



BOSTON'S VINTAGE 2025 POPULATION PROJECTIONS

2025-2035



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How many...

**Population
projections
help inform
decisions
related to
Boston's future**

Housing units will be needed to house Boston's population in the future?

Schools will be needed to educate Boston Public School's children?

Senior centers will Boston need to build?

Dorms will Boston's colleges and universities need to build?

THREE FACTORS DRIVE CITYWIDE POPULATION PROJECTIONS:



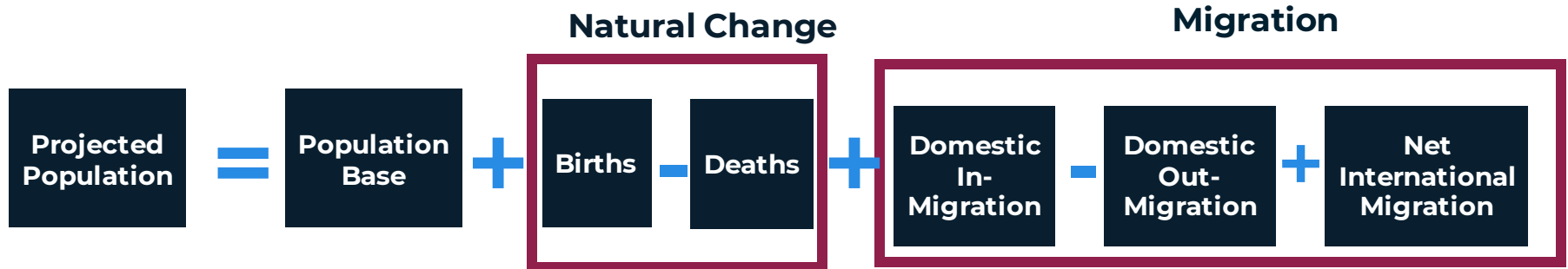
BIRTHS



DEATHS

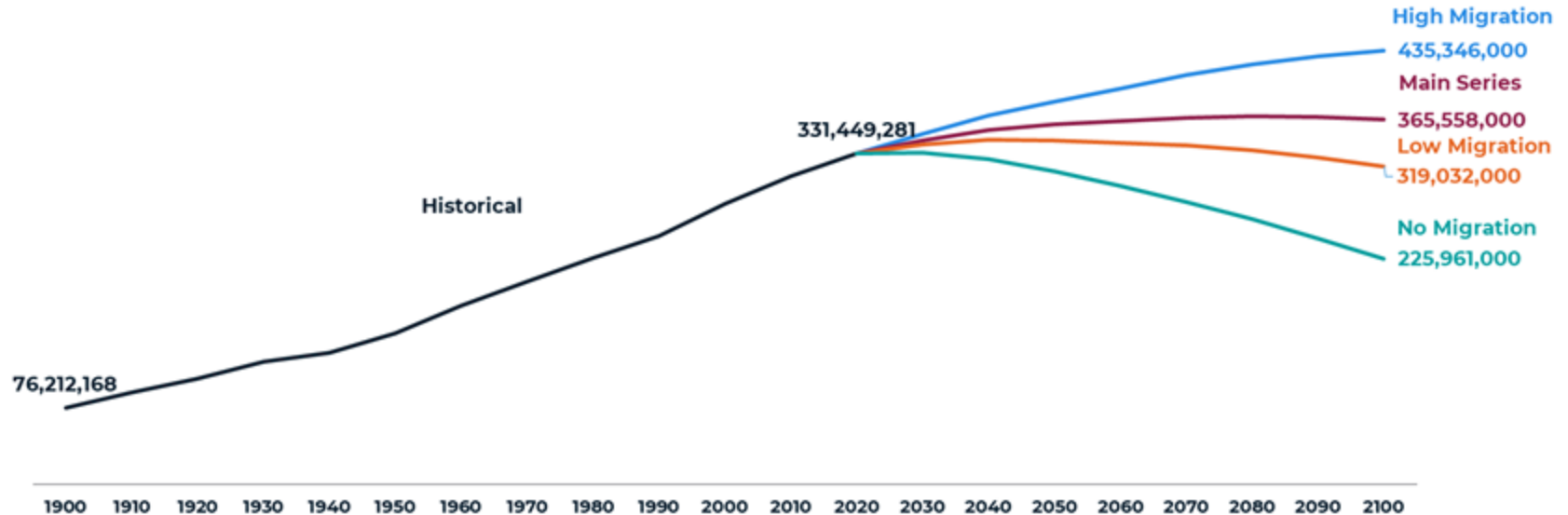


MIGRATION



Due to lower birth rates and aging population, the U.S. population is projected to stabilize and may decline without increased international migration

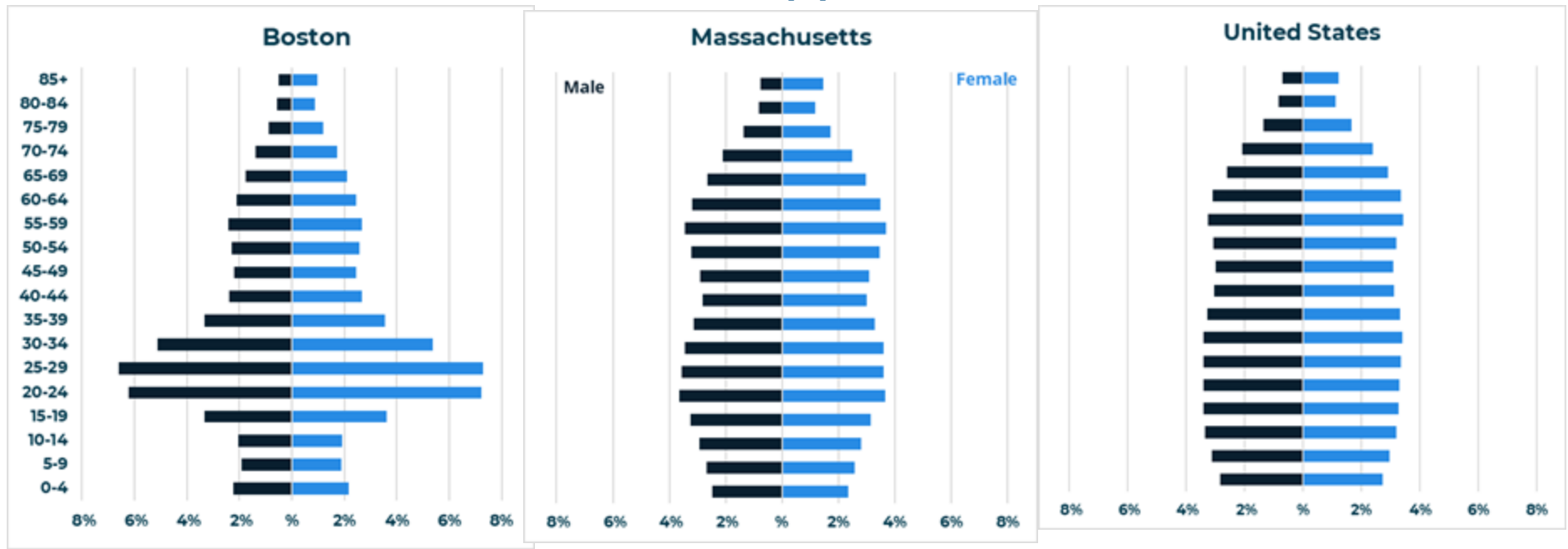
U. S. population historical and projected population, 1900 to 2100



Source: U. S. Census Bureau, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

Boston's population growth depends on an influx of young adults from across the United States and other countries

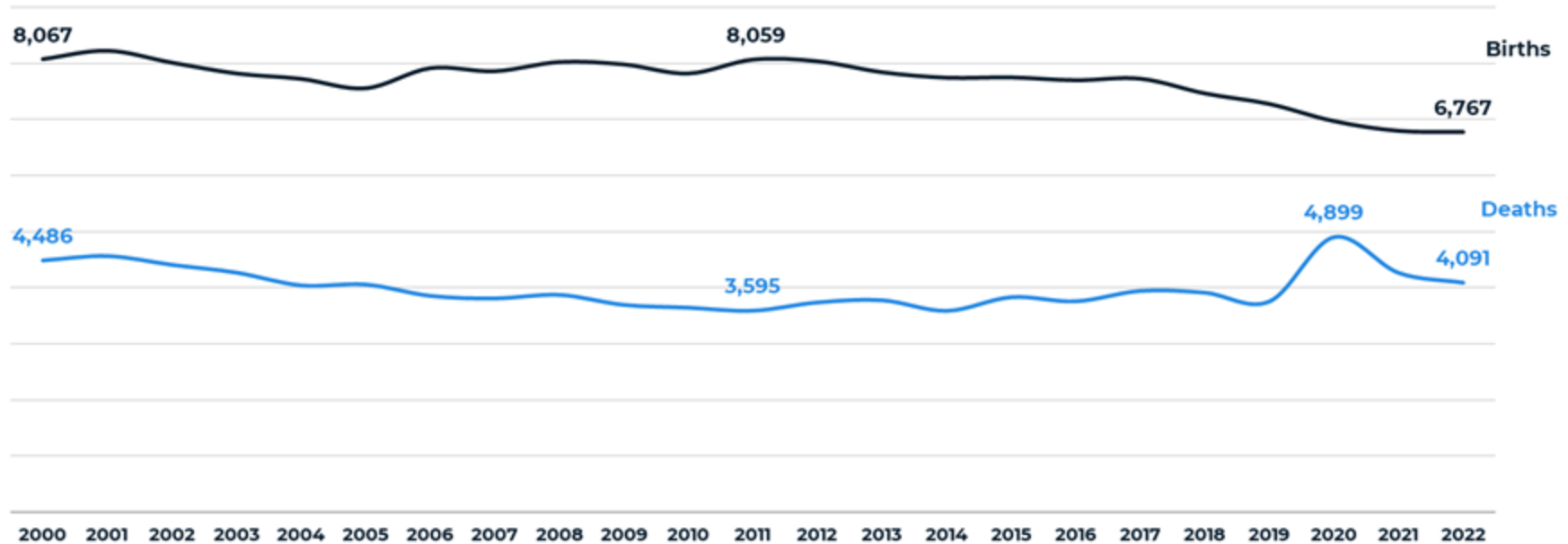
Boston, Massachusetts, and the United States - 2020 population



Sources: 2020 Boston Planning Department Estimate for Boston and Decennial Census for MA and US, City of Boston
Planning Department Research Division Analysis

Since 2011, Boston births have declined, but deaths have increased

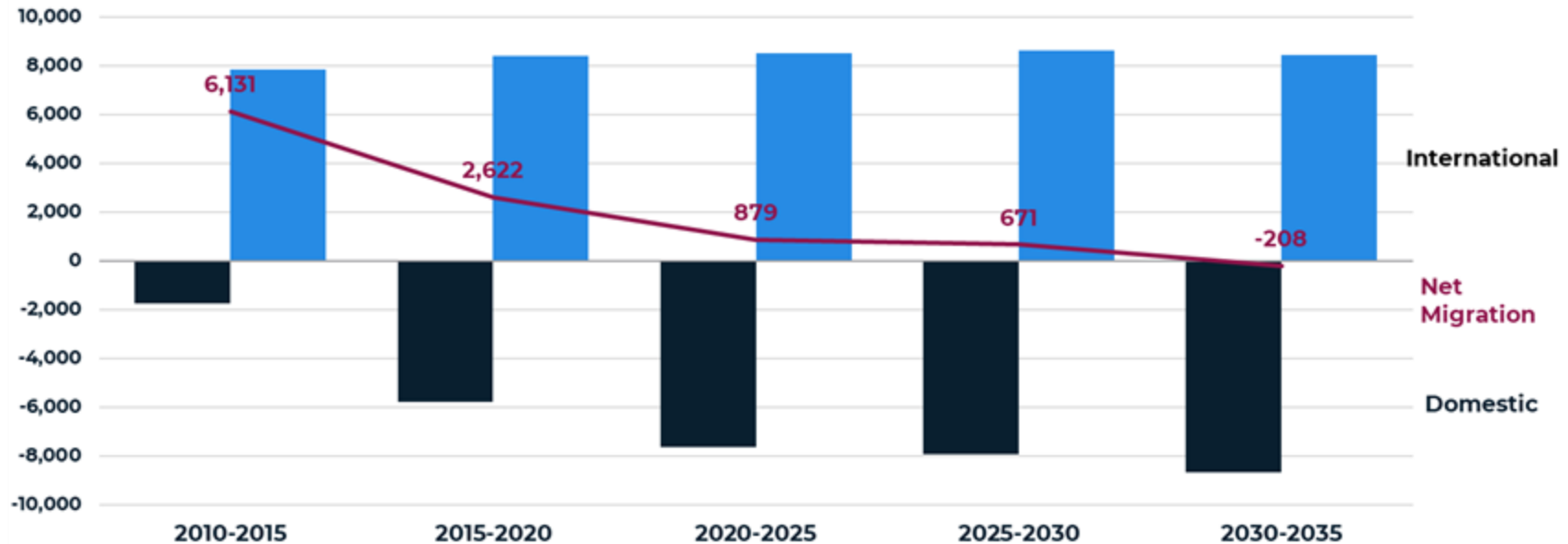
Boston births and deaths, 2000 to 2022



Source: Boston Public Health Commission, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis

Boston's population growth depends on international migration, as domestic out migration has been increasing

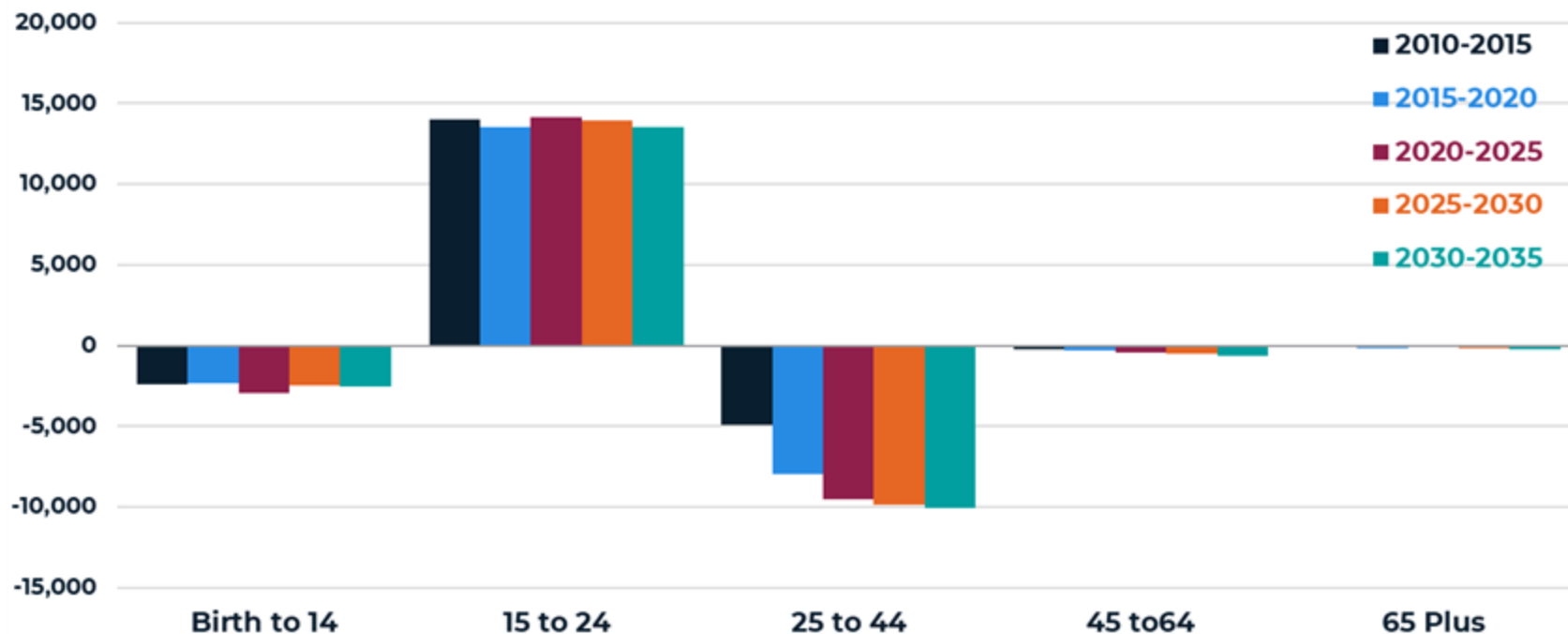
Boston migration, 2010 to 2035



Sources: 2010-2025 City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Population Estimates and 2025-2035 Population Projections, Research Division Analysis

Boston net migration is positive only among young adults. Children 14 and under and adults 30 to 44 see significant outmigration

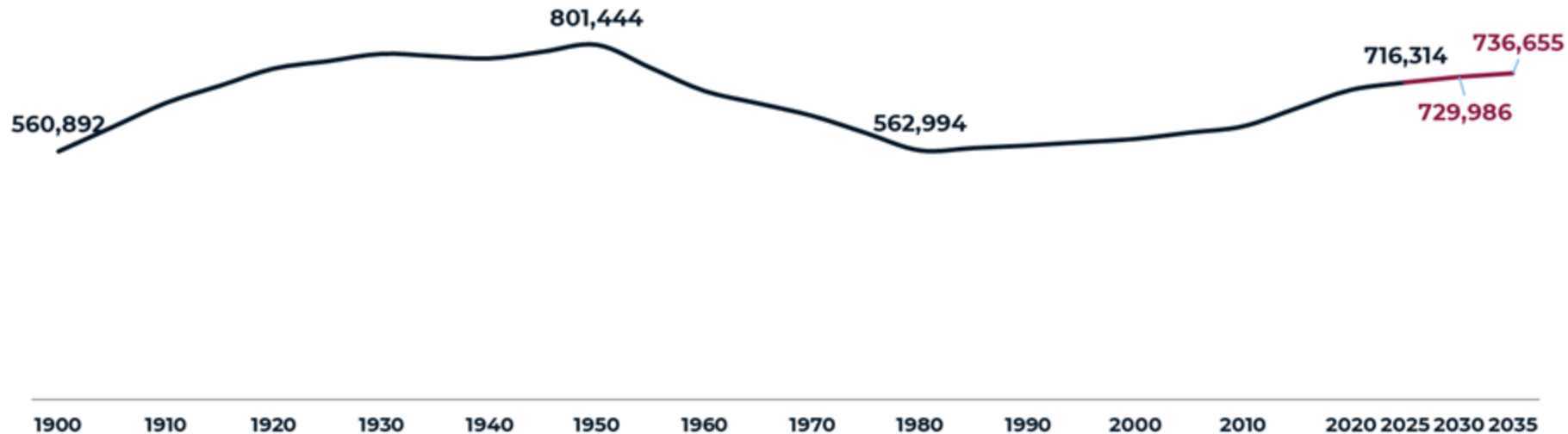
Boston net migration, 2010 to 2035



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Based on observed trends, Boston's population is projected to grow to over 736,000 by 2035

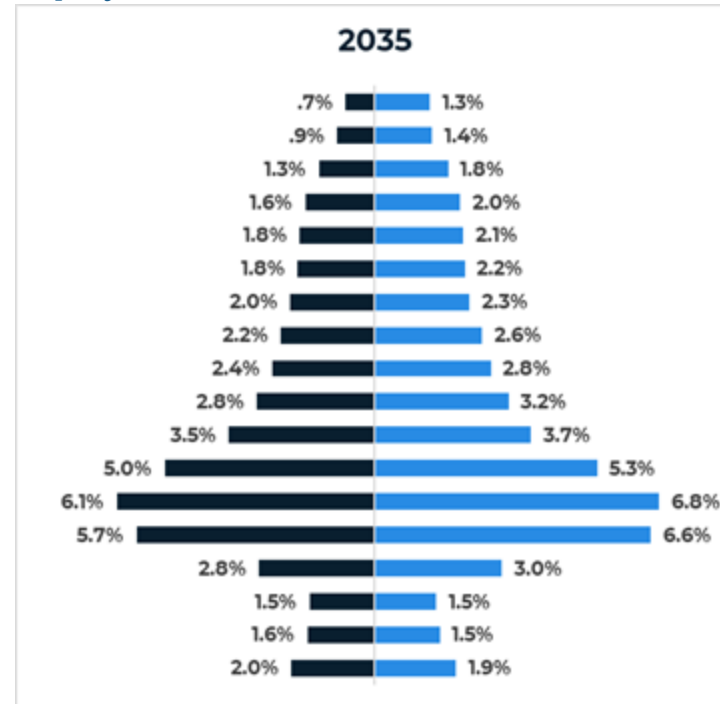
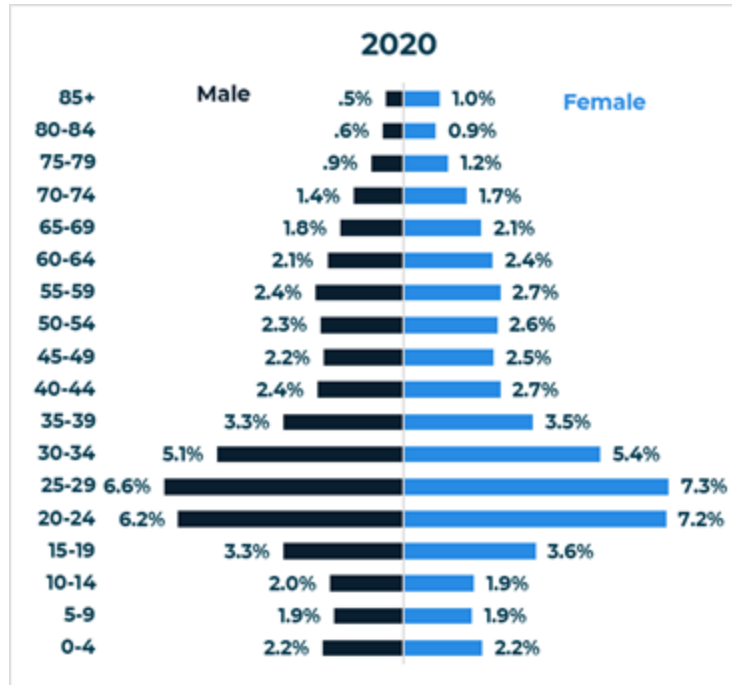
Boston historical population, 1900-2025 and projected population, 2030 & 2035



Sources: 1900-2010 Decennial Censuses, 2020-2025 City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Estimates and 2030-2035 Population Projections, Research Division Analysis

Boston's under 30 population share is projected to decline from 46.4% in 2020 to 41.1% in 2035

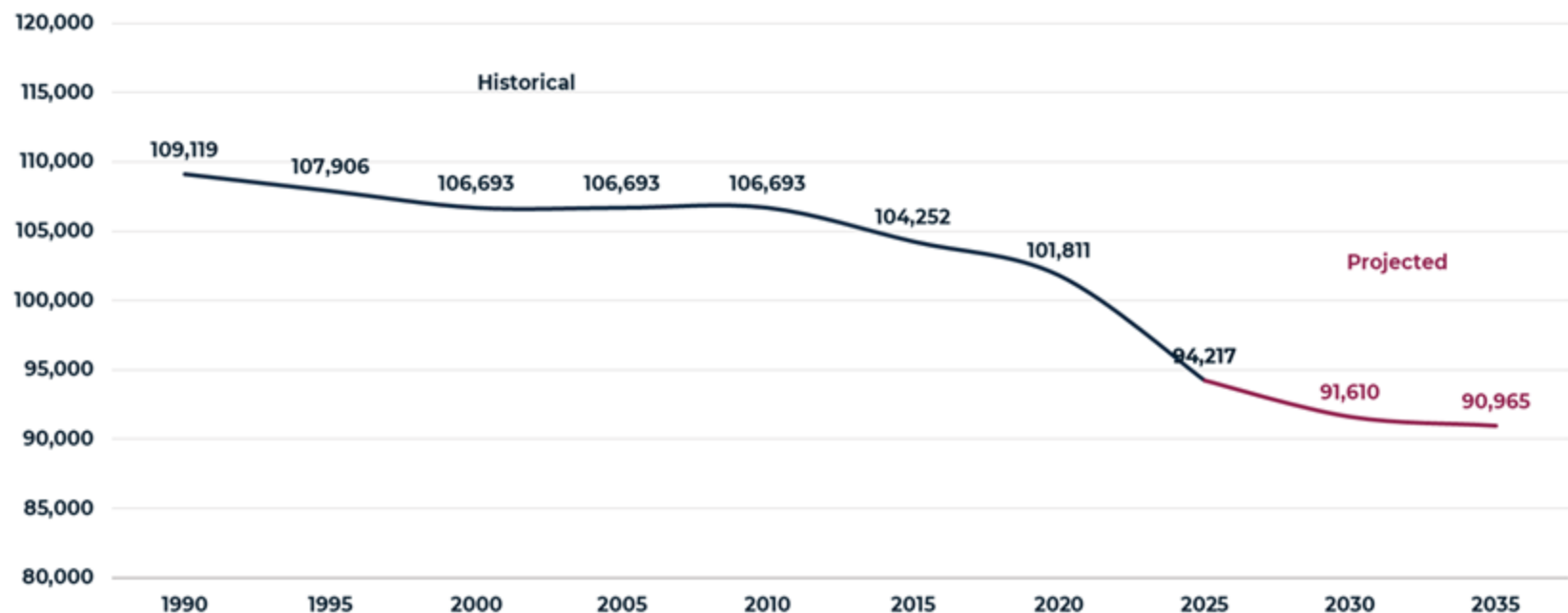
Boston 2020 population estimate and 2035 population projection



Sources: 2020 City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Estimates and 2035 Population Projection, Research Division Analysis

Boston's under 18 population declined after COVID-19, but is projected to stabilize

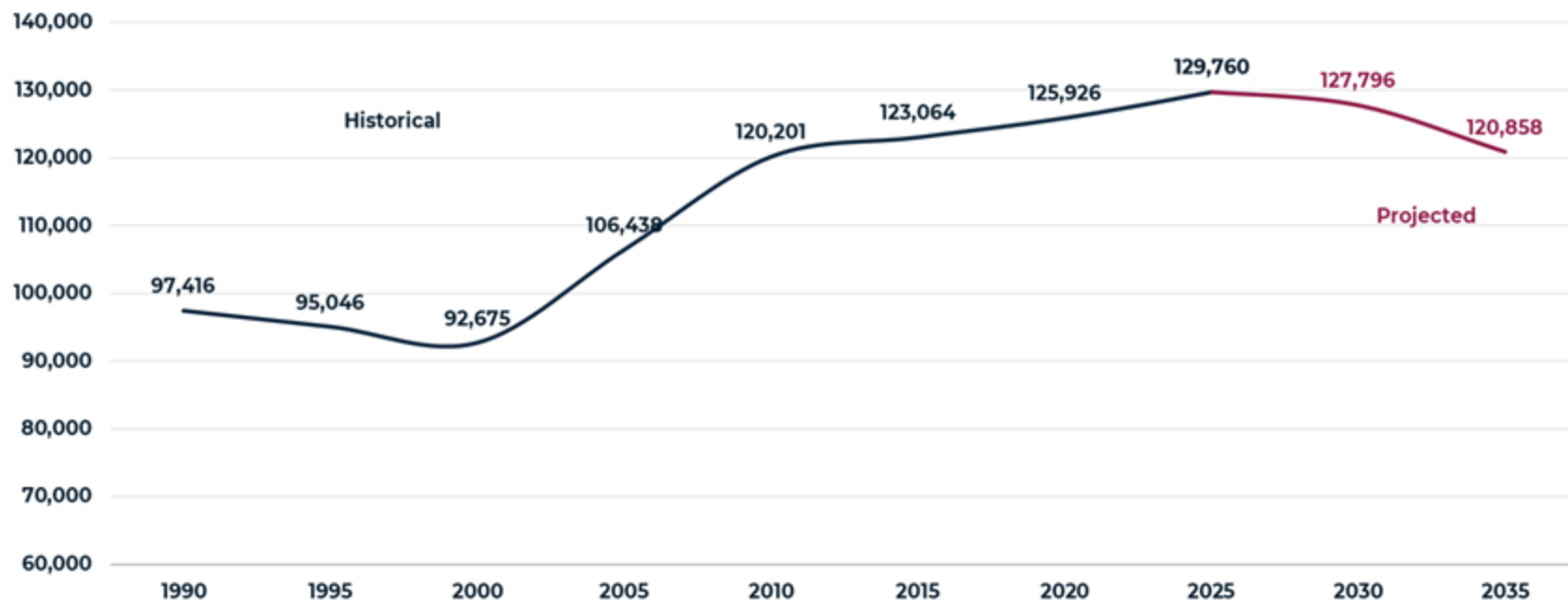
Boston's under age 18 population, 1990-2025 population estimates, and 2030 to 2035 population projections



Sources: 1990-2010 Decennial Censuses, 2020-2025 Research Division Estimates, and 2030-2035 Research Division Projections, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis.

After growth from 2000 to 2025, Boston's 18-to-24 population is projected to decline starting in 2030

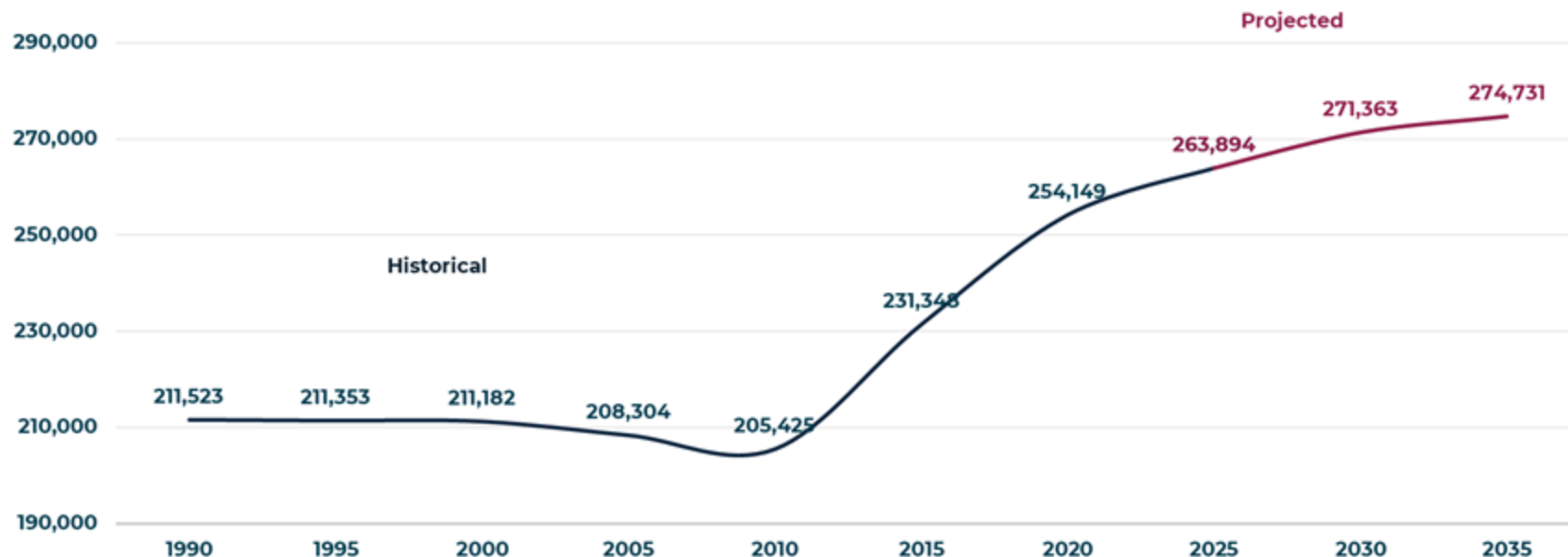
Boston's 18-24 population, 1990-2025 population estimates, and 2030 to 2035 population projections



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The 25-to-44 population contributed to Boston's population growth after 2010 and is projected to continue to grow

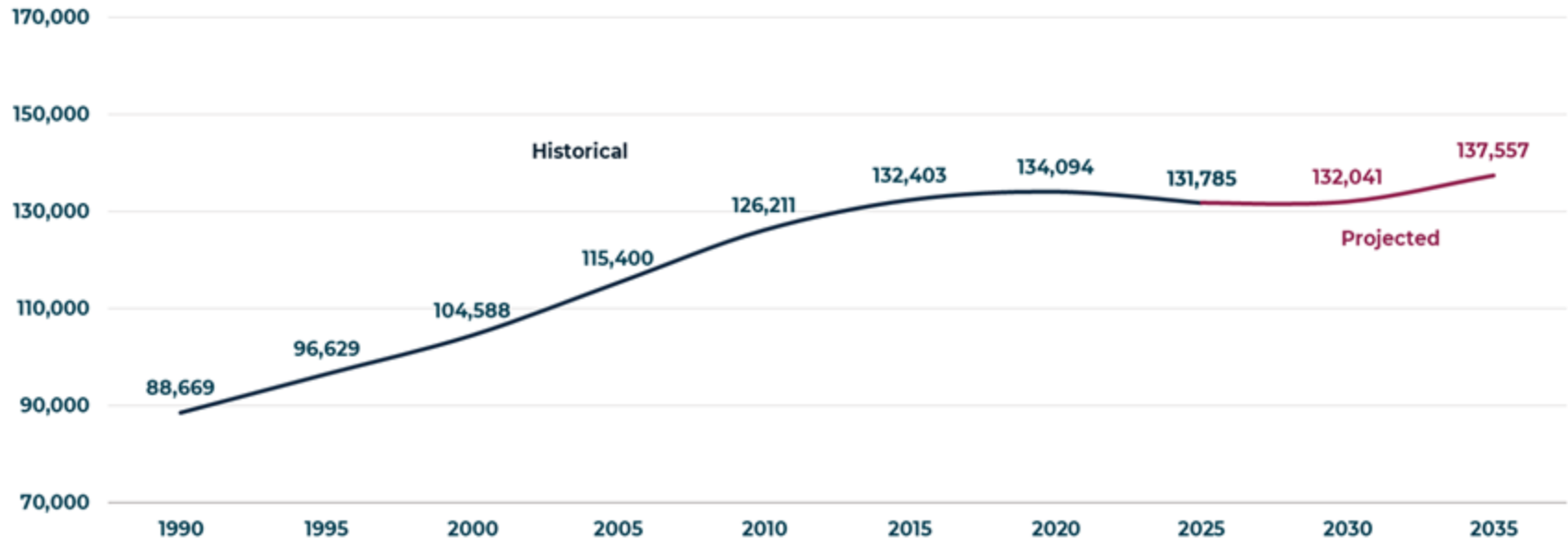
Boston's 25-44 population, 1990-2025 population estimates, and 2030 to 2035 population projections



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Growth in Boston's 45-to-64 population contributes to the city's aging population

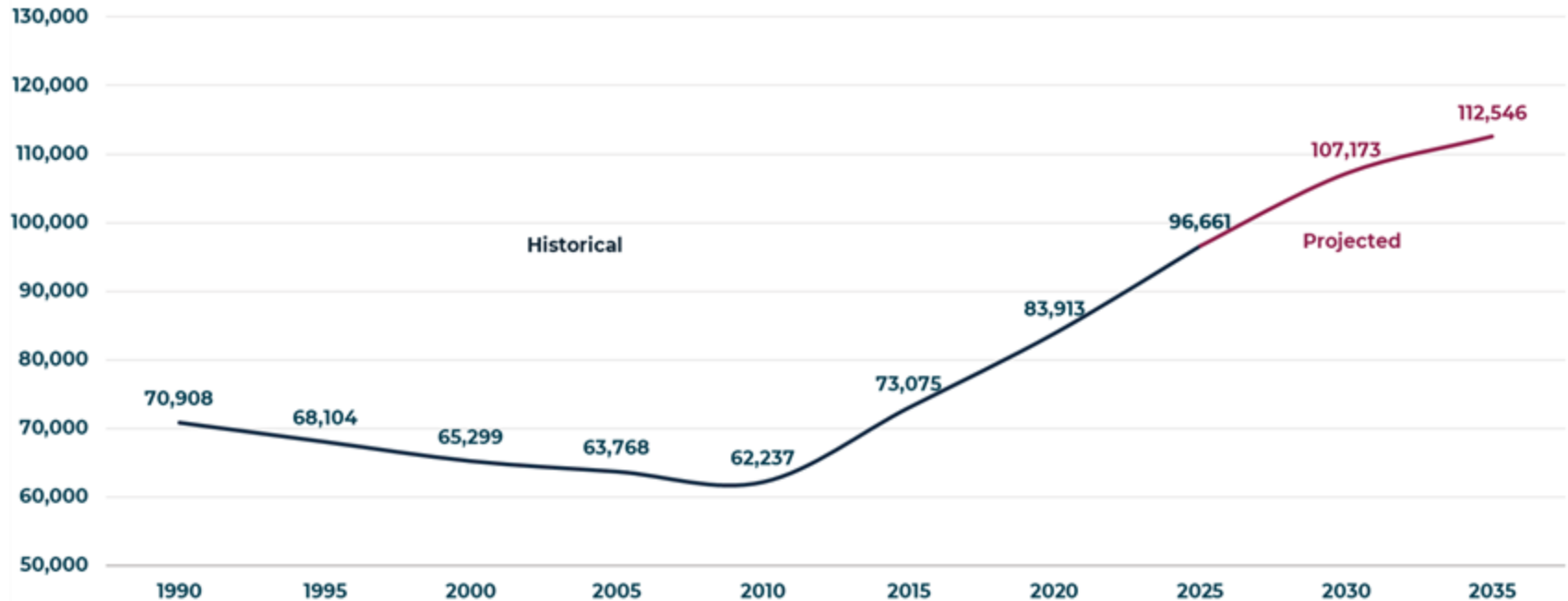
Boston's 45-64 population, 1990-2025 population estimates, and 2030 to 2035 population projections



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Boston's fastest growing population is 65-and-older

Boston's 65+ population, 1990-2025 population estimates, and 2030 to 2035 population projections



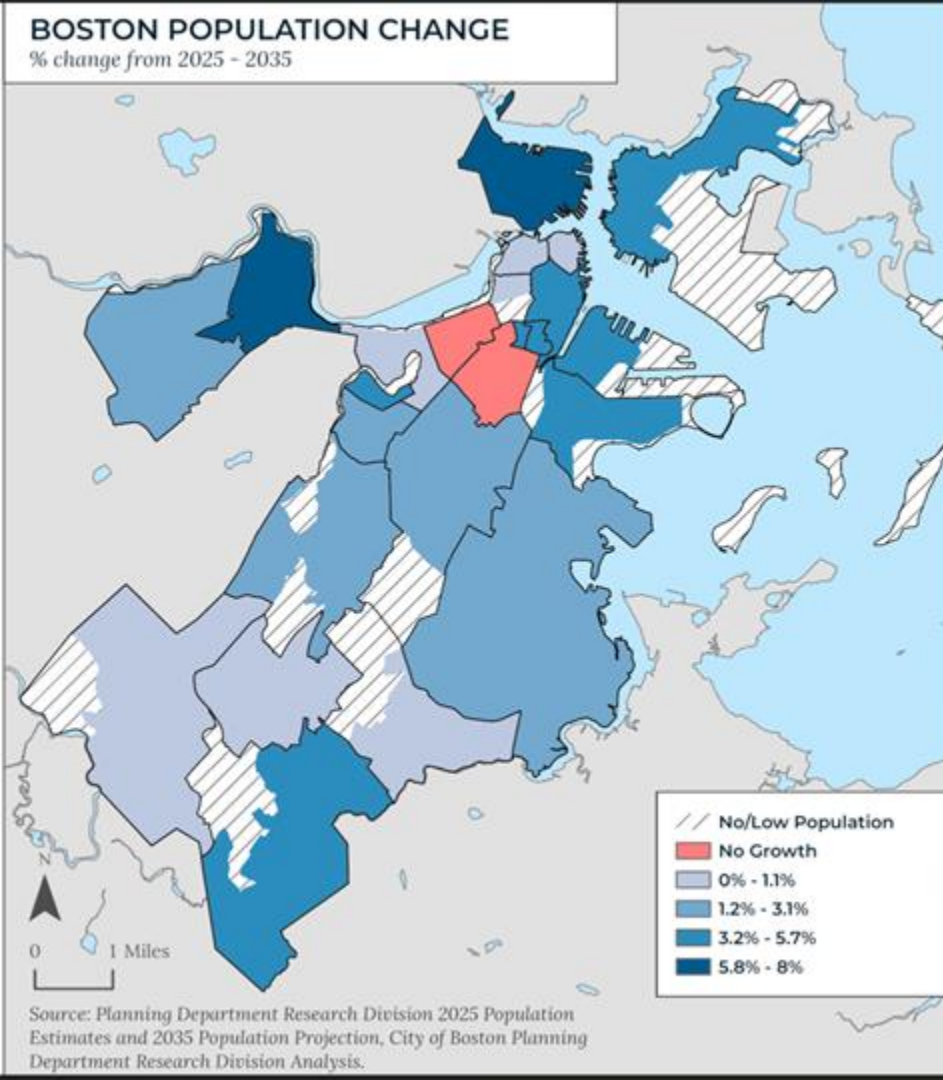
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Boston neighborhood population projections

- Boston's neighborhood projections conform to the citywide projections controlled by
 - Housing unit production
 - Population mobility
 - Population aging in place

BOSTON POPULATION CHANGE

% change from 2025 - 2035



**Charlestown and Allston
are the neighborhoods
projected to have the
largest population
percentage growth**

Source: Planning Department Research Division 2025 Population Estimates and 2035 Population Projection, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Analysis.