Trends

Historical Trends in Jamaica Plain

• The share of school-age children (5-17) decreased from 15% in 2000 to 11% in 2017.
• The share of the adult population with at least a Bachelor’s degree increased from 45% in 2000 to 65% in 2017.
• The share of the Non-Hispanic White population increased from 49% in 2000 to 55% in 2017.
• Between 2011 and 2015, payroll jobs increased by 11% throughout Jamaica Plain.
• The share of households that had at least one vehicle increased from 73% in 2000 to 77% in 2017.

The Future for Jamaica Plain

• Jamaica Plain’s growth is poised to continue, with 1,753 housing units approved for construction between 2014 and 2018.
• 1,481 new housing units were built in Jamaica Plain between 2011 and 2018.

BPDA Board-Approved Development (In Thousands of Feet²)
2014-2018

BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units
2014-2018

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Information
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### People

#### Population
- According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey, Jamaica Plain had 39,314 residents, 6% of Boston’s population.¹

#### Age Distribution
- In 2017, 17% of Jamaica Plain’s residents were children (0-17), nearly the same as Boston’s residents.
- Jamaica Plain had a lower share of young adults (18-24), compared to Boston.

#### Diversity
- In 2017, 23% of Jamaica Plain’s residents were foreign-born, compared 28% of Boston’s residents.
- More than 50% of Jamaica Plain’s residents identified as Non-Hispanic White, higher than 45% of Boston’s residents.

### Economy

#### Jobs
- In 2015, Jamaica Plain had 14,695 payroll jobs, 55% of which were in Healthcare and Social Assistance.²
- Jamaica Plain has 0.60 payroll jobs per resident worker, 2% of the payroll jobs in Boston.

#### Labor Force
- In 2017, Jamaica Plain’s resident labor force had 24,688 workers, 4% of Boston’s resident labor force.
- 74% of Jamaica Plain’s residents participated in the labor force, compared to 69% of Boston’s residents.
- The top occupations among residents in 2017: Management, Education, and Office and Administrative Support.

#### Education
- In 2017, 10% of Jamaica Plain’s residents were enrolled in a college or university, lower than 16% of Boston’s residents.
- 65% of Jamaica Plain’s adult residents had at least a Bachelor’s degree, compared to 47% of Boston’s adult residents.

#### Income
- In 2017, the median household income in Jamaica Plain was $84,446, higher than $62,021 throughout Boston.

### Place

#### Households
- In 2017, 50% of Jamaica Plain’s households were families, similar to 48% of Boston’s households.

#### Renters and Owners
- In 2017, 53% of Jamaica Plain’s 16,092 housing units were renter-occupied.
- In FY2018, 73% of Jamaica Plain’s 4,535 condominiums were owner-occupied.³
- The median rent was $1,494 throughout Jamaica Plain, compared to $1,455 throughout Boston.

Notes: Demographic data are for the Census-tract approximations of Jamaica Plain. Employment data are for the Census-block approximations of Jamaica Plain. Development data were calculated on March 5, 2019.


### Vehicles
- In 2017, 77% of Jamaica Plain’s households had at least one vehicle, compared to 66% of Boston’s households.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in Jamaica Plain was 1.07, higher than Boston’s ratio of 0.95.

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¹ Jamaica Plain
² Boston
³ City of Boston Assessing Data, FY2018