Trends

Historical Trends in Allston

- The population of Allston grew 17% and occupied housing units grew by 5% from 2000 to 2010.
- The young adult population, ages 18 to 24, increased by almost one third from 2000 to 2010.
- The Asian population grew by one third from 2000 to 2010.
- Payroll jobs in Allston more than doubled between 2011 and 2014.
- The number of cars per household has declined since 2000 from .84 to .61.
- The rental/owner split has remained stable at about 90% renters from 2000 to 2015.

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People

Population Growth
• In 2010, Allston had 22,312 residents and made up 4% of Boston’s population.1
• Allston grew by 17% from 2000 to 2010, rising faster than the city’s growth of 5% over the same time period.

Age Distribution
• 78% of Allston’s residents are between the ages of 18 and 34, compared to only 40% of Boston’s residents.
• The 18-24 age group accounts for over half of Allston’s population, and only 19% of Boston.

Diversity
• In 2015, 29% of Allston’s population was foreign born, about the same percentage as the city.
• The Asian/Pacific Islander share of Allston’s population is 20%, considerably higher than the 9% share for the city.

Economy

Jobs
• Allston had 16,522 payroll jobs in 2014, two thirds of which were in the education industry.2
• Allston has more jobs than resident workers, at a ratio of 2.6, and has 3% of the payroll jobs in Boston.

Labor Force
• Allston’s resident labor force had 11,478 people in 2015.
• 61% of Allston’s residents aged 16 and older participated in the labor force, compared to 68% of Boston.
• The top occupations for Allston’s residents in 2015: Administrative Support, Sales, and Business & Finance.

Education
• In 2015, 54% of Allston’s residents were enrolled in college or university, much higher than the city college enrollment: 17%.
• 64% of Allston’s residents aged 25 and older in 2015 had a Bachelor’s degree, a higher share than the city as a whole.

Educational Attainment (Age 25+)
2015

Income
• In 2015, the median household income in Allston was $39,717, lower than Boston’s median of $55,777.


Place

Households and Dorms
• 72% of Allston’s residents live in households, of which 38% are families.
• The remaining Allston population (28%) lives in college dorms or other institutions.

Household Type
2015

Renters and Owners
• In 2015, Allston had 1,400 condos, 22% of which were owner occupied.4
• The median rent in Allston was $1,585 in 2015, compared to $1,320 for Boston as a whole.

Allston Occupied Housing Units
1950-2010

Vehicles
• 53% of Allston households in 2015 had at least one vehicle, compared to 65% of Boston households.
• The ratio of vehicles to households in Allston was .61 in 2015, lower than the city ratio of .91.