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Demographics
39.3 million immigrants live in the U.S.

- Immigrants account for 12.8% of the U.S. population, up from 11.1% in 2000.

- The immigrant population increased 26.2% since 2000.

- Today, the largest immigrant groups in the U.S. are Latinos & Asians:
  - 53% are from Latin America
  - 28.1% are from Asia
  - 12.3% are from Europe
  - 6.5% are from other regions, including North America and Oceania.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
14.7% of MA residents are foreign-born

- Today, the Massachusetts (MA) immigrant population totals 957,414 or 14.7% of the state’s population.

- Since 2000, MA’s immigrant population increased 24%.

- Similar to the U.S., the largest immigrant groups in MA today are from Latin America and Asia:
  - 35.3% are from Latin America
  - 28.7% are from Asia
  - 24.3% are from Europe
  - 8.1% are from Africa
  - 3.6% are from other regions

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
Boston’s immigrant population is growing

- Boston is home to approximately 165,394 foreign-born people. This accounts for 27.1% of Boston’s population – higher than the percentages of both MA and the U.S.
- Boston’s foreign population increased 9% from 2000 to today.
- Boston’s foreign-born population hails predominantly from the Americas, Asia, Europe and Africa and represents more than 100 countries.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, Research Division Analysis
Top 10 Countries of Origin Among New Bostonians

Countries of Origin among Boston’s Foreign-Born, 2007-2011

Dominican Republic 16,721
China 16,668
Haiti 13,825
Vietnam 8,344
El Salvador 7,421
Cape Verde 6,566
Colombia 6,315
Jamaica 6,144
Brazil 4,622
Guatemala 4,229

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
The Latino (17.5%), Asian (8.9%) and Black/African American (22.4%) populations, together with other minorities, make up 53% of Boston's population.

Since 1990, the Latino population increased by 74.2% and the Asian population increased by 85%.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Leading Countries of Origin among Central and South American immigrants

Central America

- El Salvador: 39.5%
- Guatemala: 15.6%
- Honduras: 14.3%
- Mexico: 9.3%
- Panama: 3.5%
- Costa Rica: 2.4%
- Nicaragua: 1.0%
- Belize: 0.8%
- Other: 0.5%

South America

- Colombia: 41.8%
- Brazil: 30.6%
- Peru: 5.3%
- Venezuela: 5.4%
- Guyana: 5.3%
- Argentina: 2.8%
- Ecuador: 2.8%
- Chile: 1.7%
- Bolivia: 1.5%
- Uruguay: 1.4%
- Other: 0.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
Top 10 Countries of Origin among Asian Immigrants

1. China (39.6%)
2. Vietnam (19.8%)
3. India (9.3%)
4. Korea (5.5%)
5. Japan (3.6%)
6. Philippines (3.2%)
7. Israel (1.9%)
8. Turkey (1.9%)
9. Lebanon (1.9%)
10. Nepal (1.8%)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
Top 10 Countries of Origin among European immigrants

1. Ireland (14.3%)
2. Russia (11.4%)
3. United Kingdom (10.5%)
4. Italy (10.2%)
5. Ukraine (7.3%)
6. Germany (5.3%)
7. Greece (4.9%)
8. Albania (4.9%)
9. Poland (4.6%)
10. France (4.1%)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
Top Countries of Origin among African immigrants

1. Cape Verde (38.5%)
2. Nigeria (12.3%)
3. Morocco (7.2%)
4. Ethiopia (5.8%)
5. Ghana (3.7%)
6. Liberia (3.3%)
7. Sierra Leone (2.8%)
8. Egypt (2.3%)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
### Bostonians’ Most Common Ancestries

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1. The U.S. Census Bureau defines ancestry as “a person’s self-identification of the ethnic origin, roots, heritage, or place of birth of the person or the person’s ancestors.” This slide includes the most common ancestries of all Bostonians — both native and foreign-born.

*West Indian includes all non-Hispanic West Indian ancestries, notable Haitian, Jamaican and Trinidadian.

**Subsaharan African includes all Subsaharan African ancestries, notably Cape Verdean and Nigerian.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
Leading areas of origin among Hispanic population

Puerto Rican, 28.2%
Dominican, 25.0%
Salvadoran, 9.2%
Colombian, 7.9%
Mexican, 6.0%
Guatemalan, 4.8%
Honduran, 4.6%
Cuban, 2.3%
Spanish, 1.0%
Venezuelan, 1.1%
Peruvian, 1.3%
Other, 8.7%

Note: Numbers include all Hispanic residents, both native-born and foreign-born. The U.S. Census identifies people from Puerto Rico as “native-born”, which is why they were not included in the figures on slide 12.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
While only 8.1% of Boston’s children are foreign-born, more than 47.3% have at least one foreign-born parent.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, Research Division Analysis
Diversity in Boston Public Schools

Race & Ethnicity of BPS Students, 2012-2013

- 36% Hispanic
- 40% White
- 9% Asian
- 13% Black or African American
- 2% Other

- 47% of BPS students speak a language other than English as their first language (27,000 students).
- 30% of BPS students are Limited English Proficient (LEP) or English Language Learners (ELL) (17,300 students).
- BPS students come from more than 100 countries.

Languages & English proficiency
Languages

- 63.9% of Boston residents speak only English at home.
  - 36.1% of residents speak a language other than English at home (up from 26% in 1990).

- 15.5% of residents speak Spanish at home, up from 9.5% in 1990.

- 7% of residents speak an Asian or Pacific Island language at home, up from 4% in 1990.

- 11.6% speak an Indo-European language at home.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
Leading Languages Spoken at Home

1. English (63.9%)
2. Spanish or Spanish Creole (15.5%)
3. French or French Creole (4.9%)
4. Chinese (3.8%)
5. Portuguese (2.1%)
6. Vietnamese (1.8%)
7. African languages (1.2%)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
Boston is a Multilingual City

- Boston’s neighborhoods with the highest share of residents speaking a language other than English at home are:
  - East Boston (68.5%)
  - Dorchester (58.4%)
  - Roslindale (40.6%)
  - Roxbury (40.5%)
  - Hyde Park (37.9%)
  - Allston (37.8%)

- East Boston has the highest share of residents who speak Spanish at home (52.3%), followed by Roxbury (25.2%) and Jamaica Plain (21.9%).

- 19.6% of Downtown residents speak Chinese.

- 18.4% of Mattapan residents speak French or French Creole.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis
English Proficiency

- 28,354 households in Boston are linguistically isolated – households in which no person aged 14 years and over is English proficient.

- 9.5% of Boston residents lack English proficiency, meaning they do not speak English well or at all.*
  - Almost one-third of all Spanish speakers are Limited English proficient (28.6%).

- 40.8% of adult immigrants in Boston either lack a high school diploma or have limited English proficiency.*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Public Use Microdata Sample 2007-2011 (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis
* Limited English Proficient includes adults who do not speak English well or at all. English proficient includes adults who speak only English, speak it very well or speak it well.
Many of Boston’s neighborhoods experienced an increase in diversity between 2000 and 2010.

The neighborhoods that experienced the most dramatic increases are:
- Leather District
- Chinatown
- West Roxbury

The neighborhoods that witnessed the most significant loss in diversity are:
- South Boston Waterfront
- Downtown
- Mission Hill

* Neighborhoods are based on ZIP Codes and zoning boundaries
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 & 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Analysis

Note: Diversity Index in this instance measures the level of racial heterogeneity in a neighborhood.
Allston’s total population increased 13.9% from 2000 to 2010.

- Non-whites made up 40.1% of Allston’s population in 2010.
- Allston’s Asian population increased by 28.5% from 2000 to 2010.

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Back Bay’s population grew 0.8% from 2000 to 2010.

The Asian and Hispanic or Latino population saw higher increases, however:

- Hispanic or Latino: 30% increase
- Asian: 46.4% increase

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Bay Village’s total population increased 9.9% between 2000 and 2010. This Hispanic or Latino population increased 83.9% during this time period, and the Asian population increased 18.4%.

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Beacon Hill’s population stayed relatively the same from 2000 to 2010 (9,052 and 9,023 people, respectively).

The Asian and Hispanic or Latino population saw higher increases, however:

- Asian: 35.8% increase
- Hispanic or Latino: 33.6% increase

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
While Brighton’s white population decreased slightly from 2000 to 2010, the three other major race and ethnic groups all increased:

- Black or African American: 13.1%
- Hispanic or Latino: 23.6%
- Asian: 14.2%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
The majority of Charlestown’s population is white (75.8% in 2010).

However, both the Asian and Black or African American populations increased from 2000 to 2010:

- Asian: 77.2% increase
- Black or African American: 41.7% increase

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Chinatown

- Chinatown’s population grew 24.9% from 2000 to 2010.
- While the majority of Charlestown’s population is Asian (76.8% in 2010), the other major race and ethnic groups increased over the last decade:
  - White: 243.1% increase
  - Hispanic or Latino: 124.1% increase
  - Black or African American: 80.8% increase

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Dorchester

- Dorchester is the most populated of all Boston neighborhoods, with 114,235 people in 2010.

- While the majority of Dorchester’s population is Black or African American (43%), the Hispanic or Latino and Asian populations grew from 2000-2010:
  - Hispanic or Latino: 19.3% increase
  - Asian population: 7.8% increase

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Downtown’s population grew 55.7% from 2000 to 2010. All of the major race and ethnic groups also increased:

- White: 62.5%
- Black or African American: 48.3%
- Hispanic or Latino: 44.3%
- Asian: 33.4%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
East Boston’s population grew 5.5% from 2000 to 2010.

In 2010, the majority of East Boston’s population was Hispanic or Latino (52.9%).

This population increased 42.9% from 2000 to 2010.

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Fenway’s population grew 15.3% from 2000 to 2010.

- The Asian and Hispanic or Latino populations saw greater increases, at 51.6% and 26.2%, respectively.
- The majority of Fenway’s population is white, at 64.7% in 2010.

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
While Hyde Park’s population only increased slightly from 2000 to 2010 (by 1.9%), its demographic composition changed:

- **White**: decreased 33.9%
- **Black or African American**: increased 22%
- **Hispanic or Latino**: increased 67.1%
- **Asian**: increased 14.1%

*Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Jamaica Plain’s population decreased slightly from 2000 to 2010 (-1.9%).

In 2010, just over half of Jamaica Plain’s population was white (an increase of 5.4% from 2000).

The Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino populations both decreased during the last decade, by 14.6% and 9.9% respectively.

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
While the Leather District is the smallest of Boston’s neighborhoods (639 people in 2010), its population increased by almost 192% over the last decade.

All of the major race and ethnic groups increased during this time.

- White: 145%
- Black or African American: 316.7%
- Hispanic or Latino: 1000%
- Asian: 672.7%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
The Longwood Medical Area’s population decreased 4.6% between 2000 and 2010.

- The Black or African American population, however, increased 24.7% during the same time period.
- LMA’s population is still predominantly white, at 70.7% in 2010.

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
The majority of Mattapan residents are Black or African American (76.4% in 2010).

However, the Hispanic or Latino population increased 54.3% from 2000 to 2010.

Mattapan’s Asian population also grew (by 11% from 2000 to 2010).

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Mission Hill’s population increased 17% between 2000 and 2010.
The White, Hispanic or Latino and Asian populations all increased during this time period:
- White: 37.1%
- Hispanic or Latino: 16.9%
- Asian: 26.6%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
While the majority of the North End’s population is White (90.9% in 2010), the Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino and Asian populations all increased from 2000 to 2010:

- Black or African American: 70.1%
- Hispanic or Latino: 97.9%
- Asian: 68.6%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Roslindale’s population decreased 5.5% between 2000 and 2010. However, the Black or African American and Hispanic or Latino populations both increased:
- Black or African American: 15.1%
- Hispanic or Latino: 17.5%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
Roxbury’s population increased 16.8% from 2000 to 2010.

Over half of Roxbury’s population is Black or African American (51.8% in 2010). However, the White, Asian, and Hispanic or Latino populations all increased from 2000 to 2010:

- Asian: 143.1%
- White: 111.8%
- Hispanic or Latino: 46.4%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
While three-quarters of South Boston’s population is white (2010), the other major race and ethnic groups all increased from 2000 to 2010:

- Hispanic or Latino: 46.3%
- Black or African American: 45.6%
- Asian: 35.6%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
South Boston Waterfront’s total population increased 271.1% from 2000 to 2010, the highest percentage increase of all Boston neighborhoods.

All major race and ethnic groups also increased:

- White: 294.3%
- Black or African American: 68.4%
- Hispanic or Latino: 385%
- Asian: 167.4%

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
South End’s population increased 12.2% from 2000 to 2010.

Changes among the major race and ethnic groups from 2000 to 2010 include:

- White: 19.2% increase
- Black or African American: 17.1% decrease
- Hispanic or Latino: 2.8% increase
- Asian: 32.6% increase

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
West End’s population increased 17.3% from 2000 to 2010. All of the major race and ethnic groups increased over this time:

- White: 9.7% increase
- Black or African American: 23.0% increase
- Hispanic or Latino: 65.9% increase
- Asian: 30.2% increase

*Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
West Roxbury

- West Roxbury’s population increased 5.9% from 2000 to 2010.
- While the majority of West Roxbury’s population is white (73.3% in 2010), the other major race and ethnic groups all increased over the last decade:
  - Black or African American: 72.2% increase
  - Hispanic or Latino: 96.6% increase
  - Asian: 81.5% increase

* Other includes: American Indian or Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Two or More Races/Ethnicities; Some Other Race/Ethnicity.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, BRA Research Division Analysis
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## Allston

### 2000
- 33.9% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 18.0%
  2. Brazil: 13.3%
  3. El Salvador: 6.9%
  4. Guatemala: 5.8%
  5. Korea: 4.7%
  6. India 3.0%
  7. Russia: 2.7%
  8. Dominican Republic: 2.5%
  9. Vietnam: 2.5%
  10. Haiti: 2.3%

### Today
- 30.5% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 20.5%
  2. El Salvador: 9.3%
  3. Korea: 7.2%
  4. Brazil: 5.1%
  5. India: 4.3%
  6. Guatemala: 3.7%
  7. Morocco: 3.7%
  8. Ukraine: 2.8%
  9. Russia: 2.7%
  10. Nepal: 2.4%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis*
Back Bay

2000

- 16.9% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. United Kingdom: 9.0%
  2. China: 5.7%
  3. Brazil: 5.3%
  4. Korea: 4.8%
  5. Canada: 4.7%
  6. Germany: 4.7%
  7. Russia: 4.2%
  8. France: 4.2%
  9. India: 4.0%
  10. Japan: 3.2%

Today

- 17.7% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Canada: 9.4%
  2. China: 7.7%
  3. Korea: 6.0%
  4. France: 5.2%
  5. India: 5.0%
  6. Ireland: 3.8%
  7. United Kingdom (Inc. Crown Dependencies): 3.4%
  8. Lebanon: 3.3%
  9. Italy: 3.0%
  10. Venezuela: 2.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Beacon Hill

2000

- 13.6% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Netherlands: 8.7%
  2. France: 8.3%
  3. Germany: 7.1%
  4. Korea: 6.4%
  5. China: 6.2%
  6. United Kingdom: 5.6%
  7. Japan: 5.6%
  8. Italy: 5.2%
  9. Canada: 3.3%
  10. Peru: 3.3%

Today

- 11.7% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. United Kingdom (Inc. Crown Dependencies): 13.8%
  2. Singapore: 9.8%
  3. France: 6.3%
  4. India: 6.0%
  5. Netherlands: 4.5%
  6. Korea: 4.5%
  7. Philippines: 4.2%
  8. Colombia: 3.9%
  9. Belgium: 3.8%
  10. Germany: 3.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Brighton

2000

- 30.8% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 17.1%
  2. Russia: 9.1%
  3. Ireland: 8.7%
  4. Ukraine: 6.9%
  5. Brazil: 6.6%
  6. Dominican Republic: 2.7%
  7. Canada: 2.3%
  8. Italy: 2.3%
  9. Vietnam: 2.2%
  10. India: 1.9%

Today

- 29.2% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 19.1%
  2. Brazil: 10.2%
  3. Russia: 9.0%
  4. Ukraine: 4.1%
  5. Ireland: 3.0%
  6. Guatemala: 2.8%
  7. India: 2.7%
  8. Dominican Republic: 2.6%
  9. Italy: 2.2%
  10. Korea: 2.2%

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Dorchester

2000

- 30.5% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Vietnam: 17.9%
  2. Haiti: 13.3%
  3. Jamaica: 8.5%
  4. Dominican Republic: 8.0%
  5. Trinidad and Tobago: 5.4%
  6. Ireland: 3.4%
  7. Barbados: 3.2%
  8. Honduras: 3.1%
  9. Poland: 2.5%
  10. Guatemala: 1.6%

Today

- 31.6% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Vietnam: 16.1%
  2. Cape Verde: 12.8%
  3. Dominican Republic: 11.7%
  4. Haiti: 10.9%
  5. Jamaica: 6.8%
  6. Trinidad and Tobago: 4.6%
  7. Guatemala: 2.6%
  8. Ireland: 2.5%
  9. Barbados: 2.5%
  10. China: 2.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Downtown

2000

- 38.2% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 68.1%
  2. Vietnam: 5.6%
  3. Japan: 2.9%
  4. United Kingdom: 1.4%
  5. Canada: 1.4%
  6. Mexico: 1.4%
  7. Brazil: 1.4%
  8. Italy: 1.2%
  9. France: 1.2%
  10. Ireland: 1.2%

Today

- 34.1% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 55.6%
  2. Vietnam: 5.0%
  3. Korea: 2.9%
  4. Spain: 2.8%
  5. India: 2.7%
  6. Dominican Republic: 2.2%
  7. Brazil: 2.2%
  8. Saudi Arabia: 2.0%
  9. Germany 1.4%
  10. Ireland: 1.4%

Note: “Downtown” Includes Chinatown
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
East Boston

### 2000
- **41.8%** of residents are foreign-born
- **Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:**
  1. El Salvador: 29.7%
  2. Colombia: 18.1%
  3. Brazil: 9.0%
  4. Italy: 6.2%
  5. Vietnam: 5.0%
  6. Mexico: 4.5%
  7. Guatemala: 3.8%
  8. Peru: 3.6%
  9. Dominican Republic: 3.1%
  10. Honduras: 1.6%

### Today
- **49.7%** of residents are foreign-born
- **Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:**
  1. El Salvador: 27.2%
  2. Colombia: 23.0%
  3. Mexico: 8.5%
  4. Dominican Republic: 5.8%
  5. Brazil: 5.2%
  6. Guatemala: 4.5%
  7. Italy: 4.1%
  8. Morocco: 3.6%
  9. Vietnam: 2.8%
  10. Honduras: 2.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
2000

- 21.7% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 11.6%
  2. Japan: 7.8%
  3. Korea: 7.4%
  4. Russia: 5.7%
  5. India: 5.4%
  6. United Kingdom: 3.8%
  7. Canada: 3.8%
  8. Brazil: 3.6%
  9. Colombia: 3.4%
  10. Germany: 2.4%

Today

- 23.3% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 17.8%
  2. Japan: 8.2%
  3. Korea: 6.6%
  4. India: 5.7%
  5. Brazil: 4.6%
  6. Canada: 3.6%
  7. Russia: 3.0%
  8. Israel: 2.8%
  9. United Kingdom (Inc. Crown Dependencies): 2.2%
  10. Ukraine: 2.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
### Hyde Park

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Jamaica Plain

2000

- 22.1% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Dominican Republic: 29.6%
  2. China: 7.0%
  3. Haiti: 5.9%
  4. Colombia: 4.3%
  5. Guatemala: 3.6%
  6. Cuba: 2.9%
  7. Japan: 2.8%
  8. United Kingdom: 2.6%
  9. Ireland: 2.5%
  10. Mexico: 1.8%

Today

- 23.1% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Dominican Republic: 29.5%
  2. China: 5.3%
  3. Jamaica: 4.4%
  4. Haiti: 3.7%
  5. El Salvador: 3.6%
  6. Honduras: 3.4%
  7. India: 2.9%
  8. Canada: 2.7%
  9. Japan: 2.7%
  10. United Kingdom (Inc. Crown Dependencies): 2.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Longwood Medical Area

2000
- 12.6% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Dominican Republic: 12.7%
  2. Vietnam: 10.3%
  3. India: 8.7%
  4. Ukraine: 6.6%
  5. China: 6.3%
  6. Haiti: 6.1%
  7. Japan: 6.1%
  8. Panama: 4.4%
  9. Malaysia: 3.4%
  10. Germany: 2.6%

Today
- 13.2% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 17.6%
  2. Sri Lanka: 10.7%
  3. Philippines: 9.6%
  4. Brazil: 9.1%
  5. Korea: 7.5%
  6. Switzerland: 4.8%
  7. Nepal: 4.6%
  8. Poland: 4.3%
  9. Japan: 4.0%
  10. Canada: 2.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
### Mattapan

#### 2000
- 31.6% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Haiti: 42.4%
  2. Jamaica: 19.8%
  3. Barbados: 5.4%
  4. Trinidad and Tobago: 5.3%
  5. Dominican Republic: 4.7%
  6. Sierra Leone: 3.0%
  7. Nigeria: 2.3%
  8. Vietnam: 1.4%
  9. Honduras: 1.3%
  10. Panama: 1.1%

#### Today
- 35.6% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Haiti: 33.2%
  2. Jamaica: 17.2%
  3. Trinidad and Tobago: 10.4%
  4. Barbados: 5.9%
  5. Vietnam: 5.1%
  6. Dominican Republic: 5.1%
  7. Cape Verde: 4.2%
  8. Nigeria: 3.4%
  9. Honduras: 1.5%
  10. Guyana: 1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Mission Hill

2000

- 32.5% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 21.7%
  2. Russia: 6.7%
  3. Vietnam: 6.5%
  4. Dominican Republic: 6.4%
  5. India: 4.1%
  6. Haiti: 3.7%
  7. Colombia: 2.9%
  8. Germany: 2.4%
  9. Trinidad and Tobago: 2.2%
  10. Ethiopia: 2.1%

Today

- 23.9% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 21.8%
  2. Dominican Republic: 9.3%
  3. India: 8.5%
  4. Russia: 4.7%
  5. Ireland: 4.6%
  6. Columbia: 3.6%
  7. Korea: 3.4%
  8. Ethiopia: 3.3%
  9. Vietnam: 3.3%
  10. Eritrea: 3.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
# North End

## 2000
- 11.7% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Italy: 37.4%
  2. United Kingdom: 5.9%
  3. Romania: 5.7%
  4. Ireland: 4.7%
  5. China: 3.8%
  6. Canada: 3.5%
  7. Lebanon: 2.7%
  8. Iraq: 2.6%
  9. Netherlands: 2.3%
  10. Colombia: 2.2%

## Today
- 11.2% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Italy: 24.8%
  2. India: 7.0%
  3. Germany: 5.3%
  4. Australia: 4.6%
  5. Ireland: 4.3%
  6. France: 4.1%
  7. Peru: 4.1%
  8. United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies): 3.4%
  9. Canada: 3.3%
  10. Nepal: 3.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Roslindale

2000

- 24.9% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Haiti: 15.1%
  2. Greece: 9.5%
  3. Dominican Republic: 7.9%
  4. Lebanon: 4.3%
  5. Ireland: 4.2%
  6. Italy: 4.1%
  7. China: 3.7%
  8. El Salvador: 3.6%
  9. Barbados: 2.5%
  10. Mexico: 2.3%

Today

- 27.6% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Haiti: 17.7%
  2. Dominican Republic: 14.6%
  3. Albania: 5.5%
  4. Guatemala: 5.4%
  5. Greece: 4.3%
  6. Ireland: 3.8%
  7. Jamaica: 3.5%
  8. China: 2.5%
  9. Nigeria: 2.4%
  10. Vietnam: 2.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Roxbury

2000

- 20.2% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Dominican Republic: 23.2%
  2. Haiti: 12.4%
  3. Jamaica: 5.6%
  4. Trinidad and Tobago: 5.2%
  5. Nigeria: 4.2%
  6. Honduras: 4.0%
  7. Barbados: 2.6%
  8. Vietnam: 1.5%
  9. Colombia: 1.4%
  10. Cuba: 1.3%

Today

- 23.6% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Dominican Republic: 23.0%
  2. Haiti: 10.3%
  3. Cape Verde: 8.1%
  4. Jamaica: 4.6%
  5. Trinidad and Tobago: 4.4%
  6. China: 4.1%
  7. Honduras: 3.8%
  8. Ghana: 3.1%
  9. Nigeria: 3.1%
  10. Guatemala: 2.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
South Boston

**2000**
- 12.4% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Dominican Republic: 25.3%
  2. China: 13.9%
  3. Ireland: 12.3%
  4. Vietnam: 5.8%
  5. Italy: 4.2%
  6. United Kingdom: 3.6%
  7. Haiti: 2.8%
  8. Poland: 2.6%
  9. Colombia: 1.5%
  10. Germany: 1.3%

**Today**
- 11.9% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Dominican Republic: 21.4%
  2. China: 20.7%
  3. Ireland: 7.6%
  4. Haiti: 5.1%
  5. Cape Verde: 3.5%
  6. Vietnam: 3.2%
  7. United Kingdom (Inc. Crown Dependencies): 3.0%
  8. Philippines: 2.8%
  9. Poland: 2.4%
  10. Colombia: 2.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
South Boston Waterfront

2000

- 12.1% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 18.9%
  2. Chile: 10.1%
  3. Dominican Republic: 7.7%
  4. Vietnam: 7.1%
  5. United Kingdom: 6.5%
  6. Japan: 6.5%
  7. Micronesia: 4.7%
  8. Yugoslavia: 4.1%
  9. Australia: 3.6%
  10. Italy: 3.0%

Today

- 9.8% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Germany: 24.1%
  2. Ireland: 13.3%
  3. Austria: 10.8%
  4. Lebanon: 10.3%
  5. China: 7.9%
  6. Philippines: 7.4%
  7. United Kingdom (Inc. Crown Dependencies): 6.4%
  8. Belarus: 5.9%
  9. Lithuania: 5.4%
  10. Ukraine: 4.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
South End

2000

- 19.9% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 32.9%
  2. Dominican Republic: 6.7%
  3. United Kingdom: 4.6%
  4. Vietnam: 4.0%
  5. Haiti: 3.2%
  6. Canada: 2.8%
  7. Korea: 2.6%
  8. Philippines: 2.4%
  9. Ethiopia: 2.4%
  10. Trinidad and Tobago: 2.0%

Today

- 23.6% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 33.1%
  2. Dominican Republic: 12.8%
  3. India: 6.7%
  4. Canada: 5.3%
  5. Ethiopia: 4.0%
  6. Colombia: 3.2%
  7. United Kingdom (Inc. Crown Dependencies): 2.8%
  8. Brazil: 2.5%
  9. Barbados: 2.1%
  10. Cape Verde: 1.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
West End

2000

- 19.9% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Japan: 15.3%
  2. Italy: 10.1%
  3. India: 8.8%
  4. Canada: 6.9%
  5. China: 6.7%
  6. Ireland: 5.1%
  7. Dominican Republic: 3.8%
  8. Germany: 3.8%
  9. United Kingdom: 3.6%
  10. Iran: 3.4%

Today

- 20.4% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. India: 25.6%
  2. China: 20.3%
  3. Ukraine: 6.5%
  4. France: 5.5%
  5. Israel: 4.3%
  6. United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies): 4.1%
  7. Turkey: 3.2%
  8. Albania: 3.1%
  9. Syria: 2.7%
  10. Russia: 2.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
West Roxbury

2000

- 17.1% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. Ireland: 11.5%
  2. Greece: 7.3%
  3. Lebanon: 6.9%
  4. Haiti: 6.7%
  5. Italy: 6.4%
  6. China: 6.3%
  7. Dominican Republic: 4.4%
  8. Canada: 4.4%
  9. Philippines: 4.3%
  10. Korea: 2.7%

Today

- 22.2% of residents are foreign-born
- Top 10 countries of origin among foreign-born:
  1. China: 9.7%
  2. Haiti: 9.5%
  3. Dominican Republic: 9.4%
  4. Ireland: 7.0%
  5. Philippines: 4.6%
  6. United Kingdom (Inc. Crown Dependencies): 3.8%
  7. Greece: 3.8%
  8. Ukraine: 3.2%
  9. Panama: 3.1%
  10. Russia: 2.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census and 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-year estimate, BRA Research Division Analysis
Labor Force & Economic Contributions
The percentage of foreign-born and native-born who are unemployed are very similar, at 10.5% and 10.4%, respectively.

The average yearly income of the employed foreign-born population is $41,893.61, compared to $56,363.32 for the native-born.

The median yearly income of the employed foreign-born is $30,000, whereas for native born, the median income is $40,180.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Public Use Microdata Sample 2007-2011 (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis
Income Ranges of the Employed

Income Ranges of Employed Foreign-Born and Native-Born

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Public Use Microdata Sample 2007-2011 (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis
Employment by Occupation of New Bostonians

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Public Use Microdata Sample 2007-2011 (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis
New Bostonians’ Leading Industries

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Public Use Microdata Sample 2007-2011 (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis
Among foreign-born residents 25 and older in Boston:

- Nearly 30% have a bachelor’s degree or higher
- However, 28.9% have not completed high school

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Public Use Microdata Sample 2007-2011 (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis
Home Ownership

- 28.1% of Boston’s foreign-born householders own their home, compared to 36.7% of Boston’s native-born householders.

- 70.7% of Boston’s foreign-born householders rent their homes.

- Among Boston’s foreign-born renters:
  - Average rent is $954.73
  - Median rent is $960

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Public Use Microdata Sample 2007-2011 (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis
44.3% of Boston’s foreign population are naturalized U.S. citizens.

Citizenship Status among Boston’s Foreign-Born

- 44.3% Naturalized U.S. Citizen
- 55.7% Non-Naturalized

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis*