



PEOPLE

POPULATION

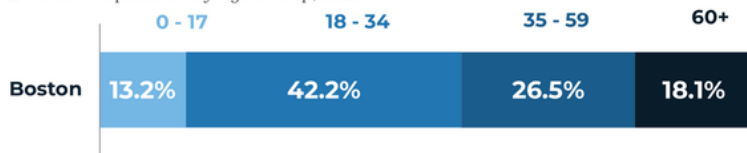
- In 2025, Boston had **716,313** residents.

AGE

- In 2025, more than **4 in 10** Boston residents were aged 18-34, representing the largest age cohort.

AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION

Boston Population by Age Group, 2025



DIVERSITY



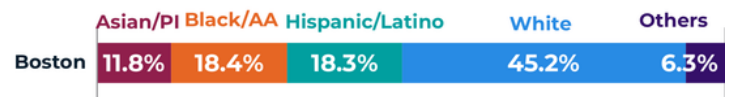
27.3% of Boston residents were foreign born in 2025.



35.3% spoke a language other than English at home and Spanish and Chinese were the languages most commonly spoken.

RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION

Boston Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2025



Asian/PI: Asian or Pacific Islander, Black/AA: Black or African American.

- In 2025, nearly **36.7%** of Boston residents identified as Black or African American or Hispanic or Latino.

EDUCATION

- 55.7%** of Boston residents aged 25+ had a bachelor's degree or higher.
- 16.1%** of Boston residents were enrolled in college or university.
- 41,776** Boston students lived in dorms in 2020.

HOUSEHOLDS

- Of Boston's **294,981** households:
 - 44.8%** family households
 - 37.5%** one-person households
 - 17.6%** non-family households with 2+ people
- 19.2%** of Boston households include children under 18.
- 30.1%** of Boston households include older adults aged 60+.



ECONOMY

PLACE

JOBS

- In 2023, Boston had **718,571** payroll jobs.
 - 20.4%** of payroll jobs were in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry.
 - 15.2%** were in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services industry.

LABOR FORCE

- 26.5%** of Boston payroll workers live and work in Boston.
- 19.0%** of Boston resident workers report working primarily from home.

INCOME

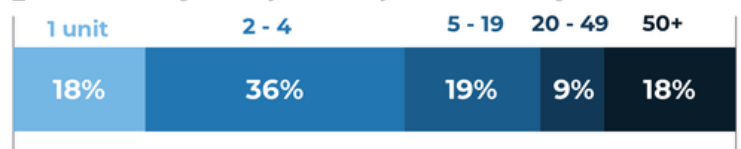
- In 2025, Boston's median household income was **\$94,438**.

SPENDING

- Boston's 2025 in-person consumer spending was **6.6%** above 2019 levels and **2.2%** above 2024 levels.
- Boston residents accounted for **48.4%** of total spending.

HOUSING UNITS BY STRUCTURE TYPE

Boston Housing Units By Number of Units in Building, 2025



HOUSING

- Of the **318,447** housing units in Boston:



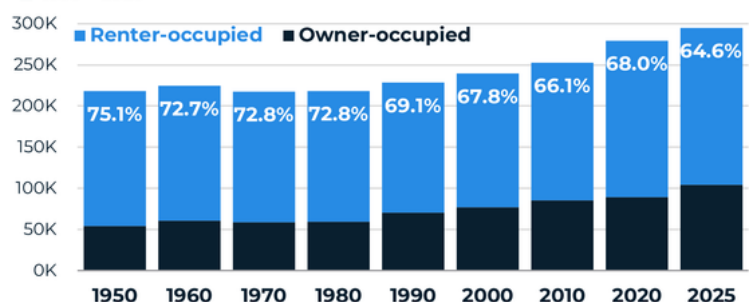
- 33.5%** 0-1 bedrooms
- 34.0%** 2 bedrooms
- 32.4%** 3+ bedrooms

RENTERS AND OWNERS

- In 2025, **64.6%** of Boston's housing units were renter-occupied.
- In 2024, the median asking rent for market-rate 2-bed apartments was **\$3,200** in Boston.

BOSTON OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE

1950 - 2025





MOBILITY

VEHICLES



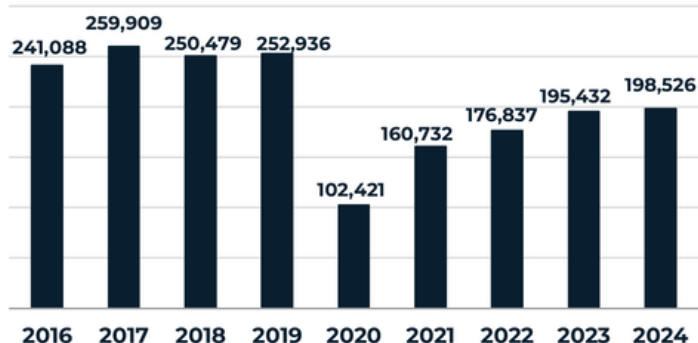
34.6% of Boston households had 0 vehicles.

TRANSPORTATION

- In 2025, to get to work:
 - **37.5%** of Boston resident workers drove or carpoled, **24.5%** took public transit, **14.9%** walked, and **4.1%** took a bike, taxicab, motorcycle, or other means.
- In 2024, Fall bus ridership for an average weekday in Boston was **78.5%** of its level in Fall 2019.

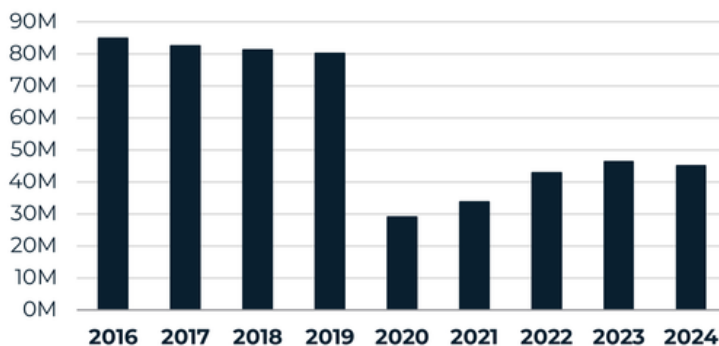
DAILY BUS BOARDINGS IN BOSTON ON WEEKDAYS

Average Weekday Bus Ridership at Boston Bus Stops, Fall 2016 - Fall 2024



RAPID TRANSIT* RIDERSHIP IN BOSTON

Total Gated Station Validations, Boston 2016 -2024



*Includes only light rail, commuter rail stations excluded due to data limitations.

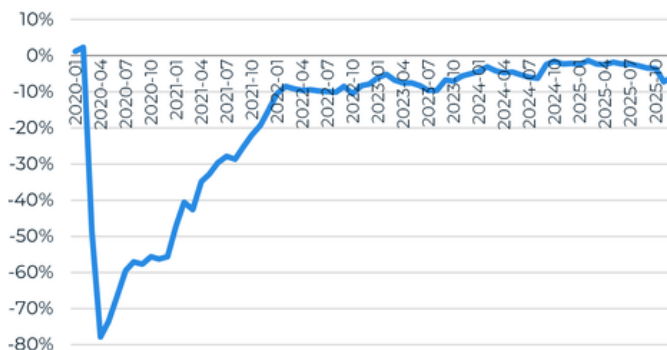
- In 2024, gated MBTA light rail validations were **56.2%** of their level in 2019.

VISITS

- In 2024, visits to Boston were down 3.9% from their level in 2019.
- Visits in 2025 were 3.1% lower than in 2019.

MONTHLY VISITS* TO BOSTON COMPARED TO 2019

Visits* Relative to the Same Month in 2019, Jan 2020 - Dec 2025



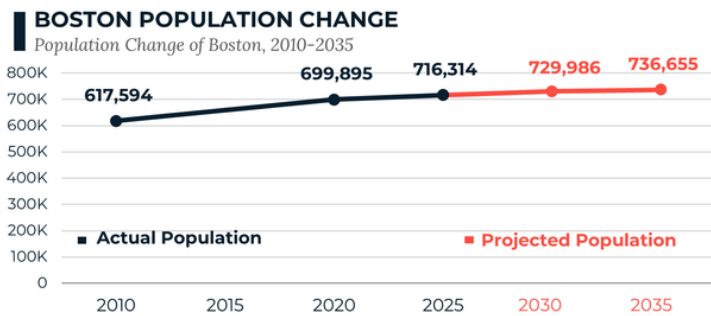
*Visits are defined as crossings from outside to inside Boston boundaries. Event-related visitation peaks are not included.



TRENDS

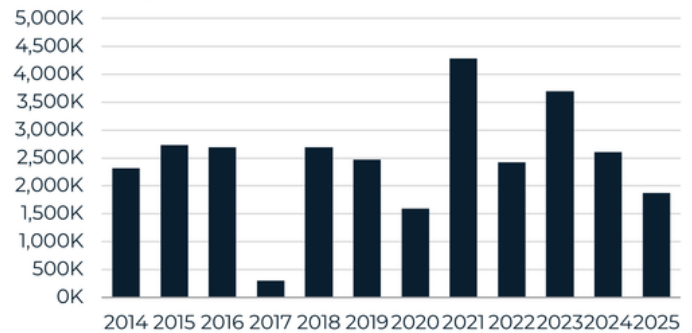
POPULATION GROWTH

- Between 2010 and 2025, Boston's population grew by **1.0%** per year.
- Growth is projected to slow to **~0.03%** per year through 2035.



NON-RESIDENTIAL COMPLETION PERMITS

Non-residential square footage completed in the City of Boston, net of demolitions, 2014-2025

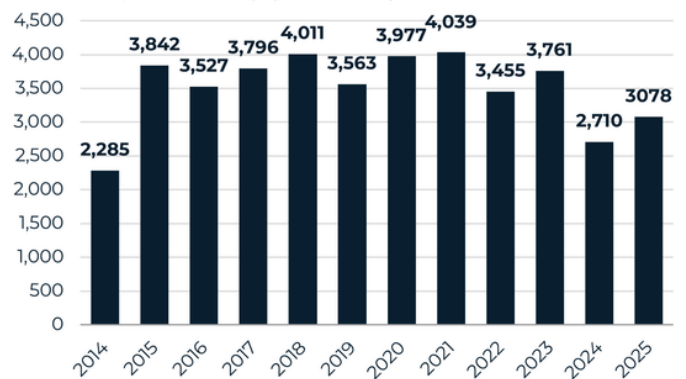


REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

- From 2020 to 2025:
 - **16,484,354** net new non-residential square feet were completed.
 - **17,942** net new units of housing were completed.

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED

Units completed in the City of Boston, net of demolitions 2011-2024



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