Trends

Historical Trends in West Roxbury

- The share of the Hispanic population increased from 5% in 2000 to 10% in 2017.
- From 2000 to 2017, the share of owner-occupied housing units has remained at 65%.
- Households with at least one vehicle increased from 86% in 2000 to 90% in 2017.
- The share of the foreign-born population increased from 17% in 2000 to 21% in 2017.

The Future for West Roxbury

- West Roxbury is poised to continue growing slowly, with 324 housing units approved for construction between 2014 and 2018.
- 1,227 new housing units were built in West Roxbury between 2011 and 2018.

![BPDA Board-Approved Development (In Thousands of Feet²)](chart1)

- **BPDA Board-Approved Development (In Thousands of Feet²)**
  - 2014: 36
  - 2015: 202
  - 2016: 299
  - 2017: 105
  - 2018: 75

![BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units](chart2)

- **BPDA Board-Approved Housing Units**
  - 2014: 218
  - 2015: 77
  - 2016: 29
  - 2017: 29
  - 2018: 29
People

Population
• According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey, West Roxbury had 33,930 residents, 5% of Boston’s population. 1

Age Distribution
• 42% of West Roxbury’s residents were adults (35-64), compared to 34% of Boston’s residents.
• 22% of West Roxbury’s residents were children (0-17), compared to 16% of Boston’s residents.

Economy

Jobs
• In 2015, West Roxbury had 6,656 payroll jobs, 26% of which were in Healthcare and Social Assistance. 2
• West Roxbury had 0.35 payroll jobs for every resident worker, 1% of the payroll jobs in Boston.

Labor Force
• In 2017, West Roxbury’s resident labor force had 18,820 workers, 5% of Boston’s resident labor force.
• 69% of West Roxbury’s residents participated in the labor force, same as Boston’s labor force participation rate.
• The top occupations among residents in 2017: Management, Office and Administrative Support, and Sales.

Education
• In 2017, 7% of West Roxbury’s residents were enrolled in college or university, lower than 16% of Boston’s residents.
• 39% of West Roxbury’s residents had at least a Bachelor’s degree, compared to 47% of Boston’s adult residents.

Income
• In 2017, the median household income in West Roxbury was $80,804, higher than $62,021 throughout Boston.

Place

Households
• In 2017, 64% of West Roxbury’s households were families, compared to 48% of Boston’s households.

West Roxbury & Boston Residents by Age

West Roxbury & Boston Residents by Race

Diversity
• In 2017, 21% of West Roxbury’s residents were foreign-born, compared to 28% of Boston’s residents.
• 69% of West Roxbury’s residents identified as Non-Hispanic White, higher than 45% of Boston’s residents.

Renters and Owners
• In 2017, 53% of West Roxbury’s 13,757 housing units were renter-occupied.
• In FY2018, 61% of West Roxbury’s 1,921 condominiums were owner-occupied. 3
• The median rent was $1,412 throughout West Roxbury, similar to $1,445 throughout Boston.

West Roxbury Occupied Housing Units

Vehicles
• In 2017, 90% of West Roxbury’s households had at least one vehicle, compared to 66% of Boston’s households.
• The ratio of vehicles to households in West Roxbury was 1.2, higher than Boston’s ratio of 0.95.

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