



PEOPLE

POPULATION

- In 2025, Charlestown had **19,232** residents, representing **2.7%** of Boston's population.

AGE

- In 2025, **1 in 3** Charlestown residents were aged 35-59, compared to less than 27% of Boston residents citywide.

AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION

Boston and Charlestown Population by Age Group, 2025

	0 - 17	18 - 34	35 - 59	60+
Boston	13.2%	42.2%	26.5%	18.1%
Charlestown	16.6%	29.9%	34.4%	19.1%

DIVERSITY



13.8% of Charlestown residents were foreign born in 2025, compared to 27.3% citywide.



18.5% spoke a language other than English at home and Spanish and Chinese were the languages most commonly spoken.

RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION

Boston and Charlestown Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2025

	Asian/PI	Black/AA	Hispanic/Latino	White	Others
Boston	11.8%	18.4%	18.3%	45.2%	6.3%
Charlestown	8.5%	10.5%	5.0%	71.9%	3.9%

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

- In 2025, Charlestown had a larger White population relative to Boston citywide.

EDUCATION

- 70.6%** of Charlestown residents aged 25+ had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 55.7% citywide.
- 4.4%** of Charlestown residents were enrolled in college or university.

HOUSEHOLDS

- Of Charlestown's **9,010** households:
 - 50.1%** family households
 - 38.3%** one-person households
 - 11.6%** non-family households with 2+ people
- 25.6%** of households include children under 18.
- 27.5%** of households include older adults aged 60+.



ECONOMY



PLACE

JOBS

- In 2023, Charlestown had **11,563** payroll jobs, making up 1.6% of Boston's payroll jobs.
 - 26.6%** of payroll jobs were in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services industry.
 - 14.4%** were in the Educational Services industry.

LABOR FORCE

- 4.1%** of Charlestown payroll workers live and work in Charlestown.
- 24.1%** of Charlestown resident workers report working primarily from home.

INCOME

- In 2025, Charlestown's median household income was **\$159,178**, higher than Boston's of \$94,438.

SPENDING

- Charlestown's 2025 in-person consumer spending was **20.4%** above 2019 levels and **3.6%** above 2024 levels.
- Charlestown's restaurant spending was up **32.3%** from 2019.

HOUSING UNITS BY STRUCTURE TYPE

Charlestown Housing Units By Number of Units in Building, 2025



HOUSING

- Of the **9,657** housing units in Charlestown:



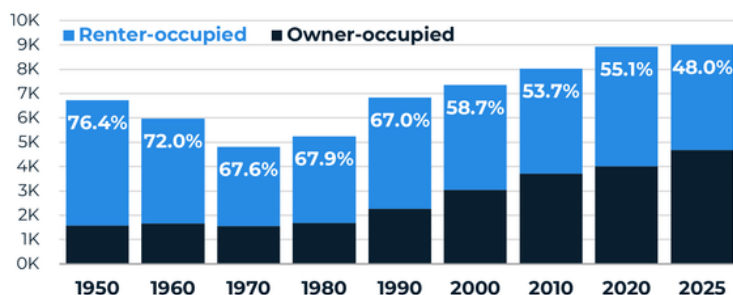
- 34.1%** 0-1 bedrooms
- 39.0%** 2 bedrooms
- 26.9%** 3+ bedrooms

RENTERS AND OWNERS

- 48.0%** of housing units were renter-occupied, compared to 64.4% of units citywide.
- In 2024, median asking rent for market-rate 2-bed apartments was **\$3,490** in Charlestown and \$3,200 citywide.

CHARLESTOWN OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE

1950 - 2025





MOBILITY

VEHICLES



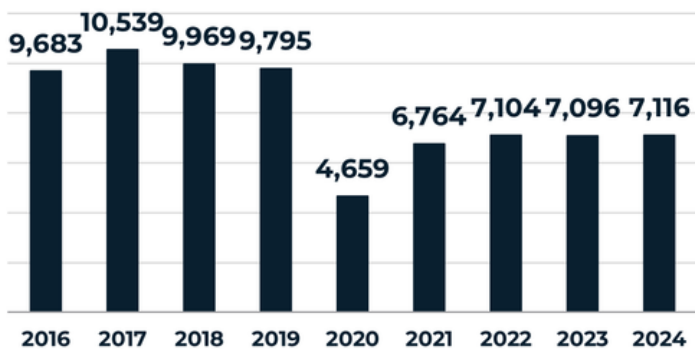
19.5% of Charlestown households had 0 vehicles.

TRANSPORTATION

- In 2025, to get to work:
 - **35.5%** of Charlestown resident workers drove or carpoled, **18.8%** took public transit, **13.6%** walked, and **7.9%** took a bike, taxicab, motorcycle, or other means.
- In 2024, Fall bus ridership for an average weekday in Charlestown was **72.6%** of its level in Fall 2019.

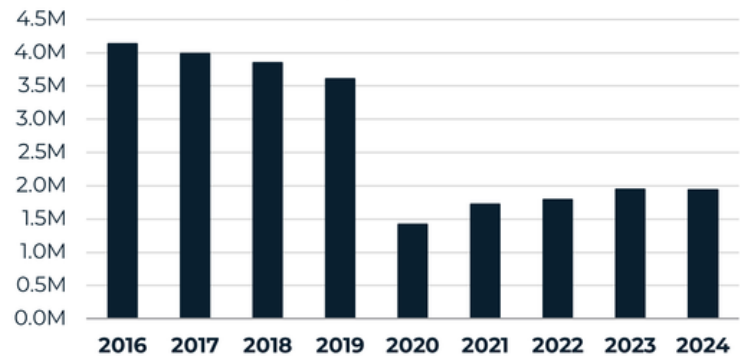
DAILY BUS BOARDINGS IN CHARLESTOWN ON WEEKDAYS

Average Weekday Boardings at Charlestown Bus Stops, Fall 2016 - Fall 2024



RAPID TRANSIT* RIDERSHIP IN CHARLESTOWN

Total Gated Station Validations, Charlestown 2016 - 2024



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

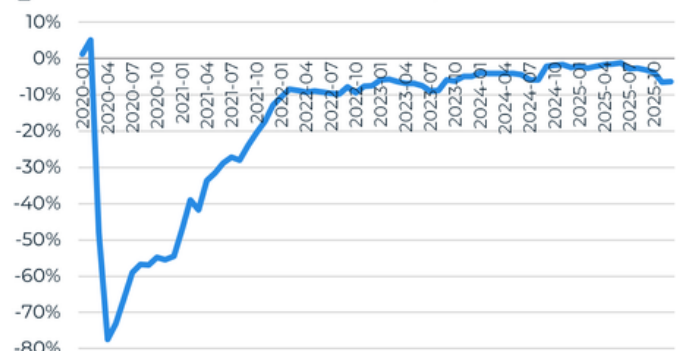
- In 2024, gated MBTA light rail validations were **53.7%** of their level in 2019.

VISITS

- In 2024, visits to Charlestown were down **3.8%** from their level in 2019.
- Visits in 2025 were **3.0%** lower than in 2019.

MONTHLY VISITS* TO CHARLESTOWN COMPARED TO 2019

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



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



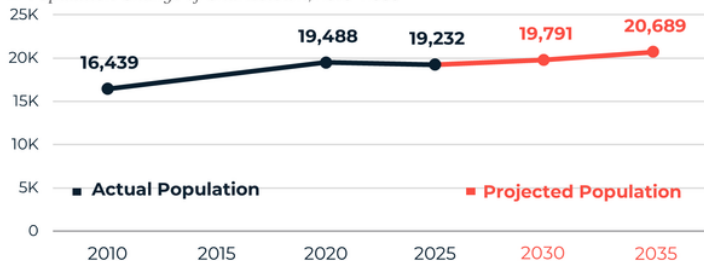
TRENDS

POPULATION GROWTH

- Between 2010 and 2025, Charlestown's population grew by **1.1%** per year.
- Growth is projected to slow to **~0.7%** per year through 2035.

CHARLESTOWN POPULATION CHANGE

Population Change of Charlestown, 2010-2035

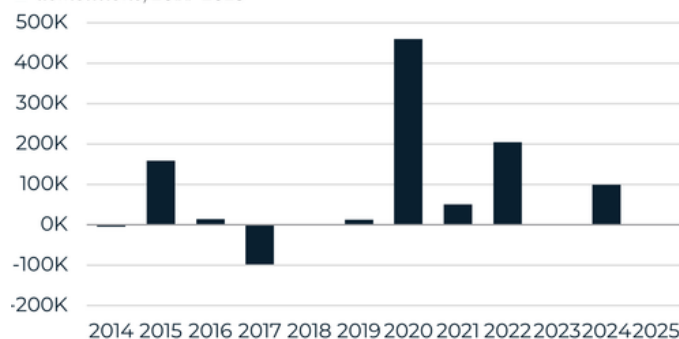


REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

- From 2020 to 2025:
 - **813,152** net new square feet of non-residential was completed.
 - **138** net new units of housing were completed.

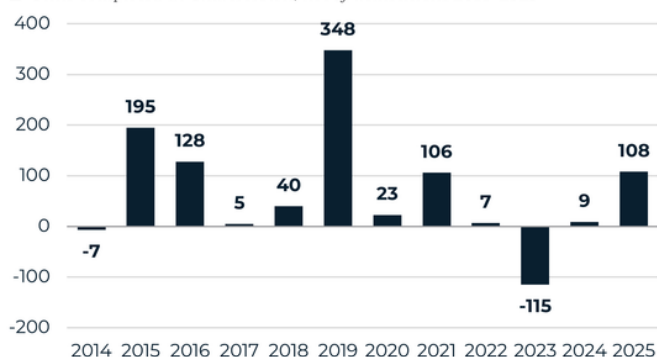
NON-RESIDENTIAL COMPLETION PERMITS

Non-residential square footage completed in Charlestown, net of demolitions, 2014-2025



TOTAL HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED

Units completed in Charlestown, net of demolitions 2014-2025



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