

American Community Survey

2005-2009 Estimate

Back Bay

*Neighborhood**



*These geographies are based on Zip Codes and zoning boundaries

About the American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an annual survey conducted by the US Census Bureau. The ACS asks a host of demographic, economic, and housing related questions that were historically associated with the now discontinued long-form of the Census.

The ACS is a sample of the total population. As a result, the data are subject to sampling error. All counts displayed in the ACS are **estimates** with a plus/minus factor for all counts and percentages. Additionally, because of the small sample sizes of the ACS, it is not possible to estimate characteristics for small geographies with the one-year data collections. In order to look at small areas within a city, such as neighborhoods, data users need to use the 5-year ACS estimates. The first 5-year estimates (2005-2009) for the ACS are now available and are the basis of this report. It is important to note that the 2005-2009 ACS data are not Census counts, but rather estimates of population characteristics. As a result, counts estimated in this report will not match those corresponding population counts observed in the 2010 Census.

Please note that subcategory percentages in this report reflect the percentage within the category it is associated with and not the percent within the total. Major categories are typically highlighted in red in this report. Subcategories are distinguished by indented text.

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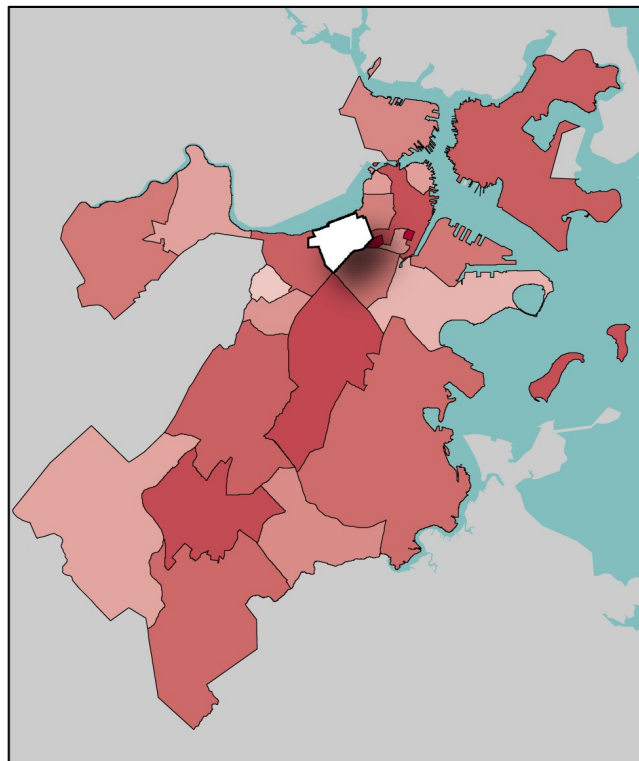


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Demographic Characteristics

Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	17,571	100.0%
Male	8,911	50.7%
Female	8,660	49.3%

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	17,571	100.0%
White alone	14,797	84.2%
Black or African American alone	455	2.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	47	0.3%
Asian alone	1,234	7.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	-	0.0%
Some other race alone	28	0.2%
Two or more races	144	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino	866	4.9%

**"Hispanic" is not considered a racial category by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. For this analysis, we removed people of Hispanic origin from each racial group and created a separate category of "Hispanic or Latino".*

Age

Age	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	
Total:	17,571	100.0%	40 to 44 years	834	4.7%
Under 5 years	492	2.8%	45 to 49 years	731	4.2%
5 to 9 years	135	0.8%	50 to 54 years	767	4.4%
10 to 14 years	181	1.0%	55 to 59 years	1,010	5.7%
15 to 17 years	18	0.1%	60 and 61 years	578	3.3%
18 and 19 years	1,182	6.7%	62 to 64 years	400	2.3%
20 years	574	3.3%	65 and 66 years	239	1.4%
21 years	211	1.2%	67 to 69 years	156	0.9%
22 to 24 years	970	5.5%	70 to 74 years	565	3.2%
25 to 29 years	3,540	20.1%	75 to 79 years	449	2.6%
30 to 34 years	2,580	14.7%	80 to 84 years	300	1.7%
35 to 39 years	1,473	8.4%	85 years and over	186	1.1%

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	17,571	100.0%
Native:	14,503	82.5%
Born in Massachusetts	5,399	37.2%
Born in other state in the United States:	8,752	60.3%
Northeast	4,500	51.4%
Midwest	1,657	18.9%
South	1,865	21.3%
West	730	8.3%
Born outside the United States:	352	2.4%
Puerto Rico	127	36.1%
U.S. Island Areas	-	0.0%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	225	63.9%
Foreign born:	3,068	17.5%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,225	39.9%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,843	60.1%

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the United States

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the US	Estimate	%
Total Population Born Outside the United States:	3,420	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	1,268	37.1%
Native*	31	2.4%
Foreign born:	1,237	97.6%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	47	3.8%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,190	96.2%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	740	21.6%
Native*	35	4.7%
Foreign born:	705	95.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	419	59.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	286	40.6%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	469	13.7%
Native*	39	8.3%
Foreign born:	430	91.7%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	234	54.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	196	45.6%
Entered before 1980:	943	27.6%
Native*	247	26.2%
Foreign born:	696	73.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	525	75.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	171	24.6%

* Born in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Island Areas, or born abroad of American parent(s)

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population (Top 20 Countries)	Estimate	%
Total:	3,068	100.0%
China	310	10.1%
Canada	221	7.2%
Ireland	197	6.4%
France	155	5.1%
Korea	154	5.0%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	153	5.0%
Japan	124	4.0%
Croatia	123	4.0%
Brazil	119	3.9%
Turkey	87	2.8%
Indonesia	84	2.7%
Germany	76	2.5%
India	66	2.2%
Colombia	61	2.0%
Chile	57	1.9%
Romania	55	1.8%
Egypt	54	1.8%
Switzerland	52	1.7%
Greece	52	1.7%
Mexico	52	1.7%

Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	17,079	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	334	2.0%
Speak only English	251	75.1%
Speak Spanish	-	0.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	83	24.9%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	-	0.0%
Speak other languages	-	0.0%
18 to 64 years:	14,850	86.9%
Speak only English	12,202	82.2%
Speak Spanish	715	4.8%
Speak other Indo-European languages	923	6.2%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	771	5.2%
Speak other languages	239	1.6%
65 years and over:	1,895	11.1%
Speak only English	1,448	76.4%
Speak Spanish	19	1.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	312	16.5%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	100	5.3%
Speak other languages	16	0.8%

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	10,086	100.0%
English only	8,157	80.9%
Spanish:	471	4.7%
Linguistically isolated	25	5.3%
Not linguistically isolated	446	94.7%
Other Indo-European languages:	926	9.2%
Linguistically isolated	191	20.6%
Not linguistically isolated	735	79.4%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	381	3.8%
Linguistically isolated	129	33.9%
Not linguistically isolated	252	66.1%
Other languages:	151	1.5%
Linguistically isolated	11	7.3%
Not linguistically isolated	140	92.7%

* Linguistically isolated households are those in which no person over the age of 14 can speak English

Marital Status by Sex

Marital Status by Sex for the Population 15 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	16,763	100.0%
Male:	8,391	50.1%
Never married	4,973	59.3%
Now married:	2,893	34.5%
Married, spouse present	2,398	82.9%
Married, spouse absent:	495	17.1%
Separated	210	42.4%
Other	285	57.6%
Widowed	59	0.7%
Divorced	466	5.6%
Female:	8,372	49.9%
Never married	4,517	54.0%
Now married:	2,686	32.1%
Married, spouse present	2,462	91.7%
Married, spouse absent:	224	8.3%
Separated	17	7.6%
Other	207	92.4%
Widowed	494	5.9%
Divorced	675	8.1%

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	2,665	100.0%
Married-couple family:	2,413	90.5%
With related children under 18 years:	413	17.1%
Under 6 years only	284	68.8%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	41	9.9%
6 to 17 years only	88	21.3%
No related children under 18 years	2,000	82.9%
Other family:	252	9.5%
Male householder, no wife present:	158	62.7%
With related children under 18 years:	81	51.3%
Under 6 years only	8	9.9%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	73	90.1%
No related children under 18 years	77	48.7%
Female householder, no husband present:	94	37.3%
With related children under 18 years:	27	28.7%
Under 6 years only	-	0.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	27	100.0%
No related children under 18 years	67	71.3%

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	2,665	100.0%
Married-couple family:	2,413	90.5%
With related children under 18 years:	413	17.1%
Under 6 years only	284	68.8%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	41	9.9%
6 to 17 years only	88	21.3%
No related children under 18 years	2,000	82.9%
Other family:	252	9.5%
Male householder, no wife present:	158	62.7%
With related children under 18 years:	81	51.3%
Under 6 years only	8	9.9%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	73	90.1%
No related children under 18 years	77	48.7%
Female householder, no husband present:	94	37.3%
With related children under 18 years:	27	28.7%
Under 6 years only	-	0.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	27	100.0%
No related children under 18 years	67	71.3%

Educational Attainment by Sex

Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	13,808	100.0%
Male:	6,913	50.1%
Less than high school diploma	71	1.0%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	371	5.4%
Some college or associates degree	748	10.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,723	82.8%
Female:	6,895	49.9%
Less than high school diploma	126	1.8%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	334	4.8%
Some college or associates degree	833	12.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,602	81.2%

Household Population

Population by Household Type	Estimate	%
Total:	17,571	100.0%
In households:	16,037	91.3%
In family households	6,398	39.9%
In nonfamily households	9,639	60.1%
In group quarters	1,534	8.7%

Average Household Size

Average Household Size	Estimate
Total:	1.6
Owner Occupied	1.7
Renter Occupied	1.5

Economic Characteristics

Employment Status

Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	16,745	100.0%
In labor force:	12,050	72.0%
In Armed Forces	-	0.0%
Civilian:	12,050	100.0%
Employed	11,747	97.5%
Unemployed	303	2.5%
Not in labor force	4,695	28.0%

Work Status by Sex

Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years	Estimate	%
Total:	14,850	100.0%
Male:	7,471	50.3%
Worked in the past 12 months	6,644	88.9%
Did not work in the past 12 months	827	11.1%
Female:	7,379	49.7%
Worked in the past 12 months	6,146	83.3%
Did not work in the past 12 months	1,233	16.7%

Class of Worker

Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	11,747	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	8,574	73.0%
Employee of private company workers	8,049	93.9%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	525	6.1%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	1,692	14.4%
Local government workers	348	3.0%
State government workers	225	1.9%
Federal government workers	101	0.9%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	747	6.4%
Unpaid family workers	60	0.5%

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	11,747	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	20	0.2%
Construction	114	1.0%
Manufacturing	892	7.6%
Wholesale trade	302	2.6%
Retail trade	530	4.5%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	102	0.9%
Information	357	3.0%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	2,455	20.9%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	2,703	23.0%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	2,777	23.6%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	1,124	9.6%
Other services, except public administration	218	1.9%
Public administration	153	1.3%

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	11,747	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	8,302	70.7%
Management, business, and financial occupations	4,009	48.3%
Professional and related occupations	4,293	51.7%
Service occupations:	814	6.9%
Healthcare support occupations	54	6.6%
Protective service occupations	26	3.2%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	465	57.1%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	55	6.8%
Personal care and service occupations	214	26.3%
Sales and office occupations:	2,550	21.7%
Sales and related occupations	1,546	60.6%
Office and administrative support occupations	1,004	39.4%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	20	0.2%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	31	0.3%
Construction and extraction occupations	22	71.0%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	9	29.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	30	0.3%
Production occupations	10	33.3%
Transportation and material moving occupations	20	66.7%

Family Poverty Status

Age of Related Children by Presence of Related Children by Family Type by Poverty Status	Estimate	%
Total:	2,665	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	58	2.2%
Married-couple family:	17	29.3%
With related children under 18 years:	-	0.0%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	-	0.0%
No related children under 18 years	17	100.0%
Other family:	41	70.7%
Male householder, no wife present:	5	12.2%
With related children under 18 years:	-	0.0%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	-	0.0%
No related children under 18 years	5	100.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	36	87.8%
With related children under 18 years:	-	0.0%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	-	0.0%
No related children under 18 years	36	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	2,607	97.8%
Married-couple family:	2,396	91.9%
With related children under 18 years:	413	17.2%
Under 5 years only	284	68.8%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	41	9.9%
5 to 17 years only	88	21.3%
No related children under 18 years	1,983	82.8%
Other family:	211	8.1%
Male householder, no wife present:	153	72.5%
With related children under 18 years:	81	52.9%
Under 5 years only	8	9.9%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	73	90.1%
No related children under 18 years	72	47.1%
Female householder, no husband present:	58	27.5%
With related children under 18 years:	27	46.6%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	27	100.0%
No related children under 18 years	31	53.4%

Per Capita Income

Median Household Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate	Median Household Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 82,540	Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 83,485

Household Income (In 2009 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	10,086	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	948	9.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	243	2.4%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	322	3.2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	189	1.9%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	124	1.2%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	290	2.9%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	266	2.6%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	360	3.6%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	181	1.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	799	7.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	874	8.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,317	13.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	772	7.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	567	5.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	806	8.0%
\$200,000 or more	2,028	20.1%

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%		Estimate	%
Total:	6,604	100.0%			
Less than \$10,000:	832	12.6%	\$50,000 to \$74,999:	1,240	18.8%
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	49	4.0%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	16	1.9%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	210	16.9%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	39	4.7%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	320	25.8%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	10	1.2%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	94	7.6%
35.0 percent or more	404	48.6%	35.0 percent or more	561	45.2%
Not computed	363	43.6%	Not computed	6	0.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999:	478	7.2%	\$75,000 to \$99,999:	1,021	15.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	238	23.3%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	35	7.3%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	366	35.8%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	68	14.2%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	173	16.9%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	47	9.8%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	65	6.4%
35.0 percent or more	328	68.6%	35.0 percent or more	161	15.8%
Not computed	-	0.0%	Not computed	18	1.8%
\$20,000 to \$34,999:	468	7.1%	\$100,000 or more:	1,957	29.6%
Less than 20.0 percent	26	5.6%	Less than 20.0 percent	1,357	69.3%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	-	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	326	16.7%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	20	4.3%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	118	6.0%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	50	10.7%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	68	3.5%
35.0 percent or more	354	75.6%	35.0 percent or more	10	0.5%
Not computed	18	3.8%	Not computed	78	4.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	608	9.2%			
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	9	1.5%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	79	13.0%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	113	18.6%			
35.0 percent or more	392	64.5%			
Not computed	15	2.5%			

Housing Characteristics

Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	11,253	100.0%

Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	11,253	100.0%
Occupied	10,086	89.6%
Vacant	1,167	10.4%

Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	10,086	100.0%
Owner occupied	3,482	34.5%
Renter occupied	6,604	65.5%

Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	1,167	100.0%
For rent	417	35.7%
Rented, not occupied	149	12.8%
For sale only	36	3.1%
Sold, not occupied	157	13.5%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	218	18.7%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	190	16.3%