

Trends

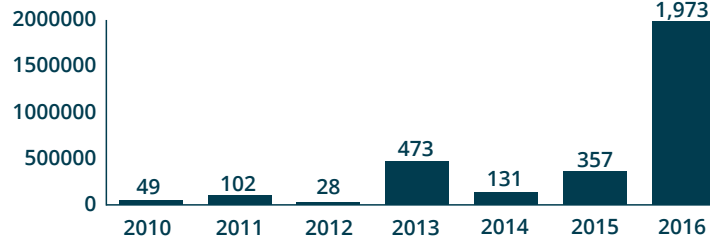
Historical Trends in Dorchester

- The population grew by 4.7% and occupied housing units grew by 6.7% from 2000 to 2015.
- Payroll jobs in Dorchester increased slightly by 1.2% from 2011 to 2014.
- The owner-occupancy rate in Dorchester has remained between 33% and 34% since 1990.
- The share of Dorchester households with cars has increased from 66% in 2000 to about 69% in 2015.
- The foreign-born share of Dorchester's population has grown from 31% in 2000 to 34% in 2015.
- From 2000 to 2015 the share of Dorchester adults with at least a Bachelor's degree grew from 18% to 25%.

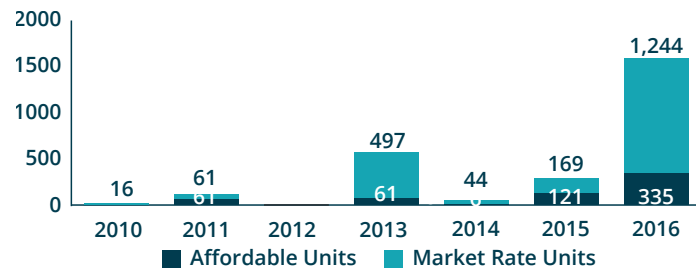
The Future for Dorchester

- Dorchester's growth is poised to continue with 2,031 new units of housing approved for construction from 2010 through 2016.⁴

BPDA Board-Approved Development (in Thousands of Feet²)
2010-2016



BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units
2010-2016



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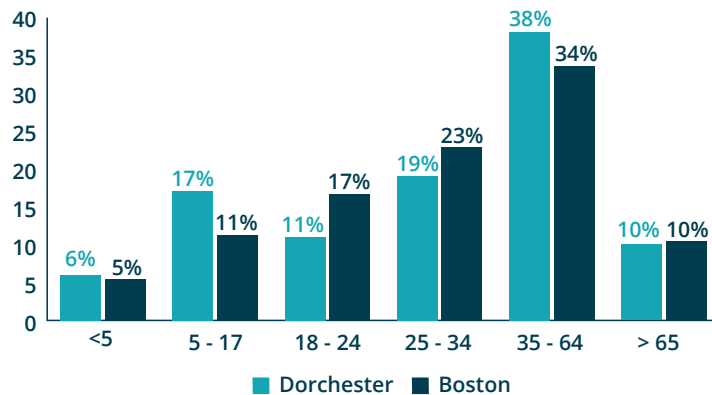
Population Growth

- Dorchester had a population of 124,489 in 2015, 19% of Boston's total population.¹
- Dorchester's population has increased by 4.7% from 2000 to 2015, slower than the city's growth of 10%.

Children

- About 17% of Dorchester residents were school age children in 2015, higher than the citywide share of 11%.
- Dorchester has higher shares of both 5-17 year olds and 35 to 64 year olds than the city as a whole.

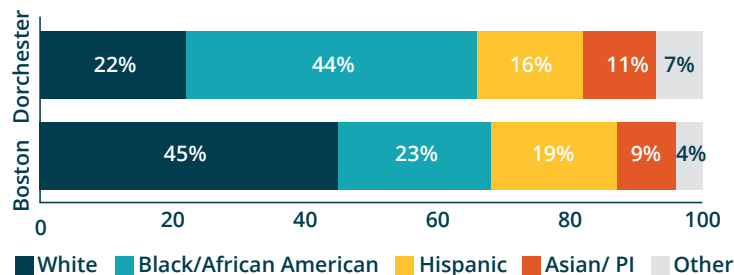
Dorchester & Boston Residents by Age
2015



Diversity

- About 34% of Dorchester residents were foreign born in 2015, compared with about 27% of Boston residents.
- About 44% of Dorchester residents were Black/African-American in 2015, a higher share than Boston (23%).

Dorchester & Boston Residents by Race
2015



Economy

Jobs

- Dorchester had 25,436 payroll jobs in 2014, 22% in health care and social assistance and 21% in education.²
- Dorchester has 0.5 payroll jobs for every resident worker. Boston has 2.05 payroll jobs for every resident worker.

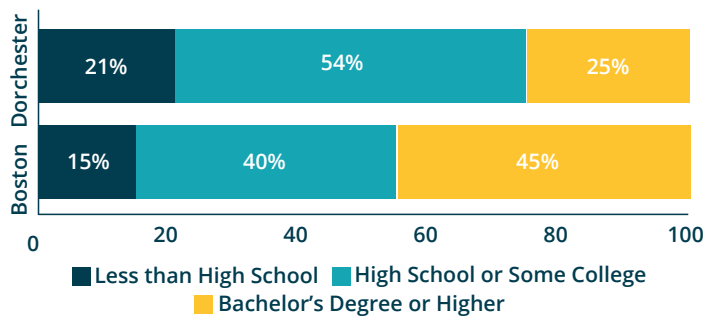
Labor Force

- Dorchester's resident labor force had 68,104 people in 2015, 18% of Boston's resident labor force.
- 69% of Dorchester residents age 16 and over participate in the labor force, about the same as the city's labor force participation.
- The top occupations for residents in Dorchester in 2015: Administrative Support, Management, and Sales.

Education

- 8% of Dorchester residents were enrolled in college or university in 2015, a lower share than the city as a whole (17%).
- Twenty-five percent of Dorchester residents age 25 and older had a Bachelor's degree, compared with 45% of Boston residents.

Educational Attainment (Age 25+)
2015



Income

- The median household income in Dorchester in 2015 was \$47,200, lower than the Boston median of \$55,777.

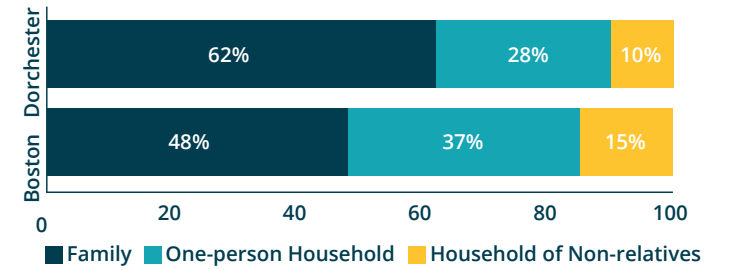
Note: Demographic data are for the Census-tract approximations of Dorchester. Source: (1) U.S. Census Bureau, 1950-2010 Decennial Census and 2011-2015 American Community Survey, (2) OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, 2014, (3) City of Boston assessing data FY 2016,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

Place

Households

- 99% of Dorchester residents live in households, 62% of which are families.

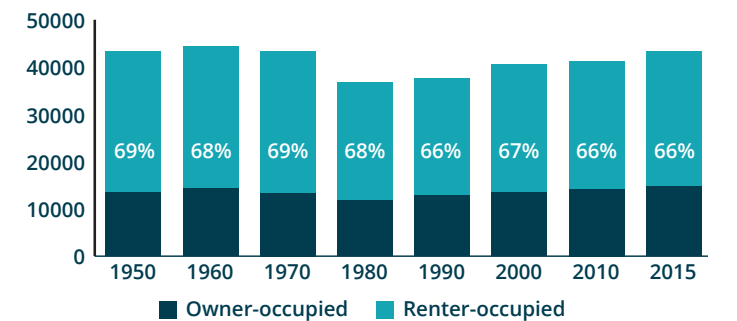
Household Type
2015



Renters and Owners

- In 2015, Dorchester had 4,351 condos, 63% of which were owner occupied.³
- Dorchester's median rent in 2015 was \$1,192, lower than the city's median rent of \$1,320.

Dorchester Occupied Housing Units
1950-2015



Vehicles

- 69% of Dorchester households own at least one car, higher than the city average of 65%.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in Dorchester was 0.98 in 2015, higher than the city ratio of 0.91.