

Trends

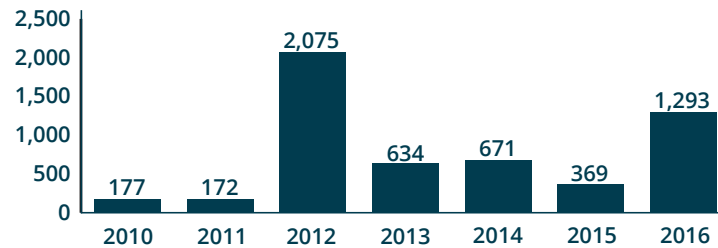
Historical Trends in Brighton

- From 2000 to 2010, Brighton's population grew by 4% and its occupied housing units grew by 2%.
- The population ages 18 to 34 years increased from 54% of the population in 2000 to 60% in 2010.
- More Asian and Hispanic residents have increased the diversity of the neighborhood, but 70% of the population is still non-Hispanic Whites.
- Healthcare/Social Assistance is the largest industry in Brighton, and payroll jobs grew 12% from 2011 to 2014.
- The rental/owner split has remained stable with just over three quarters of households renting.
- The share of households owning a car grew from 63% in 2000 to 68% in 2015.

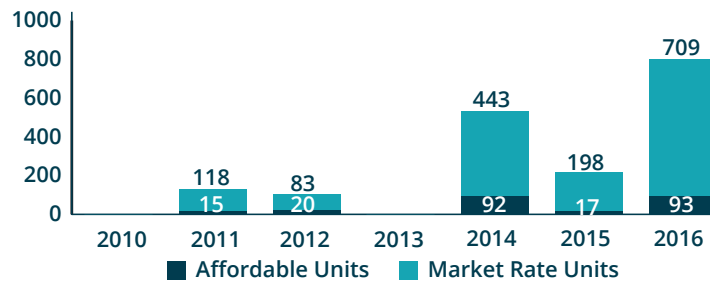
The Future for Brighton

- Brighton's growth is poised to continue with 1,577 new units of housing approved for construction since 2010.⁵

BPDA Board-Approved Development (in Thousands of Feet²)
2010-2016



BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units
2010-2016



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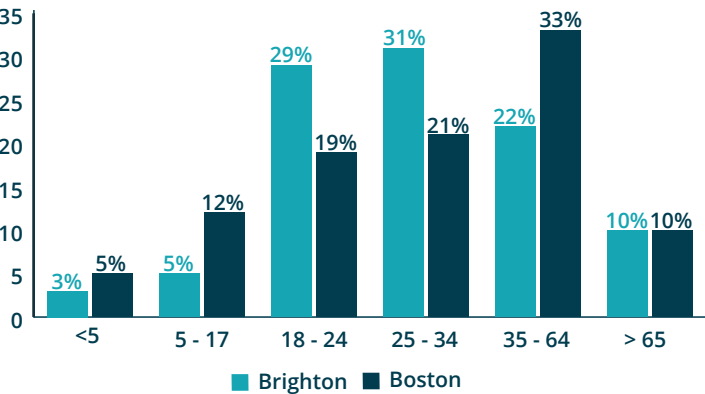
Population

- Brighton had 52,685 people in 2010, 9% of Boston's population.¹
- Brighton's population grew by 4.2% from 2000 to 2010, similar to the city's growth of 4.8%.

Age Distribution

- In 2010, 60% of Brighton's residents are between the ages of 18 and 34, compared to only 40% of the Boston population.
- In 2010, residents aged 35 to 64 make up only 22% of Brighton's population, and 33% of Boston's population.

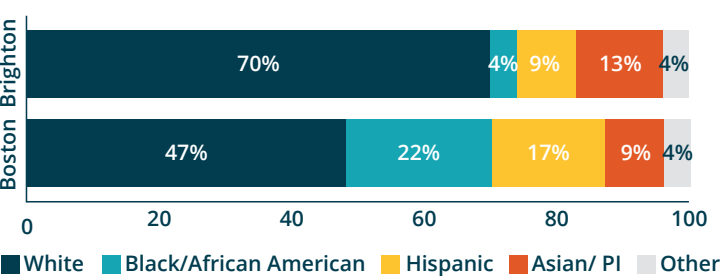
Brighton & Boston Residents by Age
2010



Diversity

- In 2015, 24% of Brighton's population was foreign born, which was only a tad lower than the city's 27%.²
- Brighton had higher shares of Whites and Asians than Boston as a whole.

Brighton & Boston Residents by Race
2010



Economy

Jobs

- Brighton had 16,860 payroll jobs in 2014. One third of these jobs were in Healthcare & Social Assistance.³
- Brighton has .75 payroll jobs per resident worker living in Brighton, and 3% of Boston's payroll jobs.

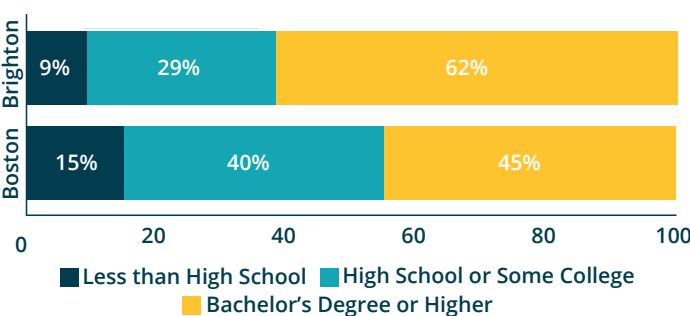
Labor Force

- Brighton's resident labor force was 28,825 in 2015, making up 7.6% of Boston's resident labor force.
- 66% of Brighton residents aged 16 and older participated in the labor force, compared to 68% for Boston.
- The top occupations for Brighton residents in 2015: Education, Administrative Support, and Management.

Education

- In 2015, 28% of Brighton residents were enrolled in college or university, higher than Boston's college enrollment rate of 17%.
- 62% of Brighton residents and 45% of Boston residents age 25 or older have obtained a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Educational Attainment (Age 25+)
2015



Income

- Median household income in Brighton in 2015 was \$50,110, slightly lower than the Boston median of \$55,777.

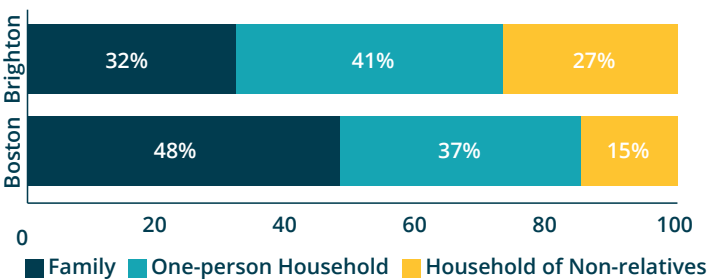
Note: Demographic data are for the Census-tract approximations of Brighton. Sources: (1) U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census, (2) U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, (3) U.S. Census Bureau, LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics OnTheMap, 2014, (4) City of Boston Assessing Department, FY2016, (5) Boston Planning and Development Agency Board Memos

Place

Households and Dorms

- 91% of Brighton residents live in households, one third of which are families.
- The remaining population (9%) lives in dorms or other institutions.

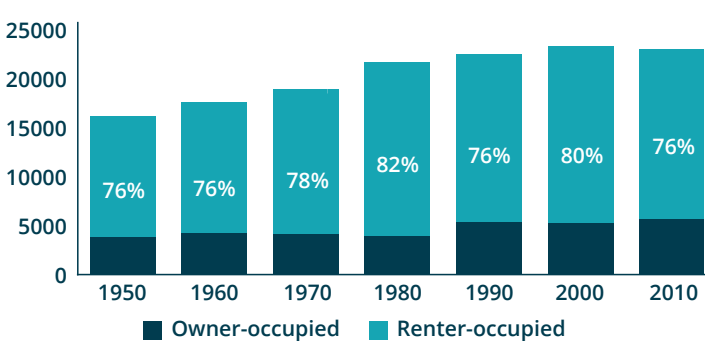
Household Type
2015



Renters and Owners

- In 2015, Brighton had 6,533 condos, 34% of which were owner occupied.⁴
- The median rent in Brighton in 2015 was \$1,537, higher than \$1,320 in Boston as a whole.

Brighton Occupied Housing Units
1950-2010



Vehicles

- 68% of Brighton households in 2015 had at least one vehicle, compared to 65% of Boston households.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in Brighton was 1.02 in 2015, higher than the Boston ratio of .91.