

Boston at a Glance - 2020

POPULATION

Population Count - 1YR ACS 2018

Total Population	695,926
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Gender Distribution - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Population	679,413
Male	326,759 48.1%
Female	352,654 51.9%

Age Distribution - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Population	679,413	100.0%
< 4	34,779	5.1%
5 - 14	57,229	8.4%
15 - 17	17,595	2.6%
18- 19	30,846	4.5%
20 - 34	236,455	34.8%
35 - 44	84,319	12.4%
45 - 54	74,305	10.9%
55 - 64	67,765	10.0%
> 65	76,120	11.2%

Race & Ethnicity - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Population	679,413
White Only	302,427 44.5%
Black or African American only	154,363 22.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native Only	1,405 0.2%
Asian Only	64,939 9.6%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Only	225 0.0%
Hispanic Only *	133,893 19.7%
Other Race	5,973 0.9%
Two or More Races	16,188 2.4%

Nativity - 5YR ACS 2013-2017

Total Population	679,413
Native	485,447 71.5%
Foreign Born	193,966
U.S. Citizen by Naturalization	95,181 14.0%
Not a U.S. Citizen	98,785 14.5%

Marital Status - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Population (15 Years and Over)	587,405
Never Married	327,935 55.8%
Married	193,350 32.9%
Divorced or Widowed	66,120 11.3%

Top 5 Languages Other than English Spoken at Home - 1YR ACS 2018

Spanish or Spanish Creole	108,761
Chinese	27,839
Haitian	26,768
Portuguese or Cape Verdean Creole	13,520
Vietnamese	9,293

English Proficiency - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Population (5 Years and Over)	660,533
Speak Only English at Home	418,328 63.3%
Speak Another Language at Home	242,205
Speak English "Very Well"	130,796 19.8%
Speak English "Less than Very Well"	111,409 16.9%

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Population (25 Years and Over)	467,086
Less than High School	63,572 13.6%
High School Graduate	93,672 20.1%
Some College or Associate's Degree	83,135 17.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	226,707 48.5%

Boston Public School Enrollment - BPS 2018-2019

Total Students Enrolled	54,300
Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5	26,974 49.7%
Grade 6 to Grade 8	10,921 20.1%
Grade 9 to Grade 12	16,405 30.2%

College & University Enrollment - DND 2018-2019

Total Students Enrolled in Boston Institutions	138,857
Undergraduate Programs	89,838 64.7%
Graduate Programs	49,019 35.3%

Sources:

Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Schools at a Glance 2018-2019, BPDA Research Division Analysis.

University Accountability Ordinance data, excluding Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

U.S Census Bureau, 2018 1-Year Estimate and 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, BPDA Research Division Analysis.

* Hispanics can be of any race but are reported separately in this analysis

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HOUSING

Housing Units - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Housing Units	289,763	
Occupied	266,724	
Owner-Occupied	93,800	32.4%
Renter-Occupied	172,924	59.7%
Vacant	23,039	8.0%

Household Type - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Households	266,724	
Family Households **	128,604	48.2%
Non-Family Households	138,120	51.8%

Household Size - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Occupied Housing Units	266,724	
1-Person Household	96,779	36.3%
2-Person Household	85,346	32.0%
3-Person Household	40,680	15.3%
4-or-More Person Household	43,919	16.5%

Migration - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Total Population (1 Year and Over)	671,714	
Same Residence (Non-Movers)	536,699	79.9%
Moved within Suffolk County	63,813	9.5%
Moved from Different County within Massachusetts	28,212	4.2%
Moved from Different State	28,884	4.3%
Moved from Abroad	14,106	2.1%

BPDA Board Approved Projects in 2019 - BPDA

Number of Projects	75
Number of Residential Units	4,715
Total Square Feet	10 million

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INCOME & POVERTY LEVEL

Income (In 2018 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)*** - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Per Capita Income	\$	42,010
Median Household Income	\$	65,883
Median Family Income	\$	75,476
Median Non-Family Income	\$	54,570

Population Below Poverty Level - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Poverty Rate	20.2%
Child Poverty Rate (Population Under 18 Years)	29.4%

LABOR FORCE

Labor Force Participation - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Residents in Labor Force (16 Years and Over)	411,423	
Men in Labor Force	200,875	48.8%
Women in Labor Force	210,548	51.2%
Resident Labor Force Participation Rate (16 Years and Over)	69.0%	
Participation Rate for Men	70.7%	
Participation Rate for Women	67.4%	

Transportation Means to Work - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Workers (16 Years and Over)	363,503	
Car, Truck or Van	162,644	44.7%
Public Transit	121,524	33.4%
Walked or Bicycle	61,278	16.9%
Other, or Work at Home	18,057	5.0%

Travel Time to Work - 5YR ACS 2014-2018

Workers (16 Years and Over, Except Work at Home)	351,506	
0-29 Minutes	163,236	46.4%
30-59 Minutes	146,085	41.6%
60+ Minutes	42,185	12.0%

*** A family consists of a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, adoption, or marriage.

