



Characteristics of Boston and its Neighborhoods

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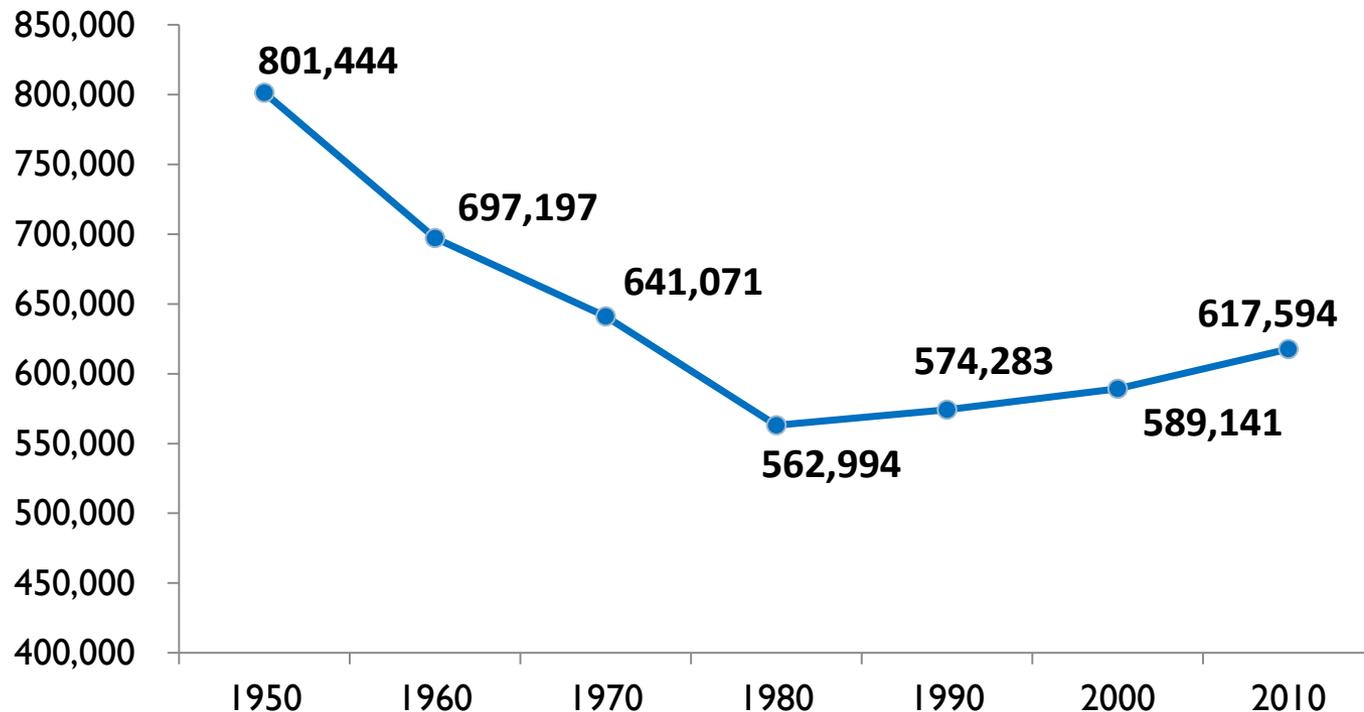


Changes in Boston



Boston is Growing

- Boston reached its population peak in 1950.
- Boston's population, like many major cities, declined after 1950.
- In recent decades, Boston's population has grown.
- The 2010 Census marked the first time since 1970 that Boston's population has been over 600,000.



Largest US Cities and Population Change

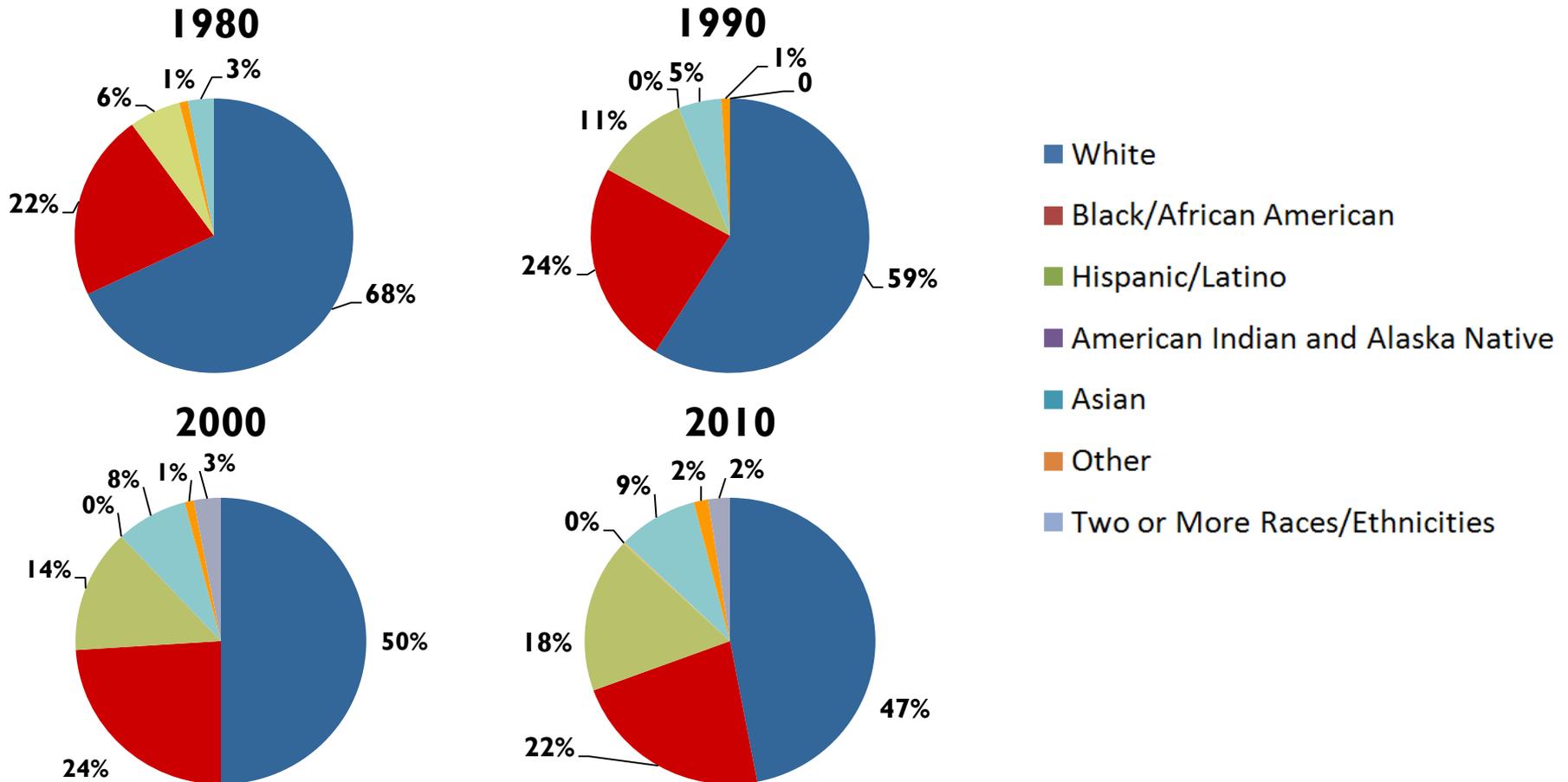
- Boston's population growth rate since 2000 was higher than the rates for New York and San Francisco.

City	Total Population		Population Change 2000-2010	
	2000	2010	N	%
Fort Worth (TX)	534,694	741,206	206,512	38.6%
Charlotte (NC)	540,828	731,424	190,596	35.2%
Austin (TX)	656,562	790,390	133,828	20.4%
San Antonio (TX)	1,144,646	1,327,407	182,761	16.0%
El Paso (TX)	563,662	649,121	85,459	15.2%
Jacksonville (FL)	735,617	821,784	86,167	11.7%
Columbus (OH)	711,470	787,033	75,563	10.6%
Nashville (TN)	545,524	601,222	55,698	10.2%
Phoenix (AZ)	1,321,045	1,445,632	124,587	9.4%
Seattle (WA)	563,374	608,660	45,286	8.0%
Houston (TX)	1,953,631	2,099,451	145,820	7.5%
San Diego (CA)	1,223,400	1,307,402	84,002	6.9%
San Jose (CA)	894,943	945,942	50,999	5.7%
Washington (DC)	572,059	601,723	29,664	5.2%
Indianapolis (IN)	781,870	820,445	38,575	4.9%
Boston (MA)	589,141	617,594	28,453	4.8%
San Francisco (CA)	776,733	805,235	28,502	3.7%
Los Angeles (CA)	3,694,820	3,792,621	97,801	2.6%
New York City (NY)	8,008,278	8,175,133	166,855	2.1%
Dallas (TX)	1,188,580	1,197,816	9,236	0.8%

Note: The table above shows the top 20 cities in population growth among the largest 25 cities in the United States.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, BRA Research Division Analysis

Boston is Diverse

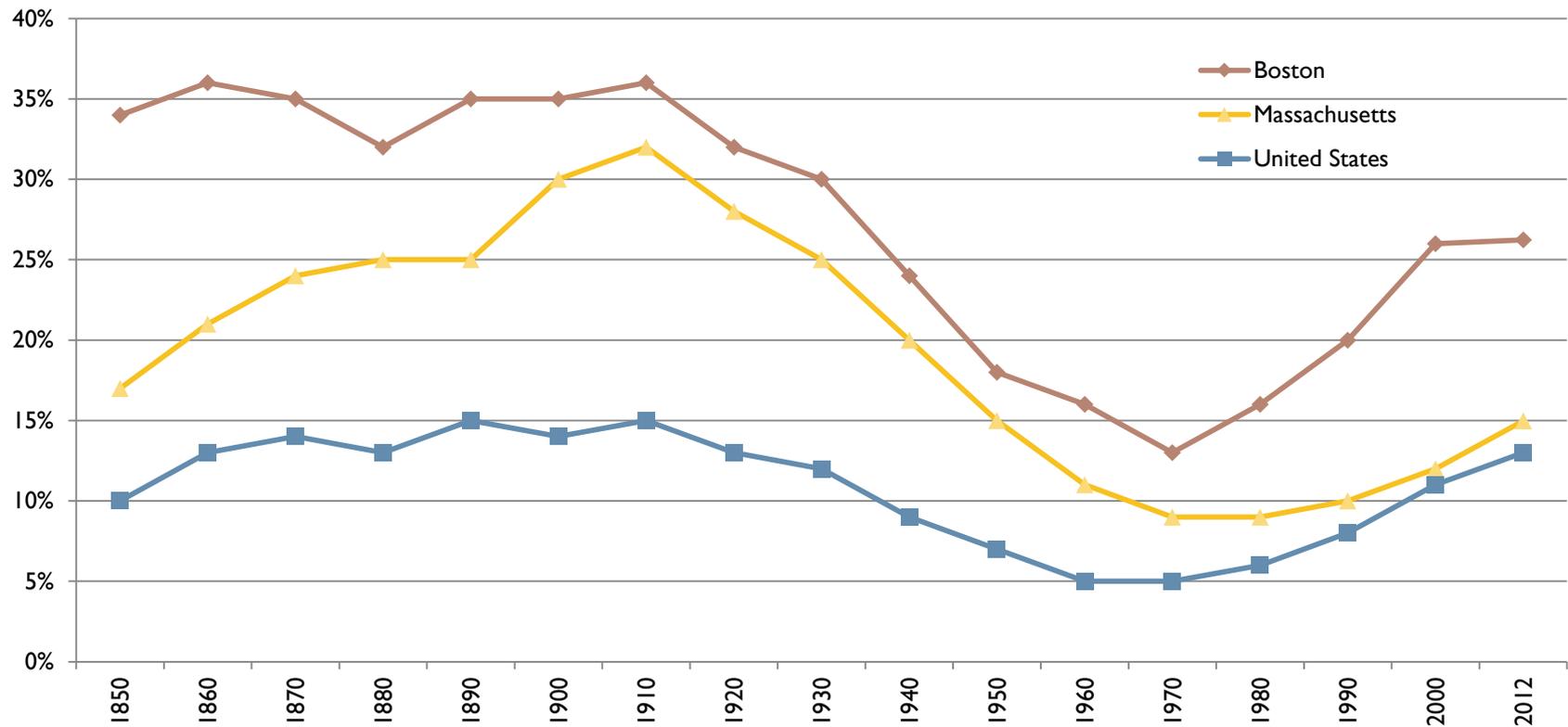
- Over the last several decades, the racial and ethnic composition of Boston has changed a great deal.
- In 1980, close to 70% of Boston's population was white. Today, just under half the population is white.
- The last two Census reports show Boston as a "majority-minority" city.



Note: 2000 was the first year the Census compiled data on individuals who identified themselves as "multiracial"
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, BRA Research Division Analysis.

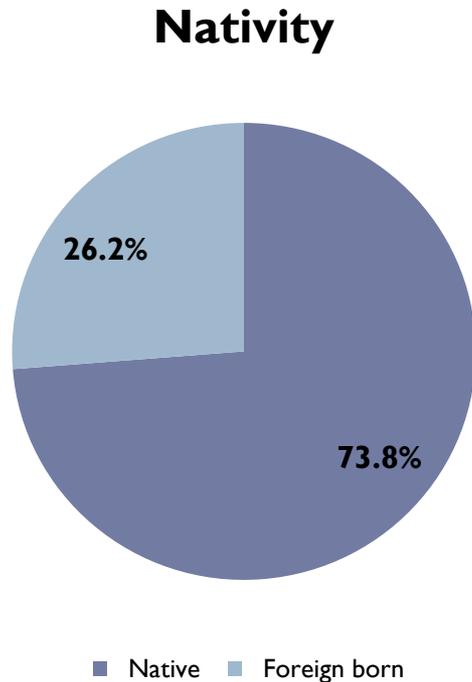
Foreign-Born Population

- Historically, Boston has had a greater proportion of foreign-born residents than both Massachusetts and the nation as a whole.
- Since the 1970s, the proportion of foreign-born residents in Boston has grown dramatically.



25 Largest US Cities by Foreign Born Population

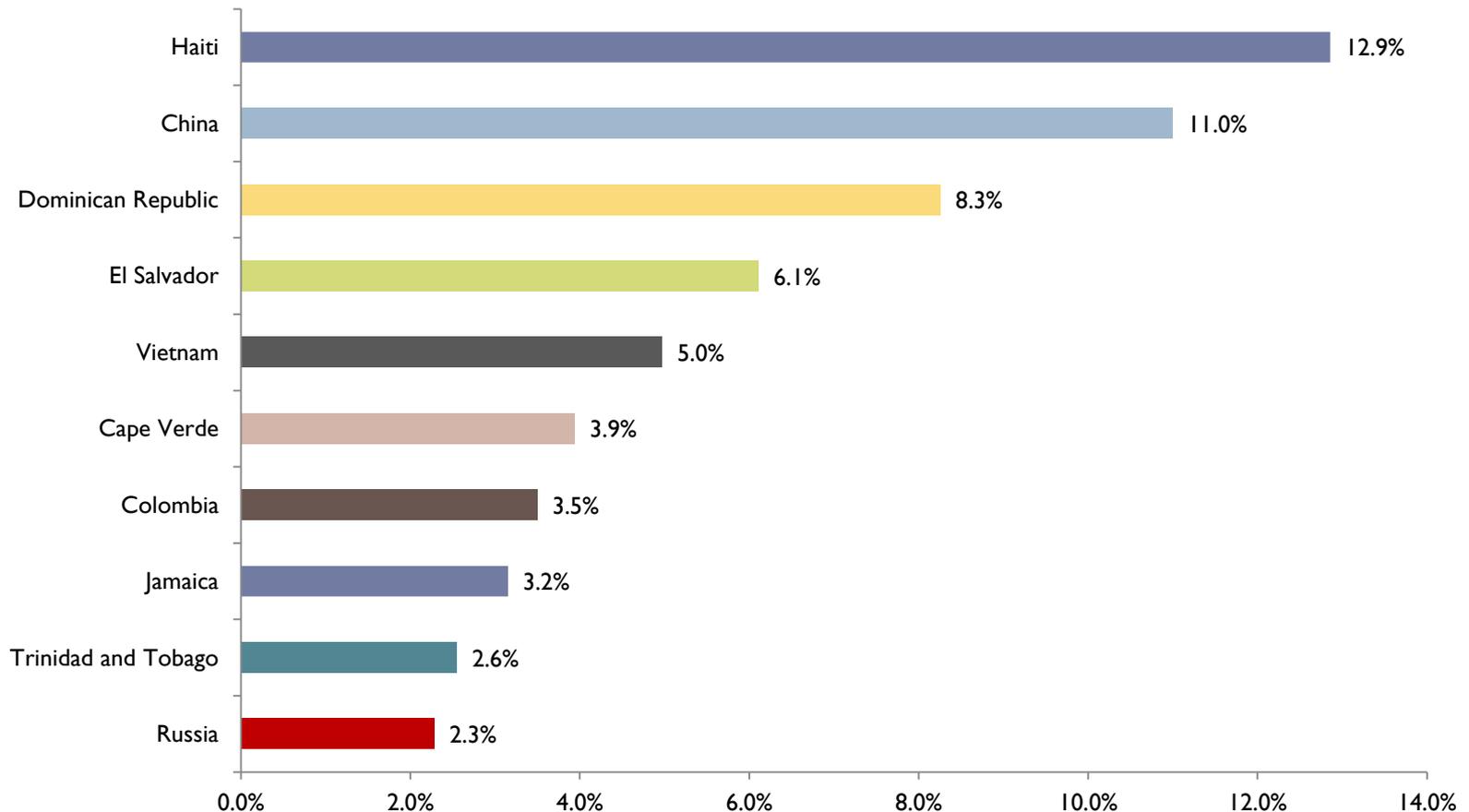
- Boston ranks 7th among the 25 largest cities in the US in proportion of the population that is foreign-born.



Foreign Born Rank	% Foreign Born	City	Population Rank
1	38.6%	Los Angeles, California	2
2	38.2%	San Jose, California	10
3	37.6%	New York, New York	1
4	35.9%	San Francisco, California	14
5	27.9%	Houston, Texas	4
6	26.4%	San Diego, California	8
7	26.2%	Boston, Massachusetts	21
8	24.2%	Dallas, Texas	9
9	24.1%	El Paso, Texas	19
10	21.4%	Chicago, Illinois	3
11	20.5%	Phoenix, Arizona	6
12	19.0%	Fort Worth, Texas	16
13	18.6%	Seattle, Washington	22
14	18.1%	Austin, Texas	11
15	15.5%	Charlotte, North Carolina	17
16	14.3%	Washington, District of Columbia	23
17	14.3%	San Antonio, Texas	7
18	12.0%	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	5
19	11.7%	Nashville, Tennessee	24
20	11.1%	Columbus, Ohio	15
21	9.5%	Jacksonville, Florida	12
22	8.0%	Indianapolis, Indiana	13
23	7.5%	Baltimore, Maryland	25
24	5.8%	Memphis, Tennessee	20
25	5.0%	Detroit, Michigan	18

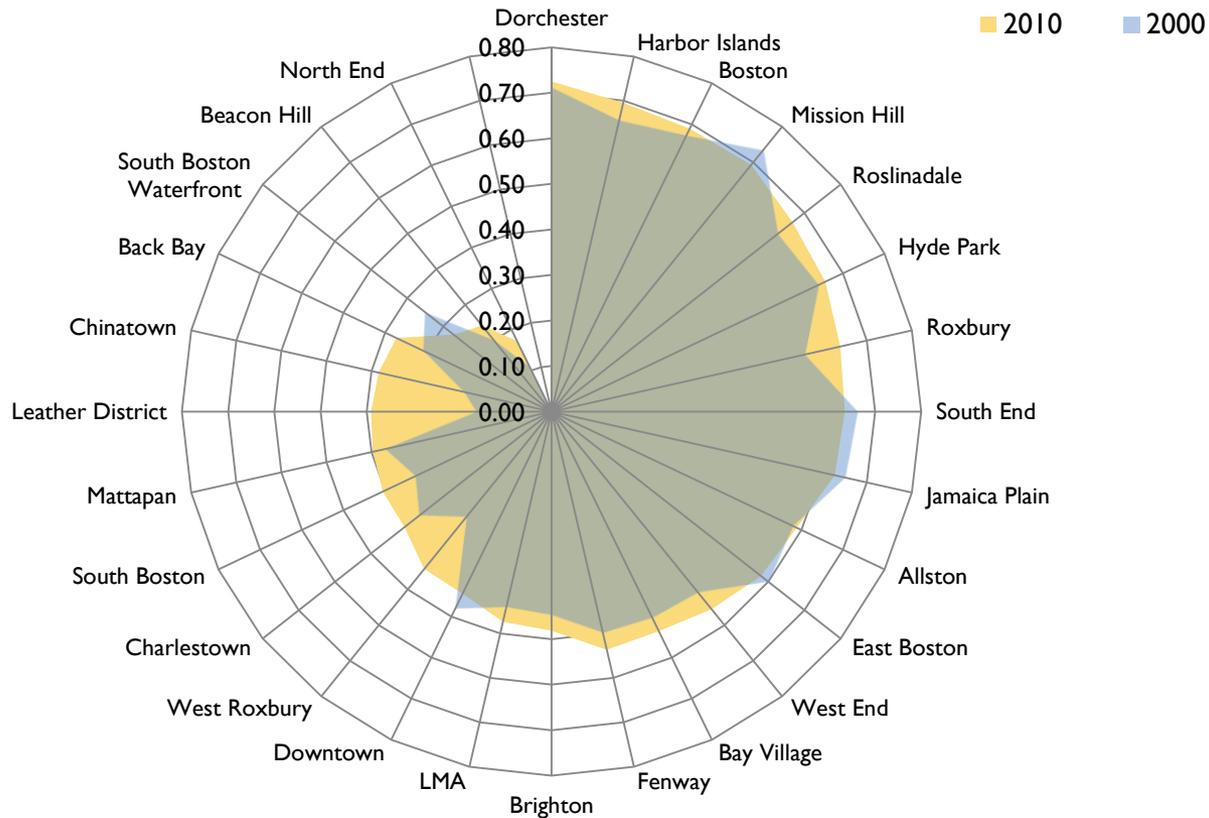
Countries of Origin

- Most of Boston's immigrants today come from the Caribbean, Latin America, and Asia.
- This plays a major factor in Boston being a “majority-minority” city.



Neighborhood District Diversity Index: 2000-2010

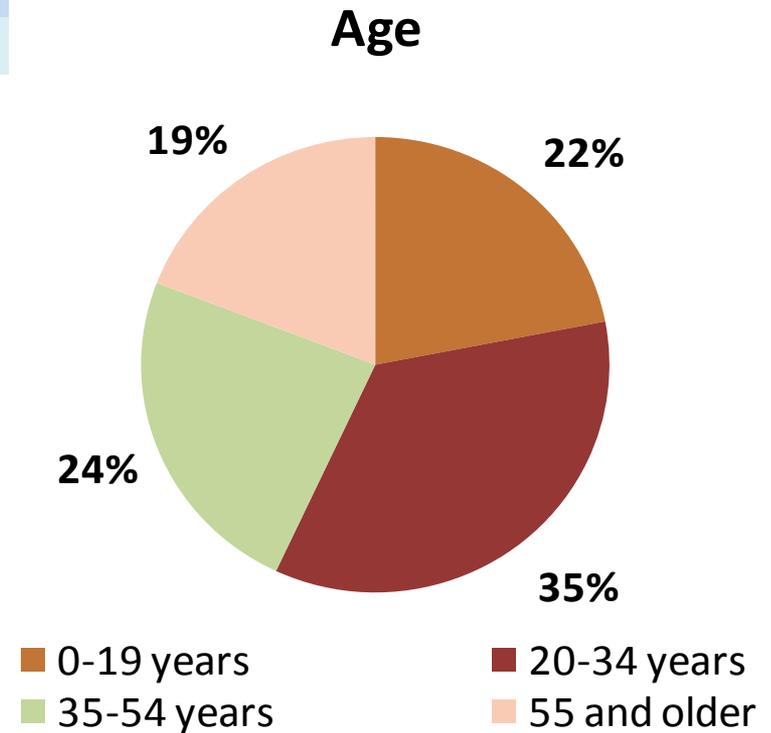
- Most of Boston's neighborhoods are more diverse today than in 2000.



Breakdown of Boston's Population by Age

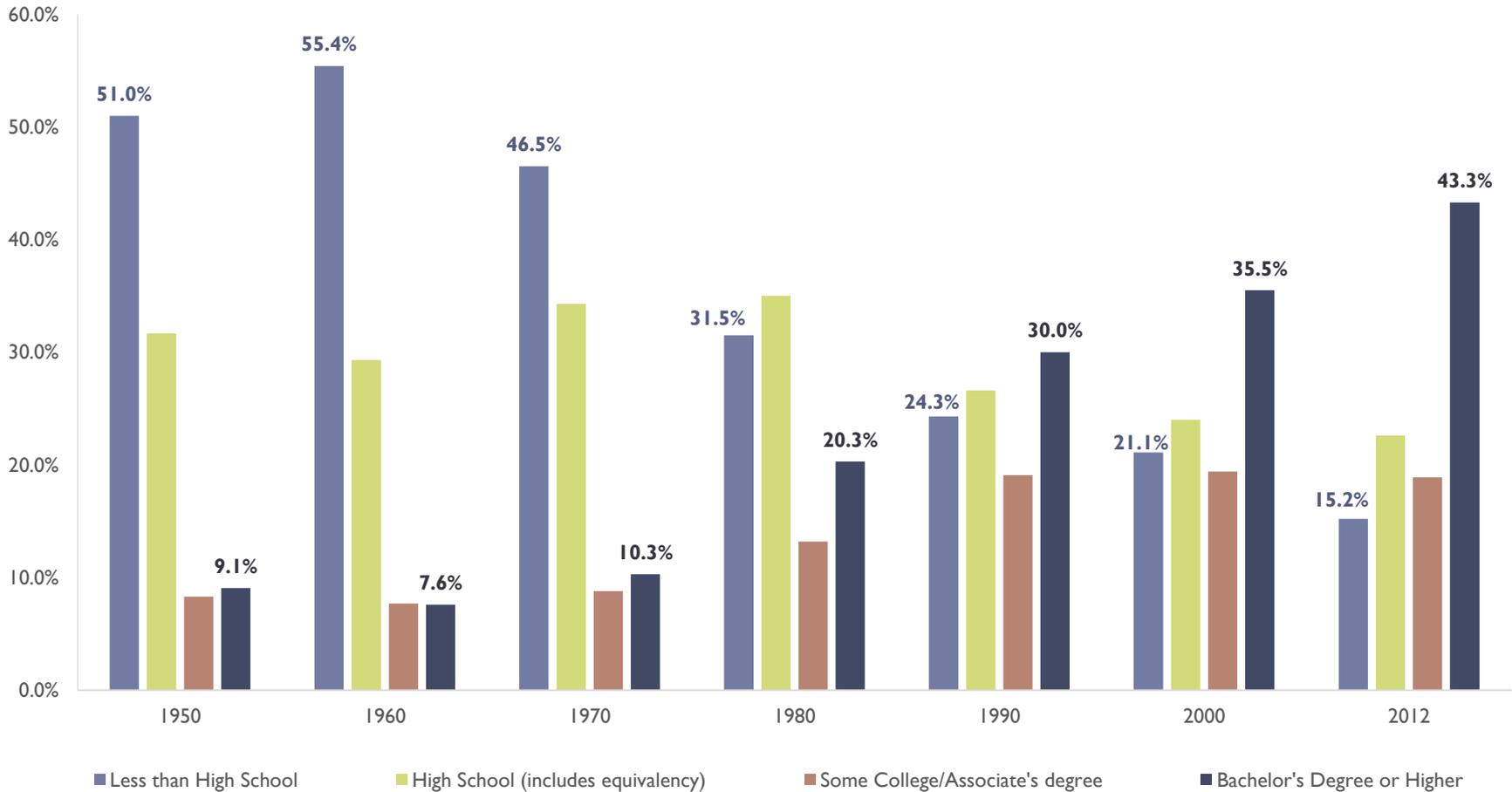
- Boston is a young city; currently it has the highest concentration of young adults (20-34) among the 25 largest cities in the US.

City	20 to 34-Year-Olds	% of Total Population	Location Quotient
Boston	216,213	35.0%	1.73
Austin	251,064	31.8%	1.57
Washington DC	188,855	31.4%	1.55
Atlanta	127,101	30.3%	1.49
Seattle	181,501	29.8%	1.47
San Francisco	228,738	28.4%	1.40
Chicago	738,578	27.4%	1.35
Dallas	314,728	26.3%	1.29
Houston	545,071	26.0%	1.28
Baltimore	160,024	25.8%	1.27
Philadelphia	392,776	25.7%	1.27
Los Angeles	953,443	25.1%	1.24
New York	2,035,030	24.9%	1.23
San Antonio	304,784	23.0%	1.13
Phoenix	330,885	22.9%	1.13



Note: The table above shows the top 15 cities in proportion of young adults among the largest 25 cities in the United States.
 Source: 2010 U.S. Census Bureau, BRA Research Division Analysis

Educational Attainment



*Note: 1950 percentages include only those who reported their educational attainment. 2012 data are for ages 25 and over. Previous years' ages vary depending on data collection.

Educational Attainment of the 25 Largest U.S. Cities

Rank	City	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
1	Seattle, Washington	34.5%	23.2%	57.7%
2	San Francisco, California	32.9%	20.7%	53.6%
3	Washington District of Columbia	23.0%	30.0%	53.0%
4	Austin, Texas	29.5%	15.9%	45.4%
5	Boston, Massachusetts	23.7%	19.6%	43.3%
6	San Diego, California	24.9%	17.0%	42.0%
7	Charlotte, North Carolina	27.4%	12.9%	40.3%
8	San Jose, California	23.5%	14.8%	38.2%
9	Nashville, Tennessee	23.1%	13.0%	36.2%
10	New York, New York	20.5%	14.1%	34.7%
11	Chicago, Illinois	20.6%	13.9%	34.5%
12	Columbus, Ohio	22.4%	11.6%	34.0%
13	Los Angeles, California	21.0%	10.4%	31.5%
14	Houston, Texas	18.6%	11.1%	29.7%
15	Dallas, Texas	18.6%	11.0%	29.6%
16	Indianapolis, Indiana	18.8%	9.6%	28.3%
17	Baltimore, Maryland	14.3%	12.6%	26.9%
18	Phoenix, Arizona	17.0%	9.7%	26.7%
19	Fort Worth, Texas	16.8%	9.0%	25.8%
20	Jacksonville, Florida	18.0%	7.6%	25.6%
21	San Antonio, Texas	15.2%	9.1%	24.3%
22	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	14.0%	10.3%	24.3%
23	Memphis, Tennessee	14.8%	9.0%	23.8%
24	El Paso, Texas	15.5%	7.3%	22.8%
25	Detroit, Michigan	7.8%	5.2%	13.0%

Note: This chart only includes those age 25 and over.
Source: 2012 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis.

Ages 0-24: Boston



0-24 Year-Olds in Boston

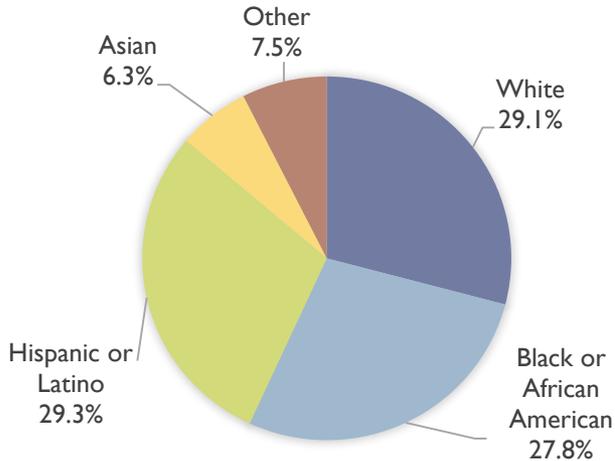
- There are 223,721 Bostonians between the ages of 0 and 24 representing 36.2% of the City's population.

Age Group	Total	% of Boston's population
0-24	223,721	36.2%
0-5	38,089	6.2%
6-17	65,621	10.6%
18-24	120,011	19.4%

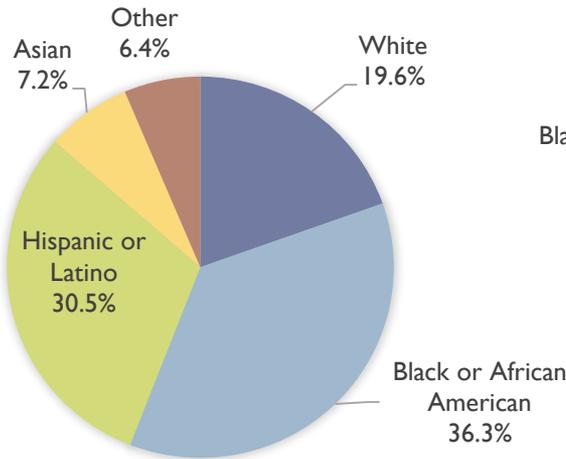
Race and Ethnicity, ages 0-24

- 70.9% of the 0-5 population is non-white.
- 80.4% of the 6-17 population is non-white.
- This trend changes with the 18-24 population where 55.5% is white.

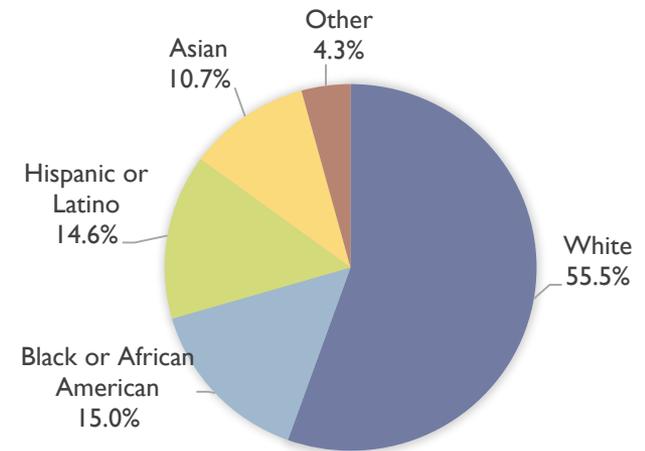
Age 0-5



Age 6-17



Age 18-24



Population Change, 2000-2010

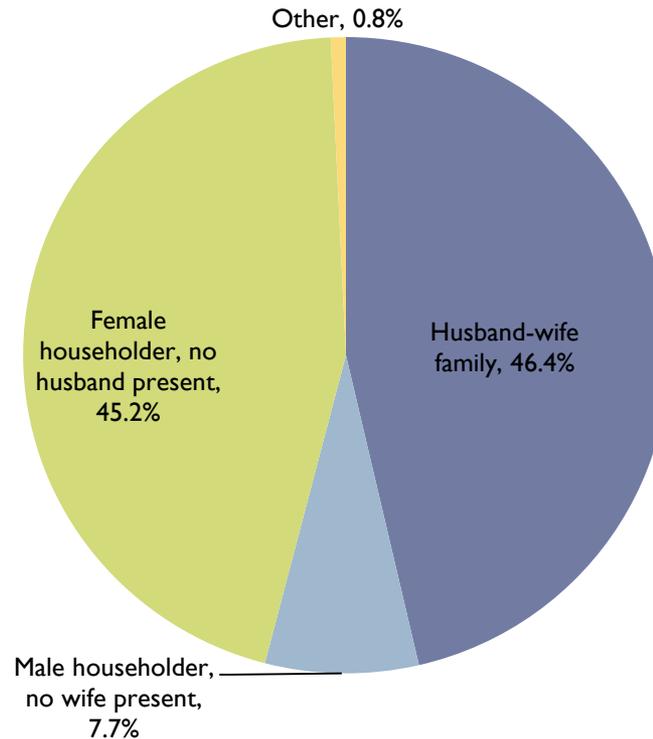
- The 0-24 population increased 9.1% from 2000 to 2010.

Age Group	2000	2010	% Change
0-24	205,061	223,721	9.1%
0-5	31,531	38,089	20.8%
6-17	78,054	65,621	-15.9%
18-24	95,476	120,011	25.7%

Household & Family Type

- There are 252,699 households in Boston.
 - 23.2% of these households have children age 0-17.

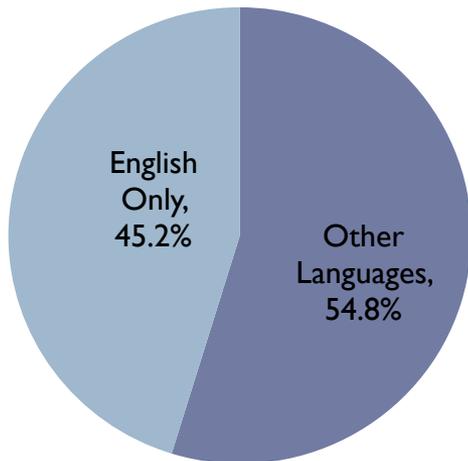
Households with Children



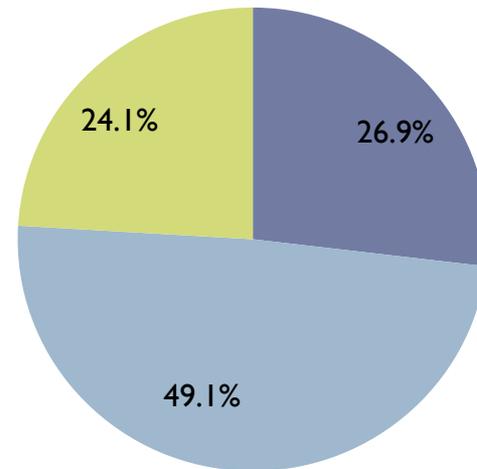
Language Spoken at Home

- 54.8% of households with children speak a language other than English at home.

Total Households with Children 0 to 17 Years

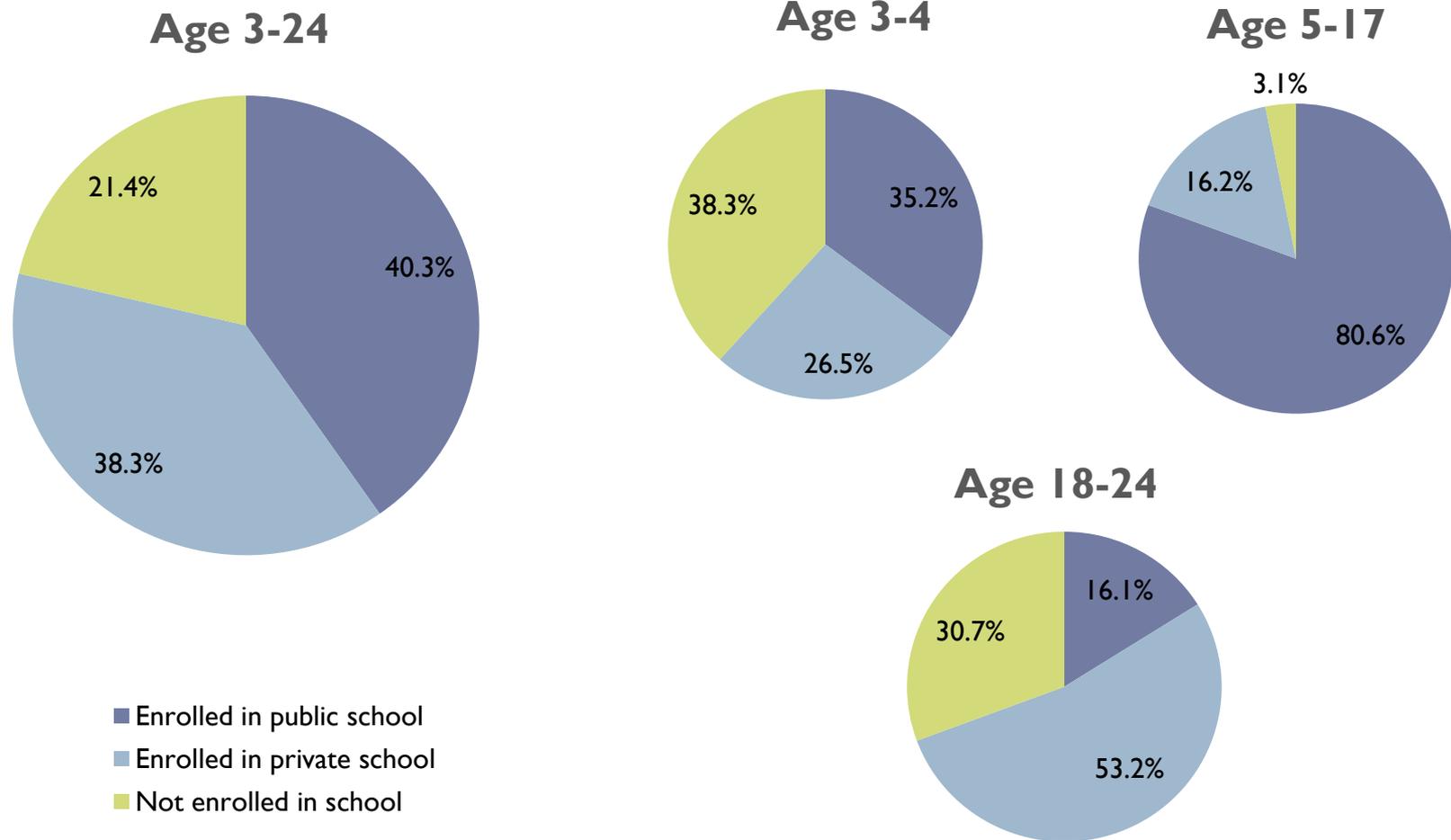


Households with Children Where the Language Spoken is Not English



- With children under 6 years only
- With children 6 to 17 years only
- With children under 6 years and 6 to 17 years

School Enrollment: Ages 3-24



Note: According to the U.S. Census Bureau, charter schools may be classified as either public or private. Read more here: <http://www2.census.gov/govs/school/11f33pub.pdf>.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey, BRA Research Division Analysis.

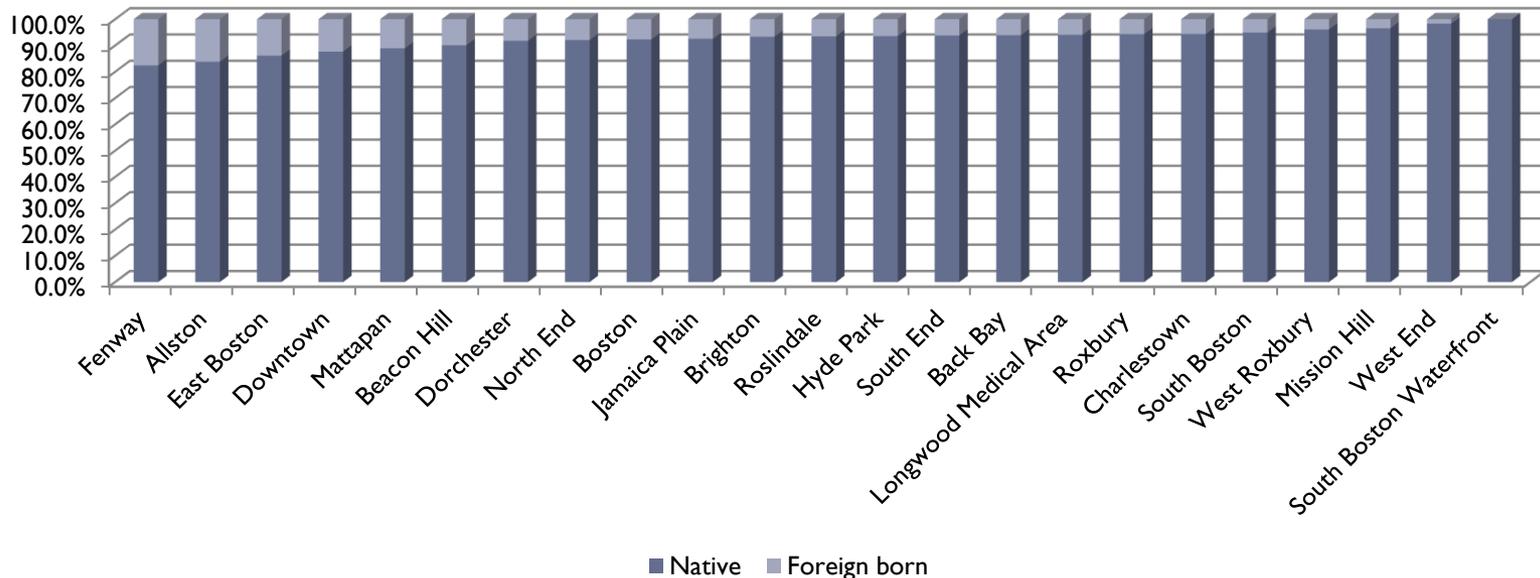
Ages 0-24: Neighborhoods



Nativity: Ages 0-17

- 7.7% of children in Boston are foreign-born.
 - However, 47.5% of children live with at least one foreign-born parent.
- Fenway has the highest percentage of foreign-born children, at 17.6%, followed by Allston with 16.2%.

Nativity of the Population Under 18 Years



0-24 in Poverty by Neighborhood

0 to 24 Year Olds in Poverty by Neighborhood	0 to 5 years	% of Boston's 0 to 5 year olds in poverty	Poverty rate	6 to 17 years	% of Boston's 6 to 17 year olds in poverty	Poverty rate	18 to 24 years	% of Boston's 18 to 24 year olds in poverty	Poverty rate
Boston	9,195	100.0%	24.0%	18,947	100.0%	29.2%	33,927	100.0%	39.9%
Allston	97	1.1%	24.0%	73	0.4%	20.6%	4,338	12.8%	64.4%
Back Bay	-	0.0%	0.0%	30	0.2%	7.0%	743	2.2%	50.5%
Beacon Hill	29	0.3%	6.3%	5	0.0%	0.9%	420	1.2%	30.7%
Brighton	337	3.7%	16.0%	345	1.8%	21.3%	5,005	14.8%	47.4%
Charlestown	598	6.5%	39.6%	759	4.0%	45.0%	176	0.5%	18.7%
Dorchester	2,740	29.8%	28.1%	5,928	31.3%	29.9%	3,992	11.8%	27.9%
Downtown	14	0.2%	2.2%	59	0.3%	11.4%	681	2.0%	45.7%
East Boston	782	8.5%	23.5%	976	5.2%	18.6%	904	2.7%	22.0%
Fenway	48	0.5%	35.3%	31	0.2%	14.4%	5,318	15.7%	70.6%
Harbor Islands	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	66	0.2%	71.7%
Hyde Park	180	2.0%	8.2%	619	3.3%	13.0%	503	1.5%	13.5%
Jamaica Plain	519	5.6%	20.6%	1,284	6.8%	33.4%	1,709	5.0%	42.4%
Longwood Medical Area	16	0.2%	30.8%	-	0.0%	0.0%	106	0.3%	76.3%
Mattapan	427	4.6%	30.7%	1,182	6.2%	27.7%	465	1.4%	20.7%
Mission Hill	111	1.2%	19.9%	630	3.3%	47.6%	3,203	9.4%	54.9%
North End	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	959	2.8%	45.6%
Roslindale	394	4.3%	16.4%	622	3.3%	19.0%	292	0.9%	12.8%
Roxbury	1,993	21.7%	51.9%	3,785	20.0%	48.7%	2,620	7.7%	40.3%
South Boston	536	5.8%	32.7%	1,547	8.2%	49.6%	749	2.2%	19.9%
South Boston Waterfront	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	25	0.1%	11.1%
South End	245	2.7%	13.9%	927	4.9%	38.1%	1,334	3.9%	41.9%
West End	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	232	0.7%	54.6%
West Roxbury	129	1.4%	5.0%	145	0.8%	4.1%	87	0.3%	4.6%

Note: “% of Boston’s population in poverty” (the second column in each age group) refers to the distribution of poverty by neighborhood within each age group. For example, of 0-5 year-olds in Boston in poverty, 1.1% live in Allston. Poverty rate, on the other hand, refers to the percent of a specific population who is at or below the federal poverty level. For example, 24% of 0-5 year-olds in Allston live at or below the poverty level. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey. BRA Research Division Analysis.

Age 0-24 by Neighborhood

0 to 24 Year Old Population by Neighborhood	Total Population	Population 0 to 24 years old	% of Total Population	0 to 5 year olds	% of 0 to 24 year olds	6 to 17 year olds	% of 0 to 24 year olds	18 to 24 year olds	% of 0 to 24 year olds
Boston	617,594	223,721	36.2%	38,089	17.0%	65,621	29.3%	120,011	53.6%
Allston	29,196	15,022	51.5%	725	4.8%	857	5.7%	13,440	89.5%
Back Bay	18,088	4,875	27.0%	619	12.7%	399	8.2%	3,857	79.1%
Bay Village	1,312	220	16.8%	29	13.2%	31	14.1%	160	72.7%
Beacon Hill	9,023	2,146	23.8%	350	16.3%	326	15.2%	1,470	68.5%
Brighton	45,801	16,876	36.8%	1,699	10.1%	2,149	12.7%	13,028	77.2%
Charlestown	16,439	3,871	23.5%	1,246	32.2%	1,439	37.2%	1,186	30.6%
Chinatown	4,444	1,245	28.0%	189	15.2%	373	30.0%	683	54.9%
Dorchester	114,235	43,163	37.8%	9,481	22.0%	19,346	44.8%	14,336	33.2%
Downtown	9,872	3,945	40.0%	253	6.4%	169	4.3%	3,523	89.3%
East Boston	40,508	13,761	34.0%	3,653	26.5%	5,372	39.0%	4,736	34.4%
Fenway	33,796	22,962	67.9%	325	1.4%	354	1.5%	22,283	97.0%
Harbor Islands	535	43	8.0%	4	9.3%	1	2.3%	38	88.4%
Hyde Park	30,637	10,280	33.6%	2,182	21.2%	5,004	48.7%	3,094	30.1%
Jamaica Plain	37,468	10,313	27.5%	2,580	25.0%	3,747	36.3%	3,986	38.7%
Leather District	639	80	12.5%	35	43.8%	13	16.3%	32	40.0%
Longwood Medical Area	3,785	3,272	86.4%	21	0.6%	35	1.1%	3,216	98.3%
Mattapan	22,600	7,860	34.8%	1,711	21.8%	3,841	48.9%	2,308	29.4%
Mission Hill	16,305	8,763	53.7%	617	7.0%	1,318	15.0%	6,828	77.9%
North End	10,131	2,429	24.0%	239	9.8%	225	9.3%	1,965	80.9%
Roslindale	28,680	8,892	31.0%	2,294	25.8%	4,116	46.3%	2,482	27.9%
Roxbury	48,454	20,527	42.4%	3,998	19.5%	8,044	39.2%	8,485	41.3%
South Boston	33,311	8,278	24.9%	1,685	20.4%	2,768	33.4%	3,825	46.2%
South Boston Waterfront	1,889	354	18.7%	48	13.6%	24	6.8%	282	79.7%
South End	24,577	5,304	21.6%	1,389	26.2%	1,716	32.4%	2,199	41.5%
West End	5,423	1,080	19.9%	208	19.3%	137	12.7%	735	68.1%
West Roxbury	30,446	8,160	26.8%	2,509	30.7%	3,817	46.8%	1,834	22.5%