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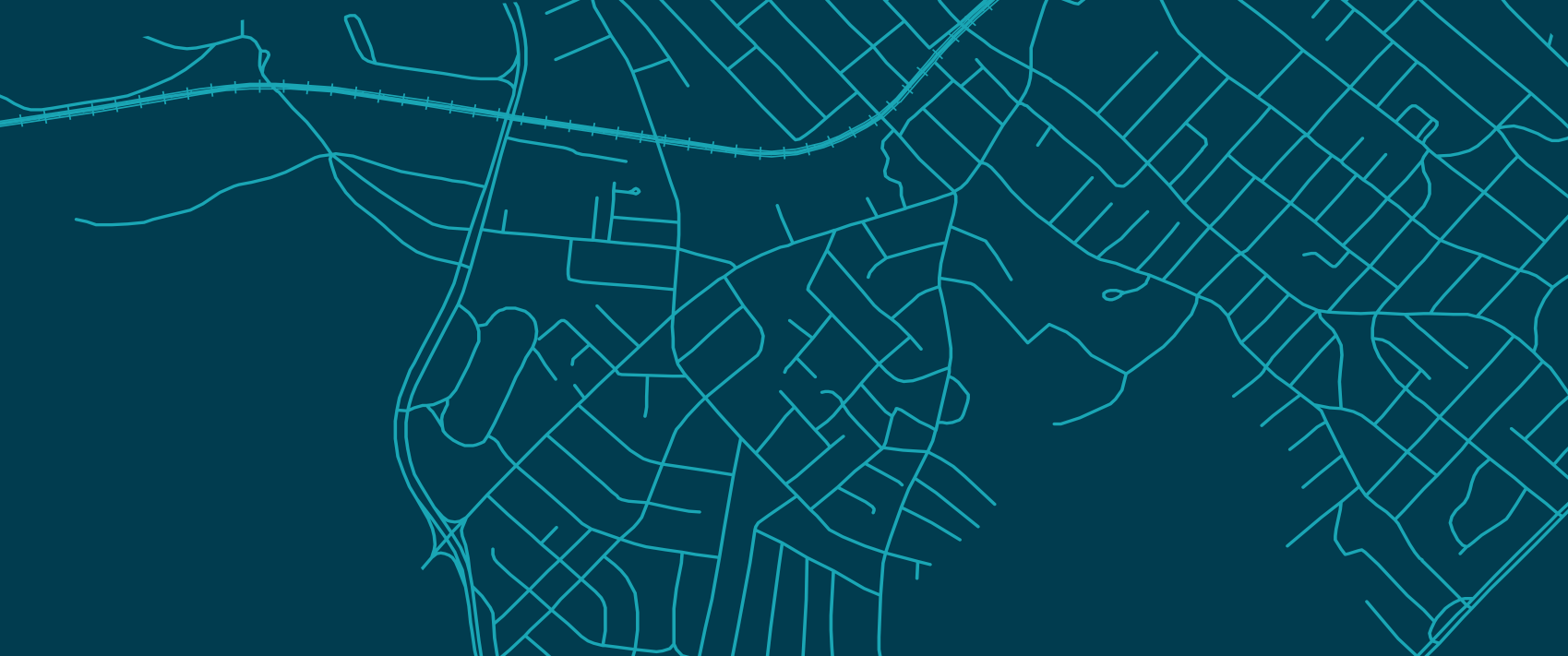
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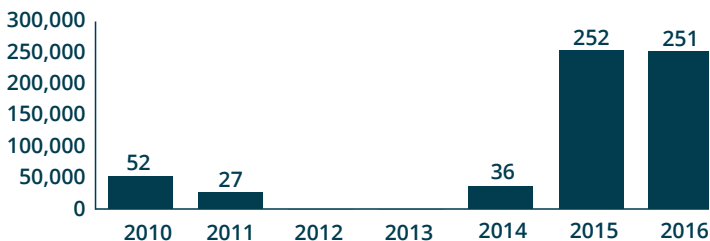
Historical Trends in West Roxbury

- The population grew by 14% and occupied housing units grew by 11% from 2000 to 2015.
- West Roxbury's non-Hispanic White population has barely grown since 2000 (0.1%), while the Hispanic population has grown by 123%.
- The number of payroll jobs in West Roxbury fell by almost 5% from 2011 to 2014.
- The share of the population 35 to 64 years old grew from 39% to 42% from 2000 to 2015.
- In 2015, more than 21% of West Roxbury's population was foreign born, up from 17% in 2000.
- The percentage of West Roxbury residents aged 25 and over and with a Bachelor's degree increased from 42% to 52% between 2000 and 2015.

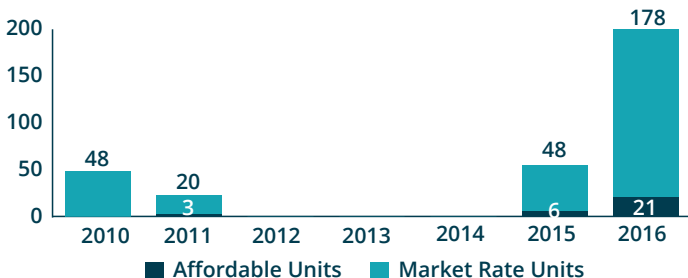
The Future for West Roxbury

- West Roxbury's growth is poised to continue with 294 new units of housing approved between 2010 and 2016.⁴

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



BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units
2010-2016



People

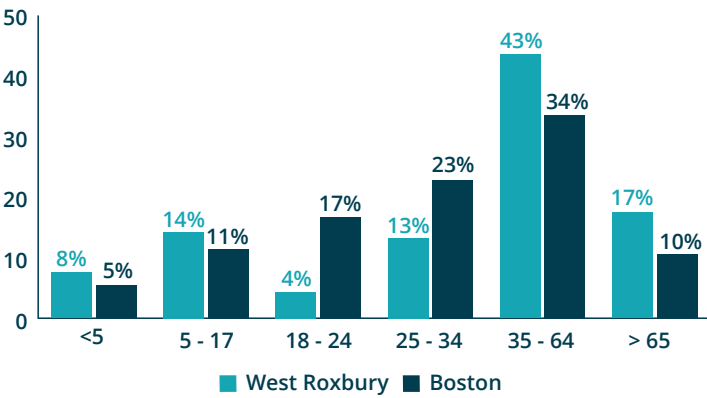
Population Growth

- West Roxbury had 32,795 residents in 2015, 5% of Boston's population.¹
- West Roxbury's population grew by 14% from 2000 to 2015, faster than the city's growth of 10%.

Age Distribution

- West Roxbury has a significantly smaller share of 18-34 year olds (17%), compared to Boston (40%).
- West Roxbury has a higher share of children (22%) than the city as a whole (17%).

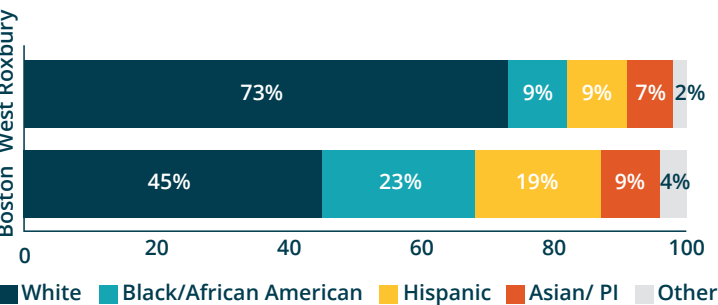
West Roxbury & Boston Residents by Age
2015



Diversity

- In 2015, 21% of West Roxbury's population was foreign born, less than the city (27%).
- West Roxbury has a higher share of non-Hispanic Whites than the city as whole.

West Roxbury & Boston Residents by Race
2015



Economy

Jobs

- West Roxbury had 5,638 payroll jobs in 2014, nearly 51% of which were in Retail Trade and Health Care & Social Assistance.²
- West Roxbury has 0.36 payroll jobs per resident worker, and about 1% of the city's payroll jobs.

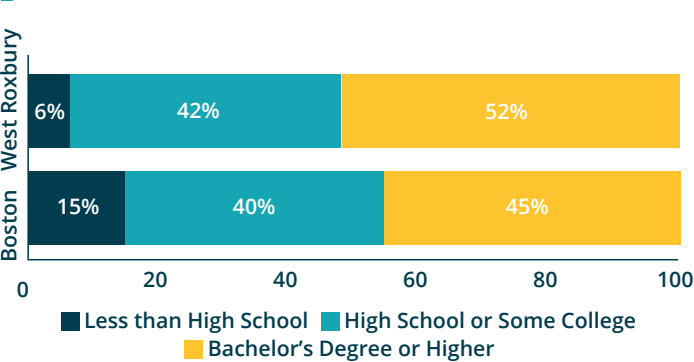
Labor Force

- West Roxbury's resident labor force had 18,130 people in 2015, 4% of Boston's resident labor force.
- 68% of West Roxbury residents age 16 and older participate in the labor force, same as Boston
- The top occupations for West Roxbury residents in 2015: management and office and administrative support.

Education

- In 2015, only 7% of West Roxbury residents were enrolled in college or university, lower than the city's enrollment rate of 17%.
- About half of West Roxbury's residents ages 25 and over a Bachelor's degree or higher, somewhat higher than the city average.

Educational Attainment (Age 25+)
2015



Income

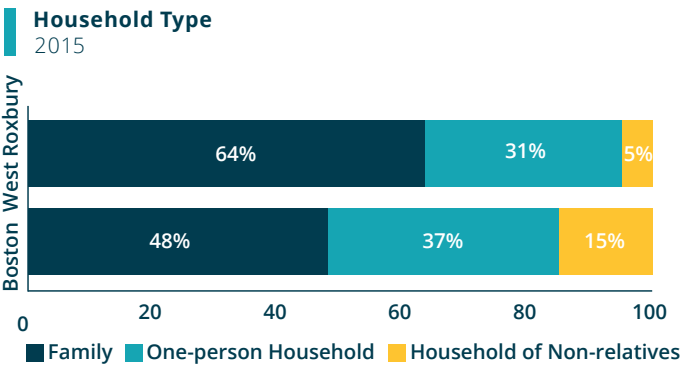
- The median household income in West Roxbury in 2015 was \$79,424, significantly higher than the Boston median of \$55,777.

Note: Demographic data are for the Census-tract approximations of the West Roxbury. 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

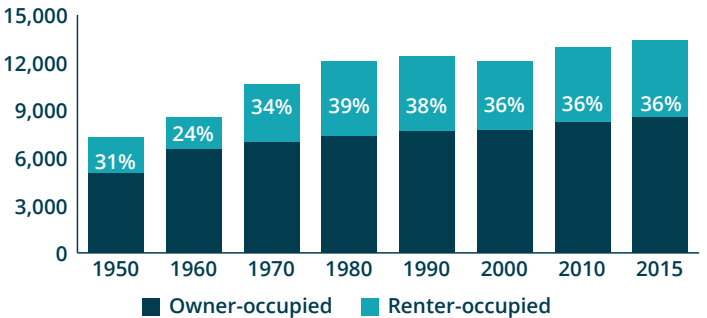
- About 98% of West Roxbury's residents live in households, 64% of which are families.
- The remaining West Roxbury population lives in college dorms or other institutions.



Renters and Owners

- In 2015, West Roxbury had 1,863 condos, 61% of which were owner occupied.³
- The median rent in West Roxbury in 2015 was \$1,325, almost the same as Boston as a whole (\$1,320).

West Roxbury Occupied Housing Units
1950-2015



Vehicles

- About 90% of West Roxbury's households in 2015 had at least one vehicle, compared to only 65% of all Boston households.
- West Roxbury households average almost 1.5 cars per household, while overall Boston households average less than one car per household.