Historical Trends in Mattapan

- The population of Mattapan remained about the same over the past decades, although the number of occupied housing units grew by 3% since 2000.
- The foreign-born population of Mattapan grew from 32% in 2000 to 35% in 2015.
- The Hispanic share of Mattapan’s population grew from 7% in 2000 to 16% in 2015.
- In 1970, Mattapan’s Black/African-American residents accounted for 20% of the total population. By 2015, more than half of the population was Black/African-American.
- Between 2000 and 2015, there was a 50% increase in the elderly population (ages 65 years and older).
- The number of payroll jobs in Mattapan has grown by 8% since 2011.

The Future for Mattapan

- Mattapan’s population will likely remain stable with only 211 new units of housing approved between 2010 and 2016.

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

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**People**

**Population Growth**
- Mattapan had 24,268 residents in 2015, 4% of Boston’s population.¹
- Mattapan experienced little growth between 2000 to 2015, compared to Boston’s 10% growth rate.

**Age Distribution**
- Only 24% of Mattapan’s residents are between the ages 18 and 34, relatively low compared to 40% of Boston’s residents.
- Mattapan has a higher share of 35 to 64 years old (41%) compared to Boston as a whole (34%).

**Economy**

**Jobs**
- Mattapan had 2,062 jobs in 2014, 50% of which were in Health Care, Social Assistance and Retail Trade.²
- Mattapan is a primarily residential neighborhood with only 0.2 payroll jobs per resident worker and less than 1% of the city’s payroll jobs.

**Labor Force**
- Mattapan’s labor force had 13,590 people in 2015, 4% of Boston’s resident labor force.
- 69% of Mattapan’s residents ages 16 and older participated in the labor force, roughly the same as Boston’s participation rate of 68%.
- The top occupations of Mattapan’s residents in 2015: Health Care, Social Assistance, and Retail Trade.

**Education**
- In 2015, only 6% of Mattapan residents were enrolled in college or university, compared to 17% of all Boston residents.
- Only 16% of Mattapan’s residents ages 25 and older have obtained a bachelor’s degree or higher.

**Income**
- In 2015, the median household income in Mattapan was $43,256, lower than the Boston median of $55,777.

**Place**

**Households**
- More than 95% of Mattapan’s residents live in households, 68% of which are families.
- The remaining Mattapan population lives in college dorms or other institutions.

**Renters and Owners**
- In 2015, Mattapan had 446 condos, 55% of which were owner occupied.³
- The median rent in Mattapan was $1,217, compared to $1,320 for Boston as a whole.

**Vehicles**
- 73% of Mattapan households in 2015 had a motor vehicle, compared to 65% of all Boston households.
- The ratio of vehicles to households in Mattapan was 1.04 in 2015. Compared to the city as a whole 0.91 ratio.

¹ The Mattapan population, compared to 23% for the city as a whole.

² Mattapan’s Black/African-American residents represent 74% of Mattapan’s population, compared to Boston as a whole (34%).

³ Mattapan had 2,062 jobs in 2014, 50% of which were in Health Care, Social Assistance and Retail Trade, compared to Boston’s 10% growth rate.