### Trends

#### Historical Trends in West End

- The population grew by 29% and occupied housing units grew by 25% from 2000 to 2015.
- Payroll jobs in the West End grew by 6% from 2011 to 2014.
- From 2000 to 2015, the share of West End residents that were 16 and older and participating in the labor force grew from 60% to 65%.
- The share of the population that is 18 to 24 years old grew from 8% to 12% from 2000 to 2015.
- In 2015, more than 23% of West End’s population was foreign born, compared to 20% in 2000.
- The percentage of West End residents aged 25 and over and with a Bachelor’s degree increased from 61% to 75% between 2000 and 2015.

#### The Future for West End

- West End’s growth is poised to continue with 1,203 new units of housing approved between 2010 and 2016.\(^4\)

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**BPDA Board-Approved Development (in Thousands of Feet\(^2\)) 2010-2016**

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**BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units 2010-2016**

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Population Growth

- The West End had 5,945 residents in 2015, 1% of Boston's population.¹
- The West End's population grew by 29% from 2000 to 2015, faster than the city's growth of 10%.

Age Distribution

- The West End has a higher share of 25 to 34 year olds than the city as a whole.
- In 2015, the share of 5-17 year olds in the West End was only 4%, lower than the share of school-age children in Boston (11%) and the city as a whole.

Education

- In 2015, 12% of West End residents were enrolled in college or university, lower than the Boston enrollment rate of 17%.
- Three quarters of West End residents, aged 25 and older, in 2015 had obtained a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Economy

Jobs

- The West End had 37,302 payroll jobs in 2014, nearly 70% of which were in Health Care and Social Assistance.²
- The West End has almost 15 payroll jobs per resident worker, and 6.6% of the city's payroll jobs.

Labor Force

- The West End's resident labor force had 3,557 people in 2015, 1% of the Boston resident labor force.
- West End and Boston residents participate in the labor force at about the same rate - 66% vs 68% of residents age 16 and over.
- The top occupations for West End residents in 2015: Health-care, Management, and Business and Finance.

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Income

- The median household income in the West End in 2015 was $90,694, significantly higher than the Boston median of $55,777.

Place

Households

- About 89% of West End residents live in households, 30% of which are families.
- The remaining West End population lives in college dorms or other institutions.

Household Type

- In 2015, West End had 1,053 condos, 47% of which were owner occupied.³
- The median rent in West End in 2015 was $2,350, compared to $1,320 for Boston as a whole.

Vehicles

- Less than half (46%) of West End households in 2015 had a vehicle, compared to 65% of all Boston households.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in West End was 0.56 in 2015, lower than the 0.91 ratio for Boston.