

## Trends

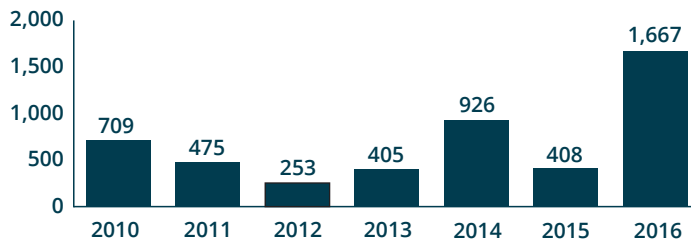
### Historical Trends in South Boston

- The population grew by 25% and occupied housing units grew by 20% from 2000 to 2015.
- The share of the South Boston population aged 25 to 34 grew from 24% in 2000 to 37% in 2015.
- The non-Hispanic White share of the population fell from 84% to 78% since 2000.
- The number of payroll jobs in South Boston grew by 10% from 2011 to 2014.
- The percentage of South Boston households owning a car grew from 68% in 2000 to 70% in 2015.
- In 2000, only 28% of South Boston's population had a bachelor's degree, compared to 56% in 2015.
- From 2000 to 2015, the owner-occupancy rate in South Boston rose from 33% to 37%.

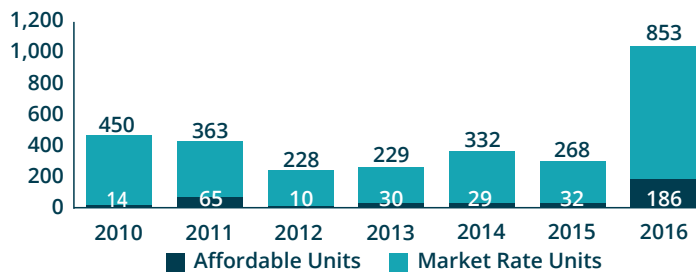
### The Future for South Boston

- South Boston has 2,723 new units of housing approved for construction between 2010 and 2016.<sup>4</sup>

**BPDA Board-Approved Development (in Thousands of Feet<sup>2</sup>)**  
2010-2016



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



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### Information

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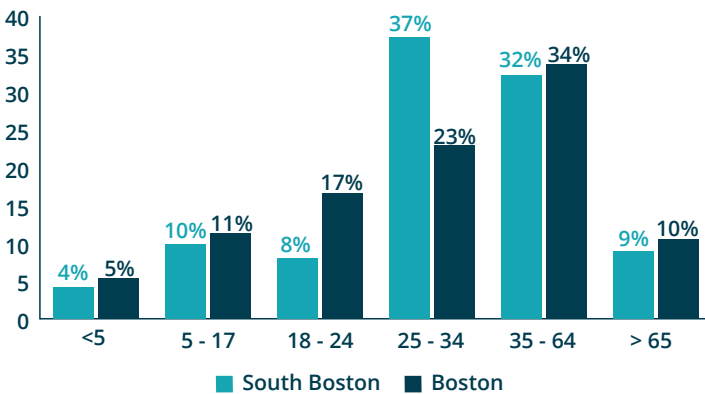
### Population Growth

- South Boston had 35,660 residents in 2015, 5% of Boston's population.<sup>1</sup>
- South Boston grew by 25% from 2000 to 2015, faster than the city's growth of 10% over the same time period.

### Age Distribution

- 14% of South Boston residents are children, lower than 16% in Boston as a whole.
- South Boston has a higher share of 25-34 year olds compared to Boston.

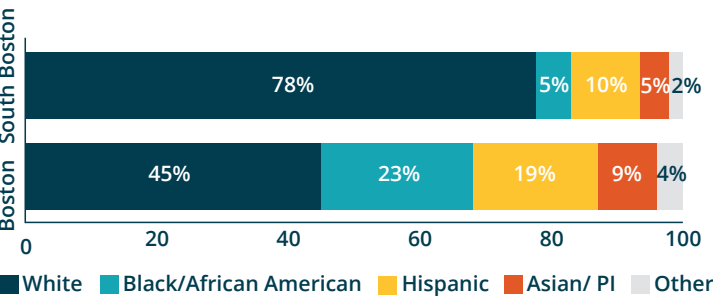
**South Boston & Boston Residents by Age**  
2015



### Diversity

- In 2015, 12% of South Boston's population was foreign born, about half the city of Boston (27%).
- About 78% of South Boston residents are White, compared to 46% for the city as a whole.

**South Boston & Boston Residents by Race**  
2015



## Economy

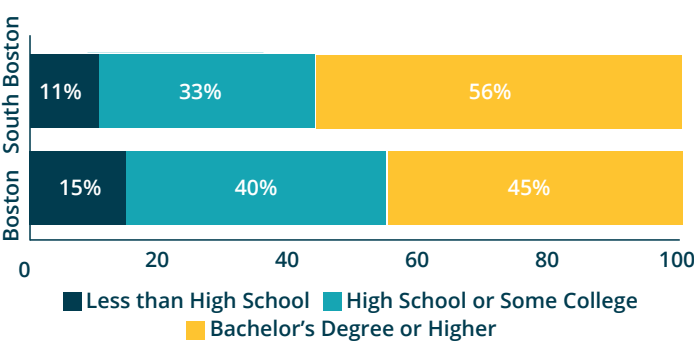
### Jobs

- South Boston had 13,298 jobs in 2014, 44% of which were in Manufacturing and Finance and Insurance.<sup>2</sup>
- South Boston has 0.71 payroll jobs per resident worker, and 2.3% of the city's payroll jobs.

### Labor Force

- South Boston's resident labor force had 23,566 people in 2015, 6% of the city's resident labor force.
- 75% of South Boston residents ages 16 and older participated in the labor force, higher than 68% for Boston.
- The top occupations of South Boston residents in 2015: Management, business and financial operations, and administrative support.

**Educational Attainment (Age 25+)**  
2015



### Education

- In 2015, 6% of total South Boston residents were enrolled in college or university, lower than the 17% citywide enrollment rate.
- In 2015, about 56% of South Boston residents ages 25 and older had obtained a bachelor's degree or higher.

### Income

- The median household income in South Boston in 2015 was \$77,223, higher than the Boston median of \$55,777.

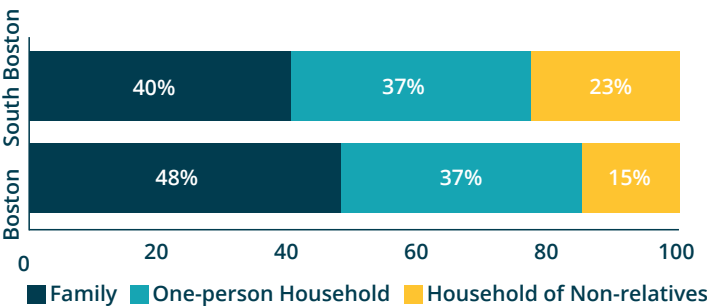
*Note: Demographic data are for the Census-tract approximations of South Boston. Source: (1) U.S. Census Bureau, 1950-2010 Decennial Census and 2011-2015 American Community Survey, (2) OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, 2014, (3) City of Boston Assessing data FY 2016, (4) Boston Planning and Development Agency Board Memos.*

## Place

### Households

- More than 99% of South Boston residents live in households, 40% of which are families.
- 23% of South Boston households, and 15% of the city's households, are made up of non-relatives.

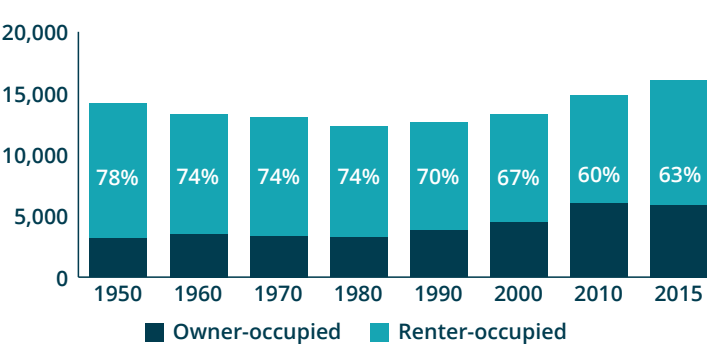
**Household Type**  
2015



### Renters and Owners

- In 2015, South Boston had 5,700 condos, 64% of which were owner occupied.<sup>3</sup>
- The median rent in South Boston in 2015 was \$1,300, about the same as \$1,320 for Boston as a whole.

**South Boston Occupied Housing Units**  
1950-2015



### Vehicles

- 70% of South Boston households in 2015 had at least one vehicle, compared to 65% of all Boston households.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in South Boston was 1.02 in 2015, higher than Boston's ratio of 0.91