**Historical Trends in Roxbury**

- The share of young adults grew from 12% in 2000 to 17% in 2017.
- The share of adult residents with at least a Bachelor’s degree increased from 13% in 2000 to 22% in 2017.
- Between 2011 and 2015, payroll jobs increased by 53% throughout Roxbury.
- The foreign-born share of the population increased from 20% in 2000 to 29% in 2017.
- The share of the Asian population increased from 2% in 2000 to 4% in 2017.

**The Future for Roxbury**

- Roxbury’s growth is poised to continue, with 2,175 housing units approved between 2014 and 2018.
- 989 new housing units were built in Roxbury between 2011 and 2018.4

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4. The data for 2018 is preliminary and subject to further confirmation by the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA).

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**Information**

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People
Population
- According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey, Roxbury had 52,944 residents, 8% of Boston's population.1

Age Distribution
- In 2017, 23% of Roxbury's residents were children, compared to 16% of Boston's residents.
- The share of school-age children accounted for 16% of Roxbury's population, compared to 11% of Boston's population.

Diversity
- In 2017, 29% of Roxbury's residents were foreign-born, about the same as Boston's residents.
- 51% of Roxbury's residents identified as Black, compared to 23% of Boston's residents.

Economy
Jobs
- In 2015, Roxbury had 35,808 payroll jobs, 50% of which were in Educational Services.2
- Roxbury had 1.39 payroll jobs for every resident worker, 6% of the payroll jobs in Boston.

Labor Force
- In 2017, Roxbury's resident labor force had 25,675 workers, 7% of Boston's resident labor force.
- 61% of Roxbury'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, Sales, and Building and Grounds Maintenance.

Education
- In 2017, 14% of Roxbury's residents were enrolled in college or university, slightly lower than 16% of Boston's residents.
- 22% of Roxbury's adult residents had at least a Bachelor's degree, compared to 47% of Boston's adult residents.

Income
- In 2017, the median household income in Roxbury was $27,721, lower than $62,021 throughout Boston.

Place
Households and Dorms
- In 2017, 92% of Roxbury's residents lived in households, 57% of which were families.
- The remaining population lived in college dormitories or other institutions.

Rents and Owners
- In 2017, 80% of Roxbury's 19,406 housing units were renter-occupied.
- In FY2018, 56% of Roxbury's 1,383 condominiums were owner-occupied.3
- The median rent was $810 throughout Roxbury, significantly lower than $1,445 throughout Boston.

Vehicles
- In 2017, 55% of Roxbury's households had at least one vehicle, compared to 66% of Boston's households.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in Roxbury was 0.91, compared to Boston's ratio of 0.95.

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