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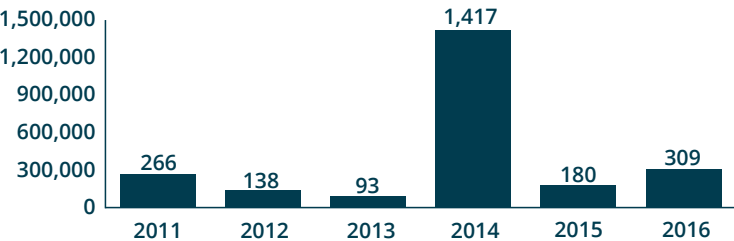
Historical Trends in Charlestown

- The population grew by 19% and occupied housing units grew by 15% from 2000 to 2015.
- The share of the population under age 5 grew from 6% in 2000 to 9% in 2015.
- From 2000 to 2015, the Asian population share grew from 5% to 9%, and the Black/African-American share grew from 4% to 9%.
- The share of Charlestown adults with at least a Bachelor's degree grew from 51% in 2000 to 62% in 2015.
- Charlestown has become more residential: while the population grew, payroll jobs in Charlestown fell by 6% from 2011 to 2014.
- The owner-occupancy rate in Charlestown has increased slightly from 41% in 2000 to 43% in 2015.
- The share of Charlestown households with cars has increased from 72% in 2000 to 75% in 2015.

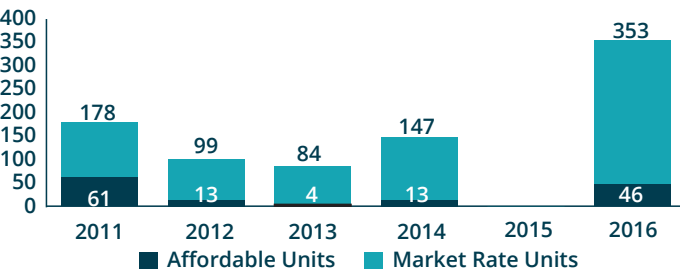
The Future for Charlestown

- Charlestown's growth is poised to continue with 861 new units of housing approved for construction since 2010⁴

BPDA Board-Approved Development (in Thousands of Feet²)
2010-2016



BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units
2010-2016



People

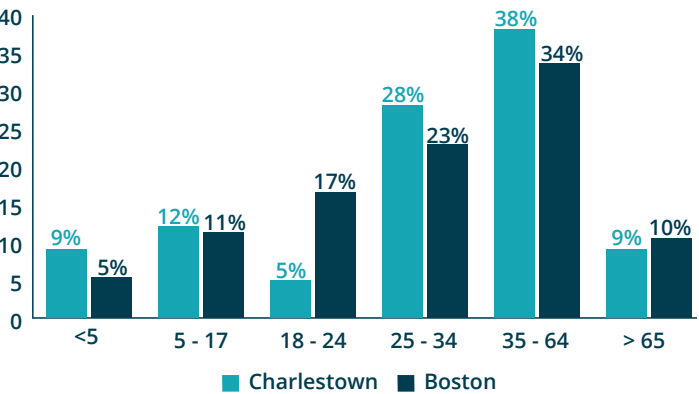
Population Growth

- Charlestown had a population of 18,058 in 2015, 2.8% of Boston's total population.¹
- Charlestown's population has increased by 19% from 2000 to 2015, faster than the city's growth of 10%.

Age Distribution

- Only 5% of Charlestown residents were aged 18 to 24 in 2015, compared to 19% of the Boston population.
- Charlestown has the highest share of young children of any neighborhood.

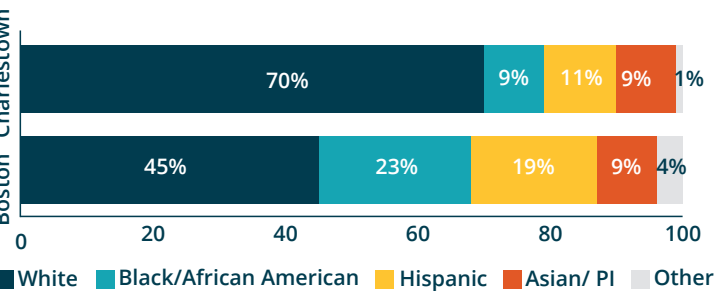
Charlestown & Boston Residents by Age
2015



Diversity

- Only about 17% of residents in Charlestown were foreign born in 2015, compared with about 27% of Boston residents.
- About 70% of Charlestown residents were non-Hispanic Whites in 2015, a higher share than Boston.

Charlestown & Boston Residents by Race
2015



Economy

Jobs

- Charlestown had 16,626 payroll jobs in 2014, about 35% of which were in Health Care and Social Assistance.²
- Charlestown has 1.85 payroll jobs for every resident worker, compared to 2.05 for Boston.

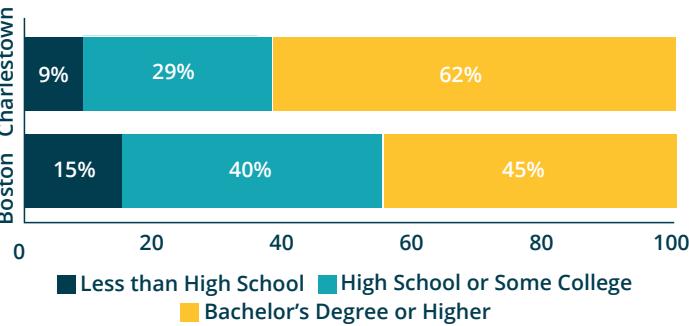
Labor Force

- Charlestown's resident labor force had 11,193 people in 2015, almost 3% of the city's resident labor force.
- 76% of Charlestown residents ages 16 and over participate in the labor force, compared to 68% for Boston.
- The top occupations of Charlestown residents in 2015: Management, Business and Finance, and Sales.

Education

- Only 6% of Charlestown residents were enrolled in college or university in 2015, a lower share than the city as a whole (17%).
- In 2015, 62% of Charlestown residents aged 25 and older had a Bachelor's degree, compared with 45% of Boston residents.

Educational Attainment (Age 25+)
2015



Income

- Charlestown has a median household income of \$91,067, higher than the city's median household income of \$55,777.

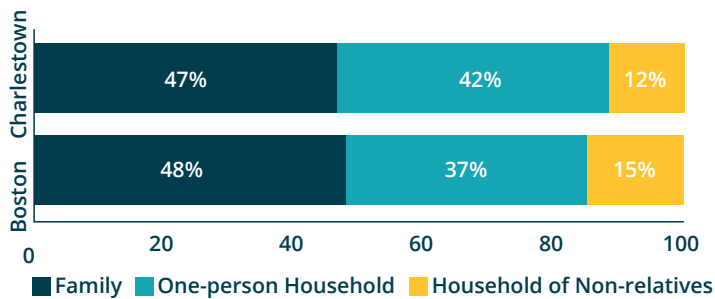
Note: Demographic data are for the Census-tract approximations of the Charlestown. Source: (1) U.S. Census Bureau, 1950-2010 Decennial Census and 2011-2015 American Community Survey, (2) OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, 2014, (3) City of Boston assessing data FY 2016, (4) Boston Planning and Development Agency Board Memos.

Place

Households

- Over 99% of Charlestown residents live in households, 46% of which are families.
- Almost half of Charlestown households have only one person.

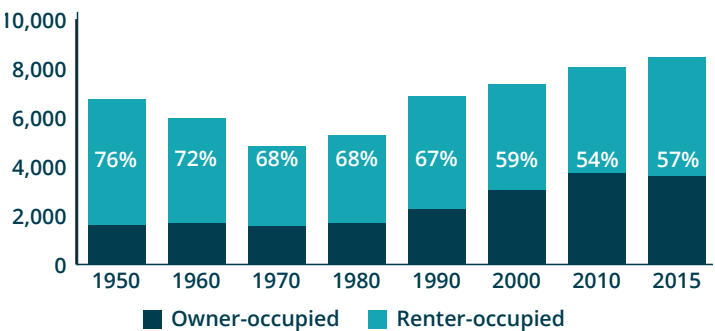
Household Type
2015



Renters and Owners

- In 2015, Charlestown had 3,298 condos, 70% of which were owner occupied.³
- Charlestown's median rent in 2015 was \$1,127, lower than the city's median rent of \$1,320.

Charlestown Occupied Housing Units
1950-2015



Vehicles

- 75% of Charlestown's households own at least one car, higher than the city average of 65%.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in Charlestown was 1.04 in 2015, higher than the city ratio of 0.91.