Trends

Historical Trends in Allston

- The number of vehicles per household decreased from 0.84 in 2000 to 0.27 in 2017.
- The share of Asian residents increased from 18% in 2000 to 22% in 2017.
- From 2011 and 2015, payroll jobs increased by 85% throughout Allston.

The Future for Allston

- Allston’s growth is poised to continue, with 1,364 housing units approved for construction between 2014 and 2018.
- 1,000 new housing units were built in Allston between 2011 and 2018.

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

BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units
2014-2018
People

Population
• According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey, Allston had 19,363 residents, 3% of Boston’s population.¹

Age Distribution
• In 2017, 41% of Allston’s residents were young adults (18-24), compared to 15% of Boston’s residents.
• School-age children (5-17) only accounted for 3% of Allston’s population, compared to 11% of Boston’s population.

Allston & Boston Residents by Age
2017

Diversity
• In 2017, 35% of Allston’s residents were foreign-born, compared to 28% of Boston’s residents.
• 22% of Allston’s residents identified as Asian, considerably higher than 9% of Boston’s residents.

Allston & Boston Residents by Race
2017

Economy

Jobs
• In 2015, Allston had 21,261 payroll jobs, 58% of which were in Educational Services.²
• Allston had 1.9 payroll jobs for every resident worker, 3% of the payroll jobs in Boston.

Labor Force
• In 2017, Allston’s resident labor force had 10,916 workers, 3% of Boston’s resident labor force.
• 59% of Allston’s residents participated in the labor force, compared to 69% of Boston’s residents.
• The top occupations among residents in 2017: Office and Administrative Support, Management, and Education.

Education
• In 2017, 56% of Allston’s residents were enrolled in college or university, higher than 16% of Boston’s residents.
• 72% of Allston’s adult residents had at least a Bachelor’s degree, compared to 47% of Boston’s adult residents.

Allston & Boston Occupied Housing Units
1950-2010

Vehicles
• In 2017, 48% of Allston’s households had at least one vehicle, compared to 66% of Boston’s households.
• The ratio of vehicles to households in Allston was 0.27, significantly lower than Boston’s ratio of 0.95.

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


Households and Dorms
• In 2017, 71% of Allston’s residents lived in households, 22% of which were families.
• The remaining population lived in college dormitories or other institutions.

Household Type
2017

Renters and Owners
• In 2017, 90% of Allston’s housing units were renter-occupied.
• In FY2018, 21% of Allston’s 1,408 condominiums were owner-occupied.³
• The median rent was $1,722 throughout Allston, compared to $1,445 throughout Boston.

Allston Occupied Housing Units
1950-2010

In 2017, the median household income in Allston was $46,983, lower than $62,021 throughout Boston.