## Trends in Boston Households:

- Non-family households (single persons and non-related roomates) now outnumber family households having surpassed them during the 1990's.
- The number of married couple families slightly fell over the decade while other families, mainly single-parent families, have increased.

Single female-headed family households without their spouses present outnumber such single male-headed family households by a wide margin 4:1.

Total households grew by $5.1 \%$ over the decade whle the number of pewrsons in households grew by $2.4 \%$ due to a small decline in average household size from 2.37 to 2.31 .

The number of householders living alone continues to rise.
On-family households have increased due to both the growth of single-person households and non-related roommates living together.

The number of children in married couple families as a percentage of all children in families fell to $52 \%$ from $56 \%$.

Children in single parent families as a percentage of all children in families rose to $42 \%$ from $39 \%$.

- The group quarters living situation in Boston marked a rise in institutional and non-institutional residents between 1990 and 2000.

1. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS


[^0]2. HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE


| Subject | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ <br> number | \% <br> share | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> number | \% <br> share |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total households | 227,958 | 100 | 239,528 | 100 |
| Family Households |  |  |  |  |
| Family households (families) | 117,656 | 51.6 | 115,096 | 48.1 |
| With own children under 18 yrs. | 53,375 | 23.4 | 54,310 | 22.7 |
| Married-couple family: | 71,088 | 31.2 | 65,747 | 27.4 |
| With own children under 18 yrs. | 30,065 | 13.2 | 28,219 | 11.8 |
| Single Female householder | 37,788 | 16.6 | 39,366 | 16.4 |
| (no husband present) |  |  |  |  |
| With own children under 18 yrs. | 20,931 | 9.2 | 22,793 | 9.5 |
| Single Male householder: | 8,780 | 3.9 | 9,983 | 4.2 |
| (no wife present) |  |  |  |  |
| With own children under 18 yrs. | 2,379 | 1.0 | 3,298 | 1.4 |
| Nonfamily Households |  |  |  |  |
| Nonfamily households | 110,302 | 48.4 | 124,432 | 51.9 |
| Householder living alone | 80,308 | 35.2 | 88,944 | 37.1 |
| Householder 65 yrs. and over |  |  | 21,796 | 9.1 |
| Households with individuals under 18 yrs. |  | 61,428 | 25.6 |  |
| Households with individuals 65 yrs. and over |  | 45,350 | 18.9 |  |

## 3. AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE



| Average household size | 2.37 |  | 2.31 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Average family size | 3.30 |  | 3.17 |  |
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| 4. HOUSEHOLD RELATIONSHIP |  |  |  |  |
| Population In households | 541,280 | 100 | 554,064 | 100 |
| Householder | 227,958 | 42.1 | 239,528 | 43.2 |
| Spouse | 70,643 | 13.1 | 65,747 | 11.9 |
| Child | 161,650 | 29.9 | 142,362 | 25.7 |
| Own child under 18 yrs. | N. A. |  | 100,177 | 18.1 |
| Other relatives | 26,014 | 4.8 | 41,110 | 7.4 |
| Under 18 yrs. | $\mathrm{N} . \mathrm{A}$. |  | 13,170 | 2.4 |
| Nonrelatives | 55,015 | 10.2 | 65,317 | 11.8 |
| Unmarried partner | $\mathrm{N} . \mathrm{A}$. |  | 14,719 | 2.7 |

## 5. POPULATION IN GROUP QUARTERS



| In group quarters: | $\mathbf{3 3 , 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 , 0 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Institutionalized persons | 7,865 | 23.8 | 8,481 | 24.2 |
| Other persons in grp. quarters | 25,138 | 76.2 | 26,596 | 75.8 |


[^0]:    Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample data and 1990 Summary Tape File 3 (STF 3) - Sample data

