



PEOPLE

POPULATION

- In 2025, Roxbury had **56,800** residents, representing **7.9%** of Boston's population.

AGE

- In 2025, **36.1%** Roxbury residents were aged 18-34, compared to 42% of Boston residents citywide.

AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION

Boston and Roxbury Population by Age Group, 2025

	0 - 17	18 - 34	35 - 59	60+
Boston	13.2%	42.2%	26.5%	18.1%
Roxbury	18.6%	36.1%	27.0%	18.3%

DIVERSITY



26.4% of Roxbury residents were foreign born in 2025, compared to 27.3% citywide.



41.9% spoke a language other than English at home and Spanish and French, Haitian, or Cajun were the languages most commonly spoken.

RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION

Boston and Roxbury Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2025

	Asian/PI	Black/AA	Hispanic/Latino	White	Others
Boston	11.8%	18.4%	18.3%	45.2%	6.3%
Roxbury	6.3%	41.1%	30.0%	13.6%	8.9%

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

- In 2025, Roxbury had larger Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino populations relative to Boston citywide.

EDUCATION

- 27.8%** of Roxbury residents aged 25+ had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 55.7% citywide.
- 17.2%** of Roxbury residents were enrolled in college or university.
- 3,119** Roxbury students lived in dorms in 2020.

HOUSEHOLDS

- Of Roxbury's **20,747** households:
 - 49.1%** family households
 - 40.0%** one-person households
 - 10.9%** non-family households with 2+ people



ECONOMY

PLACE

JOBS

- In 2023, Roxbury had **39,806** payroll jobs, making up 5.5% of Boston's payroll jobs.
 - 34.5%** of payroll jobs were in the Educational Services industry.
 - 30.5%** were in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry.

LABOR FORCE

- 6.6%** of Roxbury payroll workers live and work in Roxbury.
- 8.9%** of Roxbury resident workers report working primarily from home.

INCOME

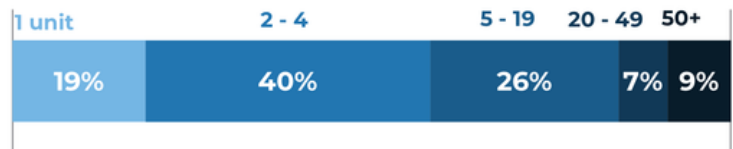
- In 2025, Roxbury's median household income was **\$41,966**, lower than Boston's of \$94,438.

SPENDING

- Roxbury's 2025 in-person consumer spending was **36.3%** above 2019 levels and **7.4%** above 2024 levels.
- Roxbury grocery spending is up **19.3%** from 2019.

HOUSING UNITS BY STRUCTURE TYPE

Roxbury Housing Units By Number of Units in Building, 2025



HOUSING

- Of the **22,502** housing units in Roxbury:



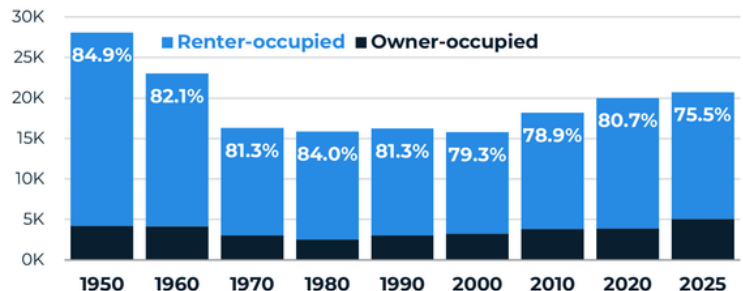
- 29.2%** 0-1 bedrooms
- 32.7%** 2 bedrooms
- 38.1%** 3+ bedrooms

RENTERS AND OWNERS

- 75.5%** 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 **\$3,300** in Roxbury and \$3,200 citywide.

ROXBURY OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE

1950 - 2025





MOBILITY

VEHICLES



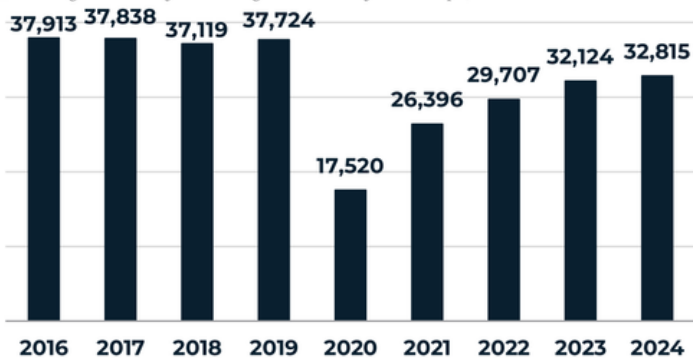
43.5% of Roxbury households had 0 vehicles.

TRANSPORTATION

- In 2025, to get to work:
 - **43.2%** of Roxbury resident workers drove or carpoled, **31.6%** took public transit, **10.1%** walked, and **6.1%** took a bike, taxicab, motorcycle, or other means.
- In 2024, Fall bus ridership for an average weekday in Roxbury was **87.0%** of its level in Fall 2019.

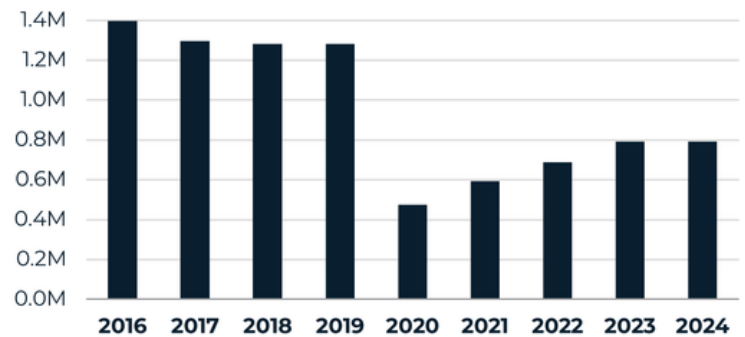
DAILY BUS BOARDINGS IN ROXBURY ON WEEKDAYS

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



RAPID TRANSIT* RIDERSHIP IN ROXBURY

Total Gated Station Validations, Roxbury 2016 - 2024



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

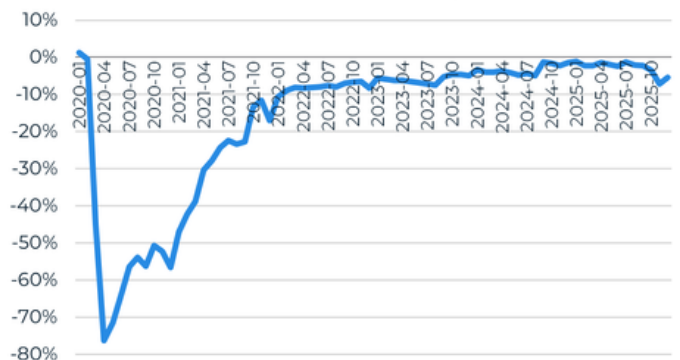
- In 2024, gated MBTA light rail validations were **61.7%** of their level in 2019.

VISITS

- In 2024, visits to Roxbury were down 3.3% from their level in 2019.
- Visits in 2025 were 2.7% lower than in 2019.

MONTHLY VISITS* TO ROXBURY COMPARED TO 2019

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



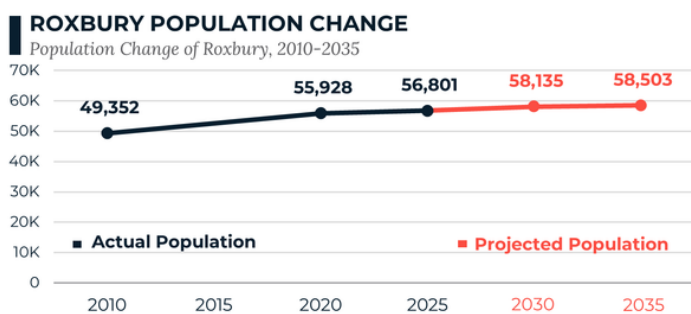
*Visits are defined as crossings from outside to inside Roxbury boundaries. Event-related visitation peaks are not included.



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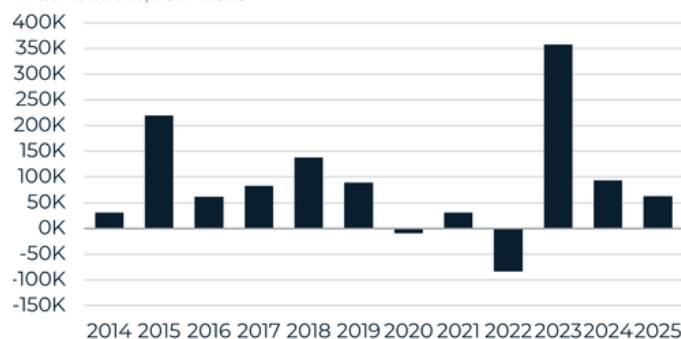
POPULATION GROWTH

- Between 2010 and 2025, Roxbury's population grew by **0.9%** per year.
- Growth is project to slow to **~0.3%** per year through 2035.



NON-RESIDENTIAL COMPLETION PERMITS

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

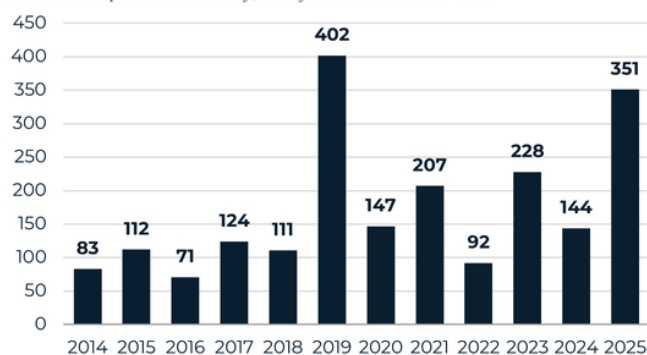


REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

- From 2020 to 2025:
 - **451,866** net new square feet of non-residential was completed.
 - **1,169** net new units of housing were completed.

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED

Units completed in Roxbury, net of demolitions 2014-2025



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