



## PEOPLE

### POPULATION

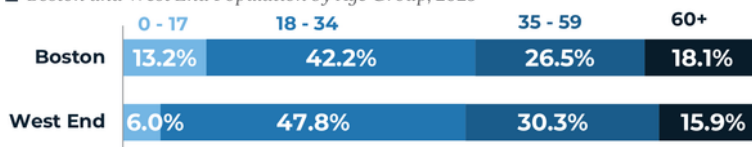
- In 2025, West End had **9,306** residents, representing **1.3%** of Boston's population.

### AGE

- In 2025, nearly **5 in 10** West End residents were aged 18-34, compared to less than 43% of Boston residents citywide.

#### AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION

Boston and West End Population by Age Group, 2025



### DIVERSITY



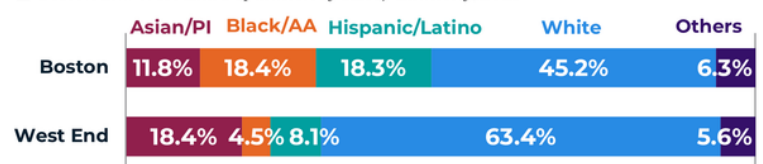
**26.0%** of West End residents were foreign born in 2025, compared to 27.3% citywide.



**32.2%** spoke a language other than English at home and Spanish and Chinese were the languages most commonly spoken.

#### RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION

Boston and West End Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2025



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

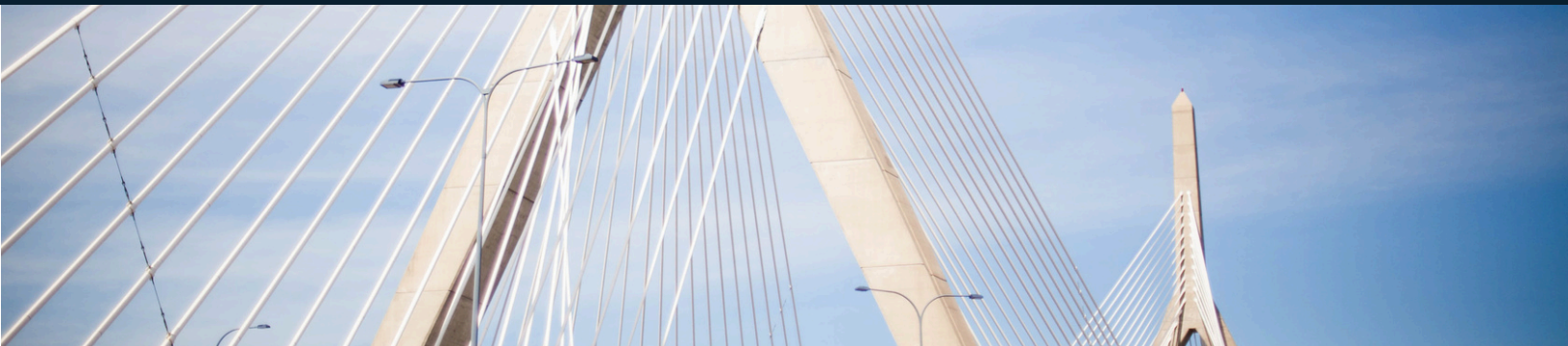
- In 2025, West End had larger Asian or Pacific Islander and White populations relative to Boston citywide.

### EDUCATION

- 82.7%** of West End residents aged 25+ had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 55.7% citywide.
- 11.0%** of West End residents were enrolled in college or university.

### HOUSEHOLDS

- Of West End's **5,014** households:
  - 33.7%** family households
  - 45.3%** one-person households
  - 21.0%** non-family households with 2+ people
- 10.4%** of households include children under 18.
- 23.4%** of households include older adults aged 60+.



## ECONOMY



## PLACE

### JOBS

- In 2023, West End had **47,369** payroll jobs, making up 6.6% of Boston's payroll jobs.
  - 66.7%** of payroll jobs were in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry.
  - 6.8%** were in the Accommodation and Food Services industry.

### LABOR FORCE

- 1.2%** of West End payroll workers live and work in West End.
- 31.6%** of West End resident workers report working primarily from home.

### INCOME

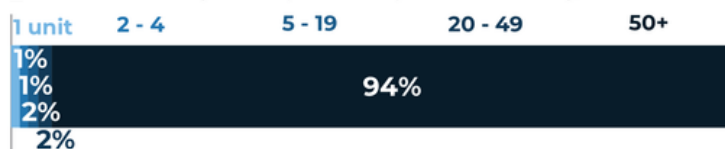
- In 2025, West End's median household income was **\$151,285**, higher than Boston's of \$94,438.

### SPENDING

- West End's 2025 total in-person consumer spending was **15.2%** above 2019 levels but **18.9%** below 2024 levels.
- West End grocery spending was up **58.2%** from 2019.

### HOUSING UNITS BY STRUCTURE TYPE

West End Housing Units By Number of Units in Building, 2025



### HOUSING

- Of the **5,711** housing units in West End:

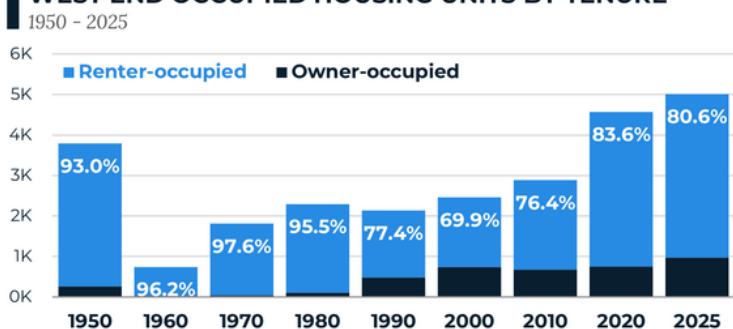


- 69.0%** 0-1 bedrooms
- 25.9%** 2 bedrooms
- 5.1%** 3+ bedrooms

### RENTERS AND OWNERS

- 80.6%** 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 **\$3,200** in West End and \$3,200 citywide.

### WEST END OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE





## MOBILITY

### VEHICLES



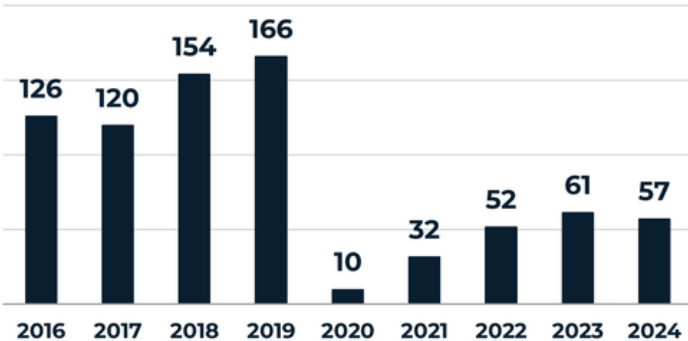
**64.2%** of West End households had 0 vehicles.

### TRANSPORTATION

- In 2025, to get to work:
  - 36.9%** of West End resident workers walked, **18.4%** took public transit, **8.9%** drove or carpooled, and **4.3%** took a bike, taxicab, motorcycle, or other means.
- In 2024, Fall bus ridership for an average weekday in West End was **34.5%** of its level in Fall 2019.

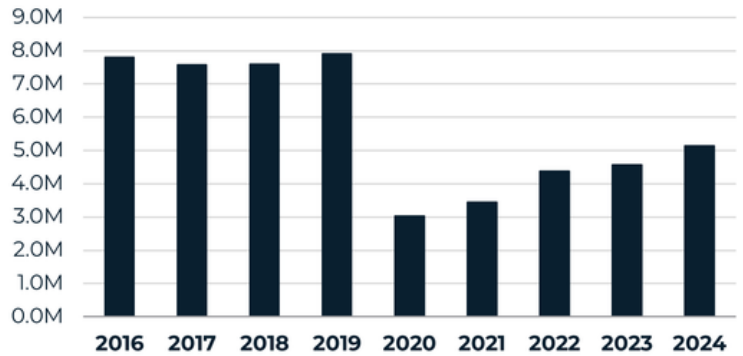
#### DAILY BUS BOARDINGS IN WEST END ON WEEKDAYS

Average Weekday Boardings at West End Bus Stops, Fall 2016 - Fall 2024



#### RAPID TRANSIT\* RIDERSHIP IN WEST END

Total Gated Station Validations, West End 2016 - 2024



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

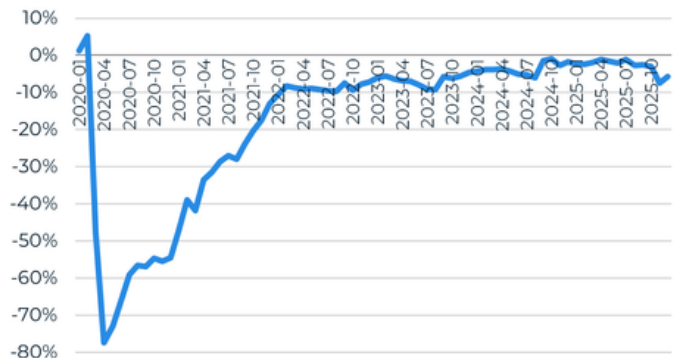
- In 2024, gated MBTA light rail validations were **65.0%** of their level in 2019.

### VISITS

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

#### MONTHLY VISITS\* TO WEST END COMPARED TO 2019

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



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



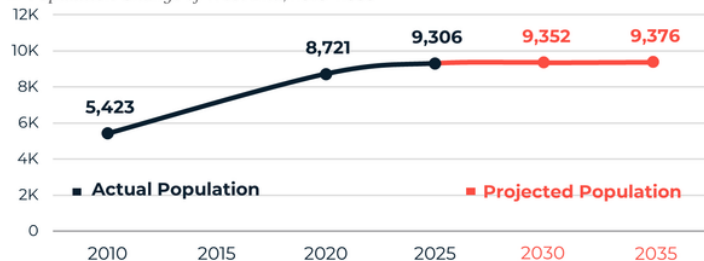
## TRENDS

### POPULATION GROWTH

- Between 2010 and 2025, West End's population grew by **3.7%** per year.
- Growth is projected to slow to **~0.1%** per year through 2035.

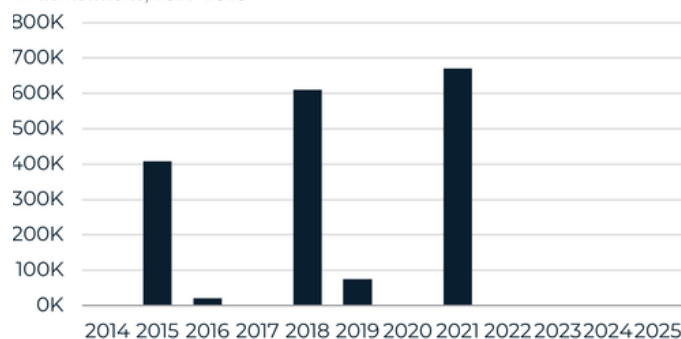
#### WEST END POPULATION CHANGE

Population Change of West End, 2010-2035



### NON-RESIDENTIAL COMPLETION PERMITS

Non-residential square footage completed in the West End, net of demolitions, 2014-2025

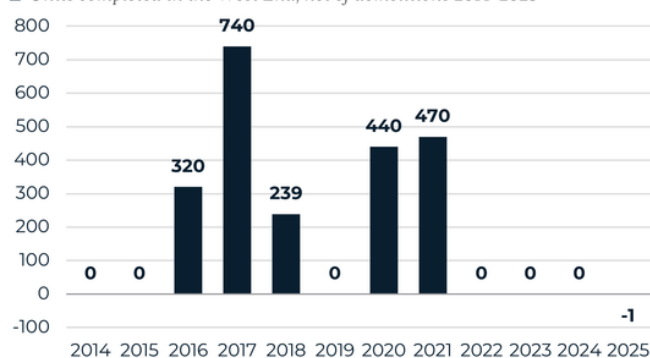


### REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

- From 2020 to 2025:
  - **670,300** net new square feet of non-residential was completed.
  - **909** net new units of housing were completed.

### TOTAL HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED

Units completed in the West End, net of demolitions 2014-2025



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