

Boston at a Glance - 2023

POPULATION

Population Count - Census 2020

Reported Census Counted Population	675,647
Additional Group Quarters Population Not Counted in the Census	-6,500

Sex Distribution - Census 2020

Total Population	675,647
Male	319,326 47.3%
Female	356,321 52.7%

Age Distribution - Census 2020

Total Population	675,647
< 5	30,712 4.5%
5 to 17	71,099 10.5%
18 to 24	113,663 16.8%
25 to 29	93,886 13.9%
30 to 39	117,548 17.4%
40 to 49	65,636 9.7%
50 to 59	67,335 10.0%
> 60	115,768 17.1%

Race & Ethnicity - Census 2020

Total Population	675,647
White Only	318,101 47.1%
Black or African American Only	138,870 20.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native Only	2,824 0.4%
Asian Only	76,021 11.3%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Only	356 0.1%
Hispanic Only*	126,113 18.7%
Other Race	68,274 10.1%
Two or More Races	71,201 10.5%

Nativity - 5YR ACS 2017-2021

Total Population	672,814
Native	483,673 71.9%
Foreign-Born	189,141
U.S. Citizen by Naturalization	96,713 14.4%
Not a U.S. Citizen	92,428 13.7%

Marital Status - 5YR ACS 2017-2021

Total Population (15 Years and Over)	584,115
Never Married	325,580 55.7%
Married	195,038 33.4%
Divorced or Widowed	63,497 10.9%

Top 5 Languages Other than English Spoken at Home - 5YR ACS 2017-2021

Total Population (5 Years and Over)	640,824
Spanish	105,103 16.4%
French, Haitian, or Cajun	30,394 4.7%
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	27,676 4.3%
Vietnamese	9,569 1.5%
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages	6,207 1.0%

English Proficiency - 5YR ACS 2017-2021

Total Population (5 Years and Over)	640,824
Speak Only English at Home	406,391 63.4%
Speak Another Language at Home	234,433 36.6%
Speak English "Very Well"	127,267 54.3%
Speak English "Less than Very Well"	107,166 45.7%

E D U C A T I O N

Educational Attainment - 5YR ACS 2017-2021

Total Population (25 Years and Over)	466,959
Less than High School	55,289 11.8%
High School Graduate	86,412 18.5%
Some College or Associate's Degree	81,809 17.5%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	243,449 52.1%

Boston Public School Enrollment - BPS 2022-2023

Total Students Enrolled	46,001
Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5	22,452 48.8%
Grade 6 to Grade 8	8,971 19.5%
Grade 9 to Grade 12	14,578 31.7%

College & University Enrollment - 2022-2023

Total Students Enrolled in Boston Institutions	159,720
Undergraduate Programs	93,983 58.8%
Programs beyond a Bachelor's Degree	65,737 41.2%

Sources:

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, BPDA Research Division Analysis.

U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census, BPDA Research Division Analysis.

U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis.

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

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HOUSING

Housing Units - Census 2020			
Total Housing Units	301,702		
Occupied	279,495		
Owner-Occupied	89,445	29.6%	
Renter-Occupied	190,050	63.0%	
Vacant	22,207	7.4%	
Household Type - Census 2020			
Total Households	279,495		
Family Households	128,499	46.0%	
Non-Family Households	150,996	54.0%	
Household Size - Census 2020			
Total Occupied Housing Units	279,495		
1-Person Household	100,550	36.0%	
2-Person Household	90,901	32.5%	
3-Person Household	41,511	14.9%	
4-or-More Person Household	46,533	16.6%	
Migration - 5YR ACS 2017-2021			
Total Population (1 Year and Over)	666,462		
Same Residence (Non-Movers)	536,415	80.5%	
Moved within Suffolk County	58,562	8.8%	
Moved from Different County within Massachusetts	29,139	4.4%	
Moved from Different State	30,114	4.5%	
Moved from Abroad	12,232	1.8%	
BPDA Board Approved Projects in 2022 - BPDA			
Net Residential Units	2,647		
Net On-site Income Restricted Housing Units	1,168		
Net Total Square Feet	9.1 million		

INCOME & POVERTY LEVEL

Income (In 2021 Inflation-adjusted Dollars) - 5YR ACS 2017-2021			
Per Capita Income	\$	50,344	
Median Household Income	\$	81,744	
Median Family Income	\$	95,750	
Median Non-Family Income	\$	65,787	
Population Below Poverty Level - 5YR ACS 2017-2021			
Poverty Rate			16.50%
Child Poverty Rate (Population Under 18 Years)			23.30%
LABOR FORCE			
Labor Force Participation - 5YR ACS 2017-2021			
Residents in Labor Force (16 Years and Over)		402,939	
Men in Labor Force		198,746	49.3%
Women in Labor Force		204,193	50.7%
Residents Labor Force Participation Rate (16 Years and Over)			69.7%
Participation Rate for Men			72.2%
Participation Rate for Women			67.4%
Transportation Means to Work - 5YR ACS 2017-2021			
Workers (16 Years and Over)		365,746	
Car, Truck or Van		151,856	41.5%
Public Transit		102,376	28.0%
Taxicab or Motorcycle		2,079	0.6%
Walked or Bicycle		59,930	16.4%
Other, or Work at Home		49,505	13.5%
Travel Time to Work - 5YR ACS 2017-2021			
Workers (16 Years and Over, Except Work at Home)		320,765	
0-29 Minutes		150,305	46.9%
30-59 Minutes		134,337	41.9%
60+ Minutes		36,123	11.3%

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