A Prosperous Boston for All Haitians
Haitians’ contribution to the economy as entrepreneurs and workers is significant.

- Haitians, those who were born in Haiti or who identify as Haitian, make up 3.7% of Boston’s population (24,955 people).

- Haitians living in Boston hold 12,219 jobs and own approximately 455 businesses.


- Haitians’ consumer demand supported an additional 1,674 jobs and contributed $256 million to Boston’s gross city product in 2017.

- Haitians contributed $26 million in state income taxes and $8.4 million in state sales taxes in 2017.

The 86,000 Haitians in Massachusetts live primarily in Boston, Somerville, Malden, Randolph, and Brockton.
Haitians in Boston live predominantly in parts of Mattapan and Dorchester.
The Haitian population of Boston grew in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

“Native-born” Haitians were typically born in the United States and are U.S. citizens from birth. “Foreign-born” Haitians were typically born in Haiti, but 54% are naturalized U.S. citizens.

### Haitians in Boston by Nativity

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More than half of the Boston Haitian population is female.

Haitians by Gender and Nativity

- Male:
  - Native-Born Haitians: 51%
  - Foreign-Born Haitians: 43%

- Female:
  - Native-Born Haitians: 49%
  - Foreign-Born Haitians: 57%

Native-born Haitians speak English very well, while many foreign-born Haitians are not proficient in English.

Half of foreign-born Haitians are older than 45, while half of native-born Haitians are children.

89% of Haitian school-age children attend public schools.

1/3 of Haitian foreign-born adults aged 45 and older do not have U.S. citizenship.

81% of adult Haitians are in the labor force, and 45% work full-time.

Of those adult Haitians not working full-time, 30% are enrolled in school.
28% of Haitians work in Healthcare Support, Personal Care, and Protective Services.

41% of Haitian Women

23% of Haitian Men

Note: Healthcare support includes medical & dental assistants & home health aides and similar jobs. Personal care includes service workers such as hairdressers & childcare workers. Protective services includes police officers and security guards.
41% of native-born and 32% of foreign-born Haitian workers earn more than $50,000 per year.

Improving Haitians’ educational attainment will allow greater contribution to Boston’s economy.

23% of foreign-born Haitians have less than a high school education. 37% of native-born Haitians aged 25 or older started college, but have not finished a degree.

Educational Attainment of Haitians by Nativity (Age 25+)

Foreign-born Haitians earn more as employees than as business owners, but the reverse is true for native-born Haitians.

4% of employed Haitians in Boston are business owners, compared to 6% of all Boston resident workers.

**Median Earnings by Type of Work for Haitians in Massachusetts**

- **MA employees:** $44,547
- **MA business owners:** $40,448


Note: Massachusetts data are used due to small sample size in Boston.
Haitian businesses are concentrated in taxi and limousine services.

Self-Employed Haitians (Massachusetts) by Top Industries

- Taxi and Limousine Service: 32%
- Real Estate: 12%
- Construction: 8%
- Services to Buildings and Dwellings: 5%
- Beauty Salons: 4%
- Support Services for Transportation: 4%
- Computer Systems Design: 4%
- Couriers and Messengers: 3%
- Personal Services: 3%
- Social Assistance Services: 3%

Only 20% of native-born and 26% of foreign-born Haitian householders own their homes, compared to 35% of all Boston householders.

Homeownership Rate

- Native-Born Haitians: 20%
- Foreign-Born Haitians: 26%
- Haitians, Age 18-34: 6%
- Haitians, Age 35+: 29%

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