



PEOPLE

POPULATION

- In 2025, Chinatown had **6,371** residents, representing **0.9%** of Boston's population.

AGE

- In 2025, nearly **5 in 10** Chinatown residents were aged 18-34, compared to 42.2% of Boston residents citywide.

AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION

Boston and Chinatown Population by Age Group, 2025

	0 - 17	18 - 34	35 - 59	60+
Boston	13.2%	42.2%	26.5%	18.1%
Chinatown	10.2%	49.1%	24.1%	16.7%

DIVERSITY



50.5% of Chinatown residents were foreign born in 2025, compared to 27.3% citywide.



65.2% spoke a language other than English at home and Chinese and Spanish were the languages most commonly spoken.

RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION

Boston and Chinatown Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2025

	Asian/PI	Black/AA	Hispanic/Latino	White	Others
Boston	11.8%	18.4%	18.3%	45.2%	6.3%
Chinatown	55.8%	4.1%	7.2%	29.9%	3.0%

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

- In 2025, Chinatown had a larger Asian or Pacific Islander population relative to Boston citywide.

EDUCATION

- 49.6%** of Chinatown residents aged 25+ had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 55.7% citywide.
- 22.9%** of Chinatown residents were enrolled in college or university.

HOUSEHOLDS

- Of Chinatown's **3,063** households:
 - 37.6%** family households
 - 50.3%** one-person households
 - 12.1%** non-family households with 2+ people
- 14.4%** of households include children under 18.
- 22.5%** of households include older adults aged 60+.



ECONOMY



PLACE

JOBS

- In 2023, Chinatown had **12,602** payroll jobs, making up 1.8% of Boston's payroll jobs.
 - 51.3%** of payroll jobs were in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry.
 - 23.7%** were in the Educational Services industry.

LABOR FORCE

- 11.0%** of Chinatown payroll workers live and work in Chinatown.
- 28.1%** of Chinatown resident workers report working primarily from home.

INCOME

- In 2025, Chinatown's median household income was **\$49,019**, lower than Boston's of \$94,438.

BUSINESSES

- In 2023, **16.5%** of Chinatown business establishments located in zip code 02111 were in the Food, Hospitality, and Entertainment industry, compared to 14.6% of establishments citywide.

HOUSING UNITS BY STRUCTURE TYPE

Chinatown Housing Units By Number of Units in Building, 2025



HOUSING

- Of the **3,449** housing units in Chinatown:



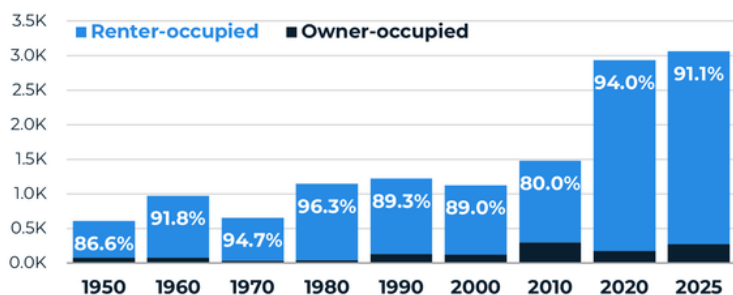
- 66.9%** 0-1 bedrooms
- 25.2%** 2 bedrooms
- 7.9%** 3+ bedrooms

RENTERS AND OWNERS

- 91.1%** 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 **\$3,900** in Chinatown and \$3,200 citywide.

CHINATOWN OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE

1950 - 2025





MOBILITY

VEHICLES



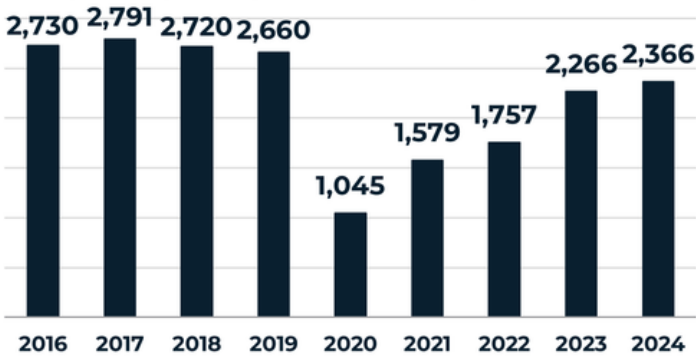
67.3% of Chinatown households had 0 vehicles.

TRANSPORTATION

- In 2025, to get to work:
 - **39.9%** of Chinatown resident workers walked, **16.2%** took public transit, **14.6%** drove or carpooled, and **1.1%** took a bike, taxicab, motorcycle, or other means.
- In 2024, Fall bus ridership for an average weekday in Chinatown was **88.9%** of its level in Fall 2019.

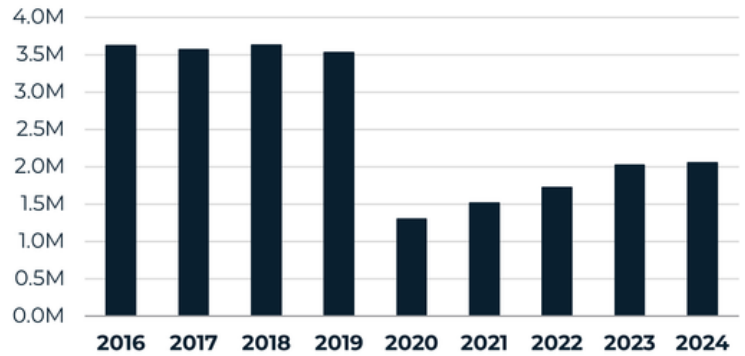
DAILY BUS BOARDINGS IN CHINATOWN ON WEEKDAYS

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



RAPID TRANSIT* RIDERSHIP IN CHINATOWN

Total Gated Station Validations, Chinatown 2016-2024



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

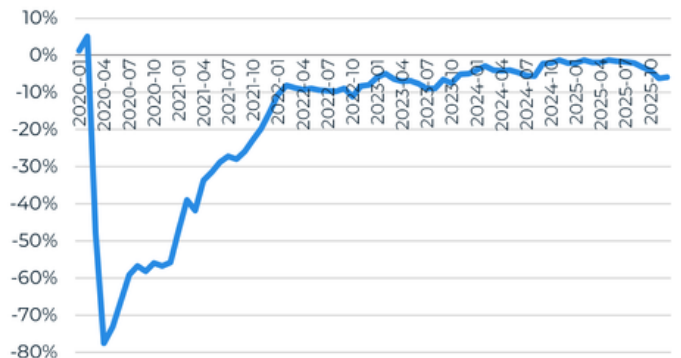
- In 2024, gated MBTA light rail validations were **58.1%** of their level in 2019.

VISITS

- In 2024, visits to Chinatown were down 3.6% from their level in 2019.
- Visits in 2025 were 2.8% lower than in 2019.

MONTHLY VISITS* TO CHINATOWN COMPARED TO 2019

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



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



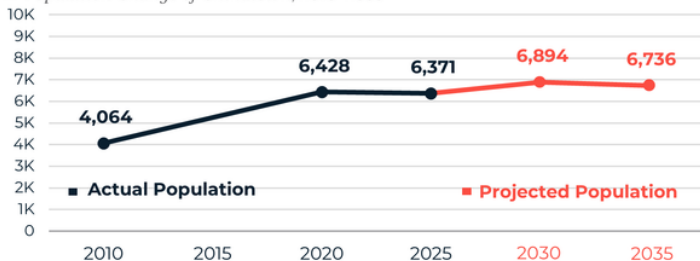
TRENDS

POPULATION GROWTH

- Between 2010 and 2025, Chinatown's population grew by **3.0%** per year.
- Growth is projected to slow to **~0.6%** per year through 2035.

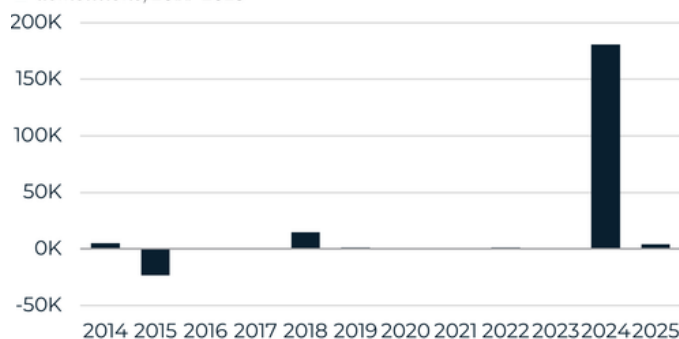
CHINATOWN POPULATION CHANGE

Population Change of Chinatown, 2010-2035



NON-RESIDENTIAL COMPLETION PERMITS

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

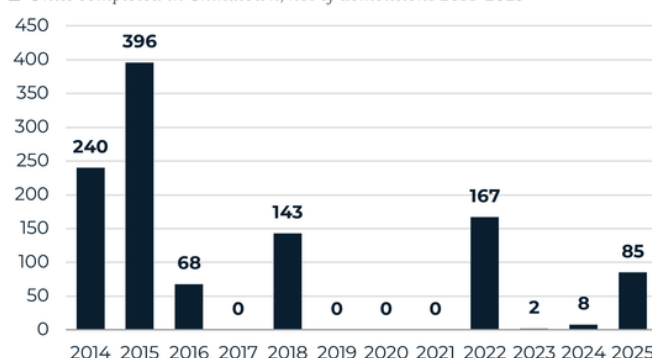


REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

- From 2020 to 2025:
 - **186,144** net new square feet of non-residential was completed.
 - **262** net new units of housing were completed.

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED

Units completed in Chinatown, net of demolitions 2014-2025



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