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PEOPLE

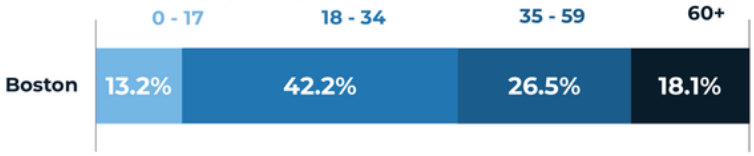
POPULATION

- In 2025, Boston had **716,313** residents.

AGE

- In 2025, more than **4 in 10** Boston residents were aged 18-34, representing the largest age cohort.

AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION
Boston Population by Age Group, 2025

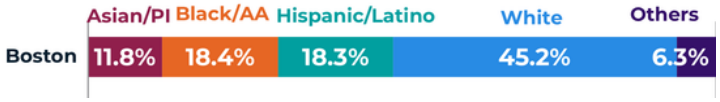


DIVERSITY

27.3% of Boston residents were foreign born in 2025.

35.3% spoke a language other than English at home and Spanish and Chinese were the languages most commonly spoken.

RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION
Boston Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2025



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

- In 2025, nearly **36.7%** of Boston residents identified as Black or African American or Hispanic or Latino.

EDUCATION

- **55.7%** of Boston residents aged 25+ had a bachelor's degree or higher.
- **16.1%** of Boston residents were enrolled in college or university.
- **41,776** Boston students lived in dorms in 2020.

HOUSEHOLDS

- Of Boston's **294,981** households:
  - **44.8%** family households
  - **37.5%** one-person households
  - **17.6%** non-family households with 2+ people
- **19.2%** of Boston households include children under 18.
- **30.1%** of Boston households include older adults aged 60+.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 1950-2010 Decennial Censuses; City of Boston Planning Department Research Division Estimates 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035 (continues...)

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ECONOMY

JOBS

- In 2023, Boston had **718,571** payroll jobs.
  - **20.4%** of payroll jobs were in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry.
  - **15.2%** were in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services industry.

LABOR FORCE

- **26.5%** of Boston payroll workers live and work in Boston.
- **19.0%** of Boston resident workers report working primarily from home.

INCOME

- In 2025, Boston's median household income was **$94,438.**

SPENDING

- Boston's 2025 in-person consumer spending was **6.6%** above 2019 levels and **2.2%** above 2024 levels.
- Boston residents accounted for **48.4%** of total spending.

PLACE

HOUSING UNITS BY STRUCTURE TYPE

Boston Housing Units By Number of Units in Building, 2025

HOUSING

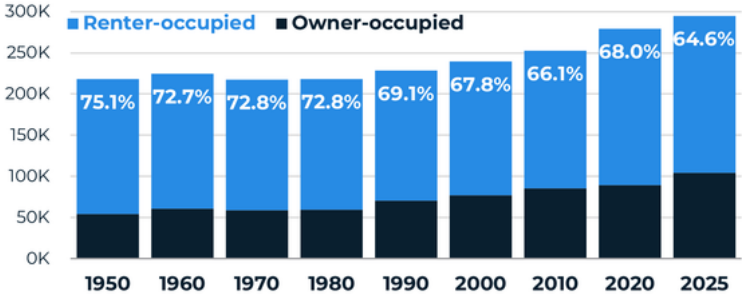
- Of the **318,447** housing units in Boston:
  - **33.5%** 0-1 bedrooms
  - **34.0%** 2 bedrooms
  - **32.4%** 3+ bedrooms

RENTERS AND OWNERS

- In 2025, **64.6%** of Boston's housing units were renter-occupied.
- In 2024, the median asking rent for market-rate 2-bed apartments was **$3,200** in Boston.

BOSTON OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE

1950 - 2025



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MOBILITY

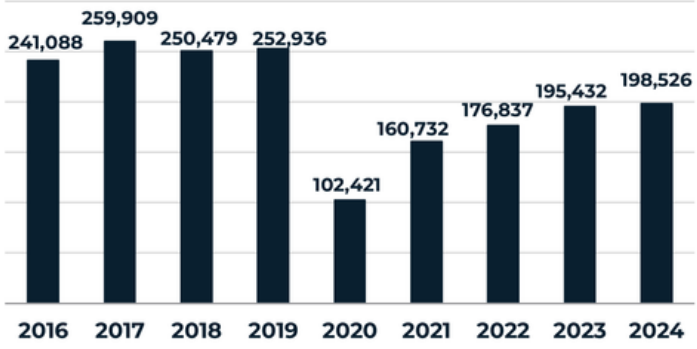
VEHICLES

34.6% of Boston households had 0 vehicles.

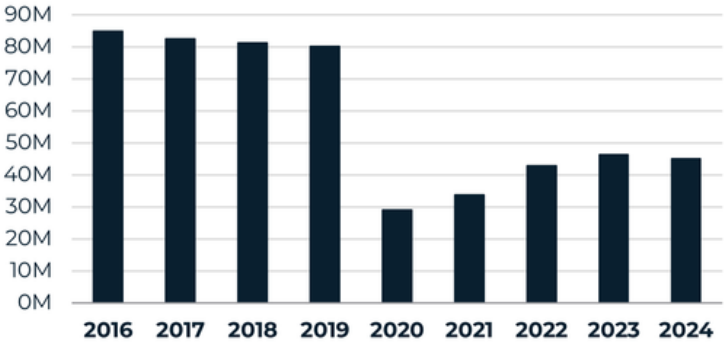
TRANSPORTATION

- **In 2025, to get to work:**
  - **37.5%** of Boston resident workers drove or carpooled, **24.5%** took public transit, **14.9%** walked, and **4.1%** took a bike, taxicab, motorcycle, or other means.
- In 2024, Fall bus ridership for an average weekday in Boston was **78.5%** of its level in Fall 2019.

DAILY BUS BOARDINGS IN BOSTON ON WEEKDAYS
Average Weekday Bus Ridership at Boston Bus Stops, Fall 2016 - Fall 2024



RAPID TRANSIT* RIDERSHIP IN BOSTON
Total Gated Station Validations, Boston 2016 -2024



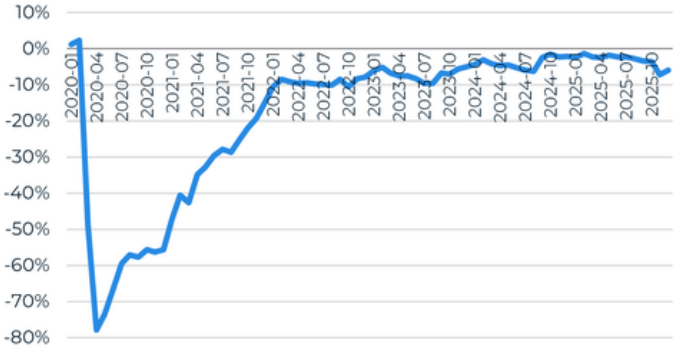
**Includes only light rail, commuter rail stations excluded due to data limitations.*

- In 2024, gated MBTA light rail validations were **56.2%** of their level in 2019.

VISITS

- In 2024, visits to Boston were down 3.9% from their level in 2019.
- Visits in 2025 were 3.1% lower than in 2019.

MONTHLY VISITS* TO BOSTON COMPARED TO 2019
Visits Relative to the Same Month in 2019, Jan 2020 - Dec 2025*



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

Sources (Cont'd): City of Boston Mayor's Office of Housing, MBTA Bus Ridership by Stop, U.S. Census Bureau LODES OnTheMap, Mastercard Geographic Insights, Citydata.ai, City of Boston Planning Department Research Division. Scan QR code or see websites linked on next page for more resources.

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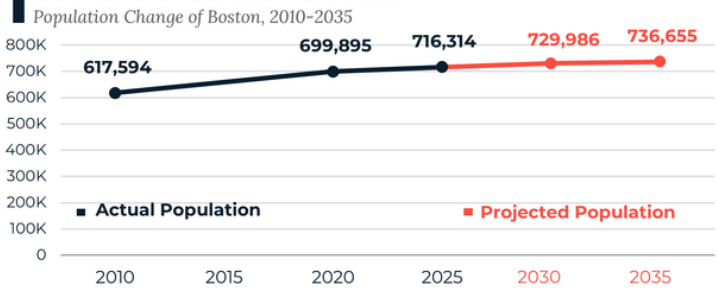
TRENDS

POPULATION GROWTH

- Between 2010 and 2025, Boston's population grew by **1.0%** per year.
- Growth is projected to slow to **~0.03%** per year through 2035.

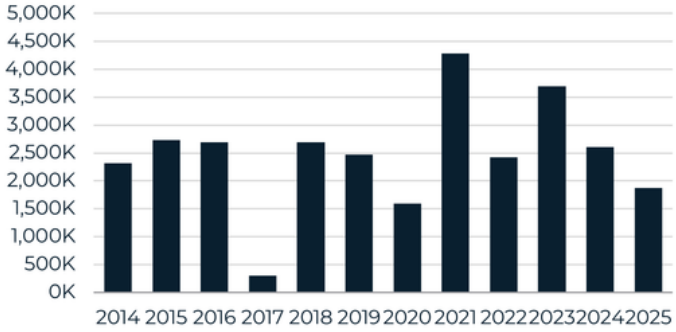
BOSTON POPULATION CHANGE
Population Change of Boston, 2010-2035



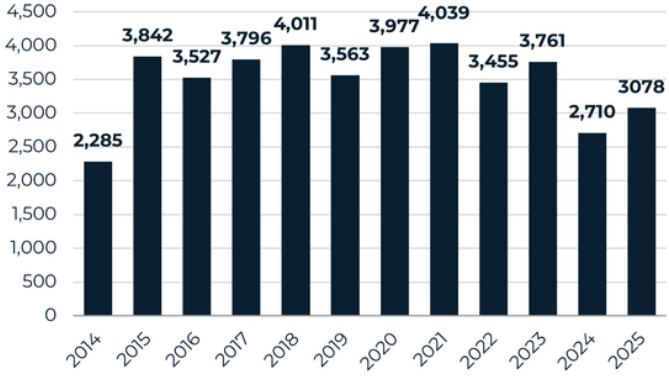
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

- From 2020 to 2025:
  - **16,484,354** net new non-residential square feet were completed.
  - **17,942** net new units of housing were completed.

NON-RESIDENTIAL COMPLETION PERMITS
Non-residential square footage completed in the City of Boston, net of demolitions, 2014-2025



TOTAL HOUSING UNITS COMPLETED
Units completed in the City of Boston, net of demolitions 2011-2024



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- www.bostonplans.org/research/mydemographic-viewer
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