \$43,719 | \$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

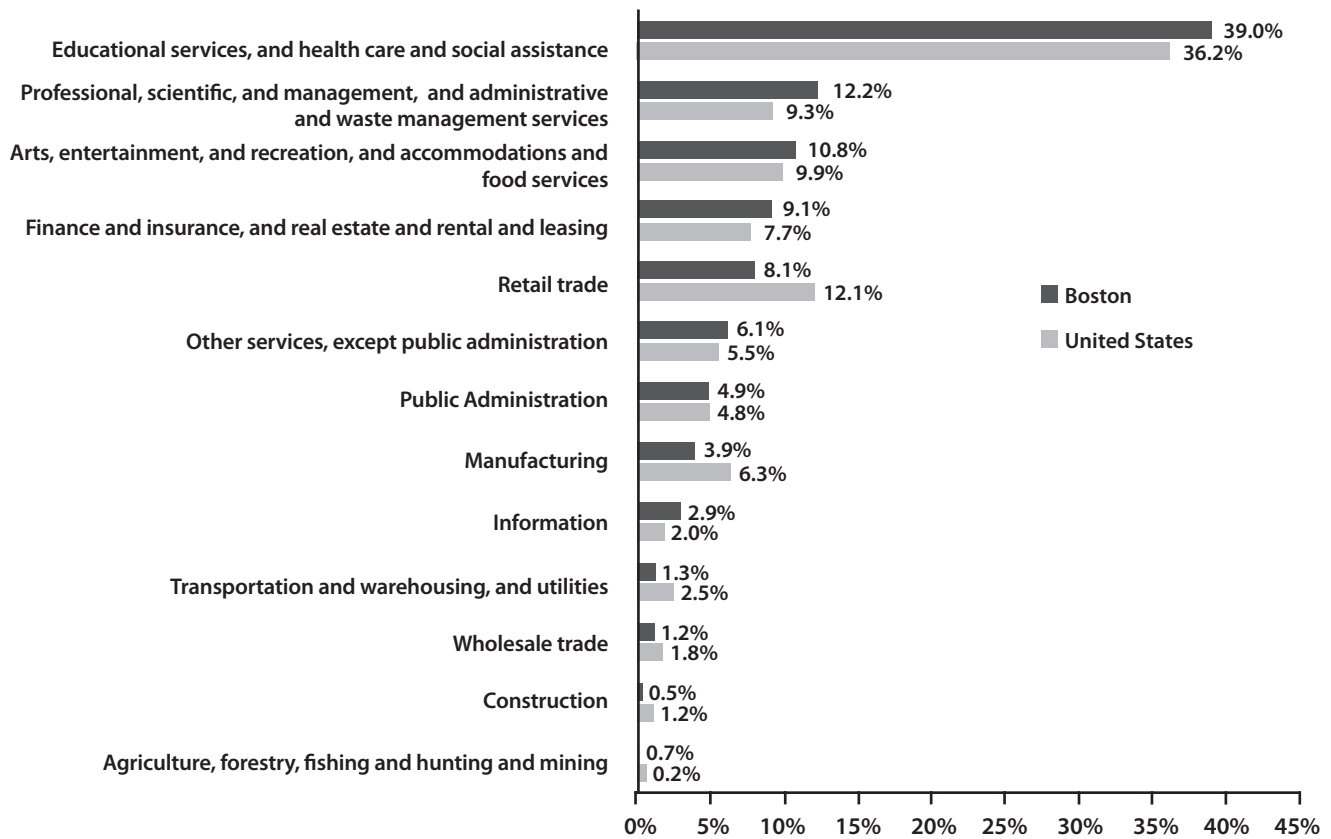


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- The educational services and health care and social assistance industries are the key employer of women in Boston.



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 | 7,355 | 3,141 | 42.7% | 11,215 | 5,053 | 45.1% | 60.9% |
| 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 | 3,609 | 1,833 | 50.8% | 4,080 | 2,128 | 52.2% | 16.1% |
| West Roxbury | 28,755 | 15,671 | 54.5% | 30,446 | 16,496 | 54.2% | 5.3% |

Source: US Census Bureau, BRA Research Division Analysis