

Boston at a Glance - 2025

P O P U L A T I O N		
Total Population	716,314	
Sex Distribution - 2025		
Total Population	716,314	
Male	338,314	47.2%
Female	378,000	52.8%
Age Distribution - 2025		
Total Population	716,314	
< 5	28,791	4.0%
5 to 17	65,426	9.1%
18 to 24	129,760	18.1%
25 to 29	94,557	13.2%
30 to 39	130,080	18.2%
40 to 49	71,540	10.0%
50 to 59	66,913	9.3%
> 60	129,973	18.1%
Race & Ethnicity - 2025		
Total Population	716,314	
White Alone	323,663	45.2%
Black or African American Alone	132,045	18.4%
Hispanic Alone*	131,195	18.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander Alone	84,398	11.8%
Two or More Races	34,329	4.8%
Some Other Race Alone	9,657	1.3%
American Indian Alone	1,025	0.1%
Nativity - 2025		
Total Population	716,358	
Native Born	521,063	72.7%
Foreign-Born	195,295	
U.S. Citizen by Naturalization	101,403	14.2%
Not a U.S. Citizen	93,892	13.1%

Sources:

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

City of Boston Planning Department Research Division 2025 Population Estimates

Boston Mayor's Office of Housing

Marital Status - 2025		
Total Population (15 Years and Over)	639,282	
Never Married	355,817	55.7%
Married	212,236	33.2%
Divorced or Widowed	71,229	11.1%
Top 5 Languages Other than English Spoken at Home - 2025		
Total Population (5 Years and Over)	687,567	
Spanish	103,010	15.0%
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	30,680	4.5%
Haitian	19,391	2.8%
Vietnamese	9,949	1.4%
Kabuverdianu	9,224	1.3%
English Proficiency - 2025		
Total Population (5 Years and Over)	687,567	
Speak Only English at Home	444,501	64.6%
Speak Another Language at Home	243,054	35.3%
Speak English "Very Well"	137,227	20.0%
Speak English "Less than Very Well"	105,826	15.4%

E D U C A T I O N

Educational Attainment - 2025		
Total Population (25 Years and Over)	492,336	
Less than High School	53,159	10.8%
High School Graduate	86,963	17.7%
Some College or Associate's Degree	77,792	15.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	274,414	55.7%
Boston Public School Enrollment - SY 2024-2025		
Total Students Enrolled	46,094	
Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5	22,445	48.7%
Grade 6 to Grade 8	9,005	19.5%
Grade 9 to Grade 12	14,644	31.8%
College & University Enrollment - University Accountability Ordinance 2024		
Total Students Enrolled in Boston Institutions	162,458	
Undergraduate Programs	97,532	60.0%
Programs beyond a Bachelor's Degree	64,926	40.0%

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

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HOUSING

Housing Units - 2025		
Total Housing Units	318,477	
Occupied	294,981	92.6%
Owner-Occupied	104,503	32.8%
Renter-Occupied	190,478	59.8%
Vacant	23,496	7.4%
Household Type - 2025		
Total Households	294,981	
Family Households	132,241	44.8%
Non-Family Households, Householder living alone	110,683	37.5%
Non-Family Households, Householder not living alone	52,056	17.6%
Average Household Size - 2025		
Average Household Size	2.16	
Housing by Bedrooms - 2025		
Total Housing Units	318,477	
0-1 Bedrooms	106,805	33.5%
2 Bedrooms	108,371	34.0%
3+ Bedrooms	103,301	32.4%
Housing Supply Increase in 2024 - Mayor's Office of Housing		
Net Residential Units	2,534	
Net Income-Restricted Units	782	

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INCOME & POVERTY LEVEL

Household Income in the Past 12 Months (In 2023 Inflation-adjusted Dollars) - 2025		
Total Households	294,981	
Less than \$25,000	57,986	19.7%
\$25,000 to \$74,999	66,660	22.6%
\$75,000 to \$149,999	74,882	25.4%
\$150,000 or more	95,482	32.4%
Poverty Rates - 2025		
Overall Poverty Rate		17.7%
Child Poverty Rate (Population Under 18 Years)		21.9%

LABOR FORCE

Labor Force Participation - 2025		
Residents in Labor Force (16 Years and Over)	439,605	
Men in Labor Force	210,052	47.8%
Women in Labor Force	229,553	52.2%
Resident Labor Force Participation Rate (16 Years and Over)		69.4%
Participation Rate for Men		70.9%
Participation Rate for Women		68.0%
Transportation Means to Work - 2025		
Workers (16 Years and Over)	413,981	
Car, Truck or Van	155,268	37.5%
Public Transit	101,243	24.5%
Walked	61,558	14.9%
Taxi, Bicycle, Motorbike, or Other	17,102	4.1%
Work at Home	78,805	19.0%
Travel Time to Work - 2025		
Workers (16 Years and Over, Except Work at Home)	335,175	
0-14 Minutes	52,352	15.6%
15-29 Minutes	113,870	34.0%
30-59 Minutes	133,626	39.9%
60+ Minutes	35,302	10.5%