

Boston at a Glance - 2024

P O P U L A T I O N

Population Count - Census 2020		
Reported Census Counted Population	675,647	
Additional Group Quarters Population Not Counted in the Census	~6,300	
Adjusted Total Population	681,937	
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 2018-2022		
Total Population	665,945	
Native	479,107	71.9%
Foreign-Born	186,838	
U.S. Citizen by Naturalization	98,831	14.8%
Not a U.S. Citizen	88,007	13.2%

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, 2018-2022 American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis.
 Boston Mayor's Office of Housing, BPDA Research Division Analysis

Marital Status - 5YR ACS 2018-2022

Total Population (15 Years and Over)	578,190	
Never Married	320,131	55.4%
Married	194,347	33.6%
Divorced or Widowed	63,712	11.0%

Top 5 Languages Other than English Spoken at Home - 5YR ACS 2018-2022

Total Population (5 Years and Over)	634,517	
Spanish	101,999	16.1%
French, Haitian, or Cajun	27,919	4.4%
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	26,382	4.2%
Vietnamese	8,677	1.4%
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages	6,077	1.0%

English Proficiency - 5YR ACS 2018-2022

Total Population (5 Years and Over)	634,517	
Speak Only English at Home	406,045	64.0%
Speak Another Language at Home	228,472	36.0%
Speak English "Very Well"	126,333	55.3%
Speak English "Less than Very Well"	102,139	44.7%

E D U C A T I O N

Educational Attainment - 5YR ACS 2018-2022

Total Population (25 Years and Over)	465,128	
Less than High School	54,088	11.6%
High School Graduate	84,201	18.1%
Some College or Associate's Degree	78,623	16.9%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	248,216	53.4%

Boston Public School Enrollment - BPS 2023-2024

Total Students Enrolled	45,742	
Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5	22,501	49.2%
Grade 6 to Grade 8	8,672	19.0%
Grade 9 to Grade 12	14,569	31.9%

College & University Enrollment - Mayor's Office of Housing 2022

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

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

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HOUSING

Housing Units - 1YR ACS 2022		
Total Housing Units	307,836	
Occupied	284,061	
Owner-Occupied	99,026	32.2%
Renter-Occupied	185,035	60.1%
Vacant	23,775	7.7%
Household Type - 1YR ACS 2022		
Total Households	284,061	
Family Households	131,506	46.3%
Non-Family Households	152,555	53.7%
Household Size - 1YR ACS 2022		
Total Occupied Housing Units	284,061	
1-Person Household	105,383	37.1%
2-Person Household	92,932	32.7%
3-Person Household	45,037	15.9%
4-or-More Person Household	40,709	14.3%
Migration - 5YR ACS 2018-2022		
Total Population (1 Year and Over)	659,664	
Same Residence (Non-Movers)	530,250	80.4%
Moved within Suffolk County	57,131	8.7%
Moved from Different County within Massachusetts	28,730	4.4%
Moved from Different State	31,694	4.8%
Moved from Abroad	11,859	1.8%
Housing Supply Increase in 2023 - Mayor's Office of Housing		
Net Residential Units	3,632	
Net Income-Restricted Units	887	

INCOME & POVERTY LEVEL

Income (In 2022 Inflation-adjusted Dollars) - 5YR ACS 2018-2022		
Per Capita Income	\$	55,949
Median Household Income	\$	89,212
Median Family Income	\$	106,015
Median Non-Family Income	\$	72,297
Population Below Poverty Level - 5YR ACS 2018-2022		
Poverty Rate		17.50%
Child Poverty Rate (Population Under 18 Years)		22.50%

LABOR FORCE

Labor Force Participation - 5YR ACS 2018-2022		
Residents in Labor Force (16 Years and Over)	399,084	
Men in Labor Force	195,430	49.0%
Women in Labor Force	203,654	51.0%
Residents Labor Force Participation Rate (16 Years and Over)		69.7%
Participation Rate for Men		71.8%
Participation Rate for Women		67.9%

Transportation Means to Work - 5YR ACS 2018-2022

Workers (16 Years and Over)	363,537	
Car, Truck or Van	146,411	40.3%
Public Transit	93,458	25.7%
Walked or Bicycle	58,502	16.1%
Other, or Work at Home	65,166	17.9%

Travel Time to Work - 5YR ACS 2018-2022

Workers (16 Years and Over, Except Work at Home)	305,002	
0-29 Minutes	145,470	47.7%
30-59 Minutes	125,613	41.2%
60+ Minutes	33,919	11.1%

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