

Boston at a Glance - 2016

POPULATION

Population Count - 1YR ACS 2014

Total population	656,051
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Gender Distribution - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total population	639,594	
Male	305,919	47.8%
Female	333,675	52.2%

Age Distribution - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total population	639,594	
0 to 4 years	33,945	5.3%
5 to 14 years	54,729	8.6%
15 to 19 years	49,709	7.8%
20 to 34 years	221,161	34.6%
35 to 44 years	79,933	12.5%
45 to 54 years	72,464	11.3%
55 to 59 years	32,085	5.0%
60 to 64 years	29,004	4.5%
65 and over	66,564	10.4%

Race & Ethnicity -5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total population	639,594	
White only	294,432	46.0%
Black or African American only	145,112	22.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native only	1,235	0.2%
Asian only	58,090	9.1%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander only	68	0.0%
Hispanic only*	117,514	18.4%
Other race	8,352	1.3%
Two or more races	14,791	2.3%

Nativity - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total population	639,594	
Native	466,645	73.0%
Foreign Born	172,949	
U.S. citizen by naturalization	80,223	12.5%
Not a U.S. citizen	92,726	14.5%

Sources:

Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Schools at Glance 2015-2016, BPDA Research Division Analysis

Department of Neighborhood Development, "City of Boston Student Housing Trends, 2014-2015", excluding MIT

U.S Census Bureau, 2014 1-Year Estimate and 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, BPDA Research Division Analysis

Marital Status - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total population (15 years and over)	550,920	
Never married	311,439	56.5%
Married	173,519	31.5%
Divorced or widowed	65,962	12.0%

Top 5 Languages Other than English Spoken at Home - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Spanish or Spanish Creole	97,642
French or French Creole	32,559
Chinese	23,865
Vietnamese	11,263
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	10,409

English Proficiency - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total population (5 years and over)	605,649	
Speak only English at home	383,689	63.3%
Speak another language at home	221,960	
Speak English very well	118,434	19.6%
Speak English less than very well	103,526	17.1%

E D U C A T I O N

Educational Attainment - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total population (25 years and over)	421,038	
Less than high school	63,249	15.0%
High school graduate	92,814	22.1%
Some college or Associate's degree	77,229	18.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	187,746	44.6%

Boston Public School Enrollment - BPS 2015-2016

Total students enrolled	56,650	
Pre-kindergarten to grade 5	28,370	50.1%
Middle School: grade 6 to grade 8	10,680	18.9%
High School: grade 9 to grade 12	17,600	31.0%

College & University Enrollment - DND 2015-2016

Total students enrolled in Boston institutions	137,083	
Undergraduate programs	87,255	63.7%
Graduate programs	49,828	36.3%

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

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HOUSING

Housing Units - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total housing units	273,665	
Occupied	251,212	
Owner occupied	85,814	31.4%
Renter occupied	165,398	60.4%
Vacant	22,453	8.2%

Household Type - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total households	251,212	
Family Households**	119,718	47.7%
Nonfamily Households	131,494	52.3%

Household Size - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total occupied housing units	251,212	
1-person household	94,047	37.4%
2-person household	79,182	31.5%
3-person household	36,639	14.6%
4-or-more person household	41,344	16.5%

Migration (Domestic/International) -5YR ACS 2010-2014

Total population (1 year and over)	633,199	
Same residence (non-movers)	495,795	78.3%
Moved within Suffolk County	69,652	11.0%
Moved from different county within MA	26,594	4.2%
Moved from different state	28,494	4.5%
Moved from abroad	12,664	2.0%

BPDA Board Approved Projects in 2015 - BPDA ***

Number of projects	76
Number of residential units	4,010
Total square feet	8.5 million

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INCOME & POVERTY LEVEL

Income (In 2014 inflation-adjusted dollars)*** - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Per capita income	\$ 34,770
Median household income	\$ 54,485
Median family income	\$ 62,362
Median non-family income	\$ 45,193

Population Below Poverty Level - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Poverty rate	21.9%
Poverty rate (under 18 years old)	29.9%

LABOR FORCE

Labor Force Participation - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Residents in Labor Force (16 years and Over)	371,911	
Men in Labor Force	184,266	49.5%
Women in Labor Force	187,645	50.5%
Resident Labor Force Participation Rate (16 Years and Over)	68.2%	
Participation Rate for Men	71.3%	
Participation Rate for Women	65.4%	

Transportation Means to Work - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Workers 16 years and over	327,640	
Car, truck or van	149,078	45.5%
Public transit	105,732	32.3%
Walked / Bicycle	54,434	16.6%
Other, or work at home	18,396	5.6%

Travel Time to Work - 5YR ACS 2010-2014

Workers 16 years and over, except work at home	315,629	
0-29 minutes	159,442	50.5%
30-59 minutes	122,696	38.9%
60+ minutes	33,491	10.6%

***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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