Trends

Historical Trends in East Boston

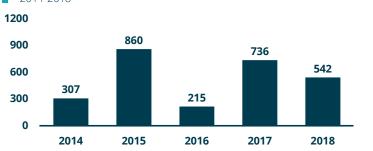
- The labor force participation rate among residents increased from 59% in 2000 to 73% in 2017.
- The share of residents identifying as Hispanic increased from 39% in 2000 to 57% in 2017.
- The share of foreign-born residents increased from 42% in 2000 to 50% in 2017.
- The share of adult residents with at least a Bachelor's degree doubled between 2000 and 2017.

The Future for East Boston

- East Boston's growth is poised to continue with 2,660 housing units approved for construction between 2014 and 2018.
- 1,485 new housing units were built in East Boston between 2011 and 2018.⁴

BPDA Board-Approved Development (In Thousands of Feet²) 2014-2018







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Information

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People

Population

• According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey, East Boston had 46,655 residents, 7% of Boston's population.¹

Age Distribution

- In 2017, 21% of East Boston's residents were children (0-17), compared to 16% of Boston's residents.
- East Boston had a lower share of young adults (18-24), compared to 15% of Boston's residents.

East Boston & Boston Residents by Age 2017



Diversity

- In 2017, 50% of East Boston's residents were foreign-born, compared to 28% of Boston's residents.
- 57% of East Boston's residents identified as Hispanic, significantly higher than 19% of Boston's residents.

East Boston & Boston Residents by Race





White Black/African American Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander Other

Economy

Jobs

- In 2015, East Boston had 22,506 payroll jobs, 46% of which were in Transportation and Warehousing. $^{\rm 2}$
- East Boston had 0.81 payroll jobs for every resident worker, 4% of the payroll jobs in Boston.

Labor Force

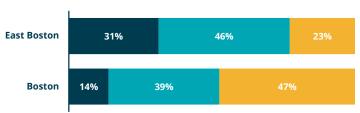
- In 2017, East Boston's resident labor force had 27,915 workers, 7% of Boston's resident labor force.
- 73% of East Boston's residents participated in the labor force, compared to 69% of Boston's residents.
- The top occupations among residents in 2017: Food Preparation and Serving, Building and Grounds Maintenance, and Administrative Support.

Education

- In 2017, 5% of East Boston's residents were enrolled in college or university, compared to 16% of Boston's residents.
- 23% of East Boston's adult residents had at least a Bachelor's degree, compared to 47% of Boston's adult residents.

Educational Attainment (Age 25+)

2017



Less than High School High School or Some College Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Income

• In 2017, the median household income in East Boston was \$52,935, lower than \$62,021 throughout Boston.

Notes: Demographic data are for the Census-tract approximations of East Boston. Employment data are for the Census-block approximations of East Boston. Development data were calculated on March 5, 2019.

Sources: 1. U.S. Census Bureau, 1950-2010 Decennial Census and 2013-2017 American Community Survey; 2. U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, 2015; 3. City of Boston Assessing Data, FY2018; 4. BPDA Research Division Pipeline Database, 2018.

Place

Households

• In 2017, 59% of East Boston's households were families, compared to 48% of Boston's households.

Household Type





Renters and Owners

- In 2017, 71% of East Boston's 16,368 housing units were renter-occupied.
- In FY2018, 58% of East Boston's 1,655 condominiums were owner-occupied.³
- The median rent was \$1,249 throughout East Boston, compared to \$1,445 throughout Boston.

East Boston Occupied Housing Units 1950-2017

20000



Vehicles

- In 2017, 63% of East Boston's households had at least one vehicle, compared to 66% of Boston's households.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in East Boston was 0.83, lower than Boston's ratio of 0.95.