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2005-2009 Estimate

Dorchester *Neighborhood**



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*These geographies are based on Zip Codes and zoning boundaries

About the American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an annual survey conducted by the US Census Bureau. The ACS asks a host of demographic, economic, and housing related questions that were historically associated with the now discontinued long-form of the Census.

The ACS is a sample of the total population. As a result, the data are subject to sampling error. All counts displayed in the ACS are **estimates** with a plus/minus factor for all counts and percentages. Additionally, because of the small sample sizes of the ACS, it is not possible to estimate characteristics for small geographies with the one-year data collections. In order to look at small areas within a city, such as neighborhoods, data users need to use the 5-year ACS estimates. The first 5-year estimates (2005-2009) for the ACS are now available and are the basis of this report. It is important to note that the 2005-2009 ACS data are not Census counts, but rather estimates of population characteristics. As a result, counts estimated in this report will not match those corresponding population counts observed in the 2010 Census.

Please note that subcategory percentages in this report reflect the percentage within the category it is associated with and not the percent within the total. Major categories are typically highlighted in red in this report. Subcategories are distinguished by indented text.

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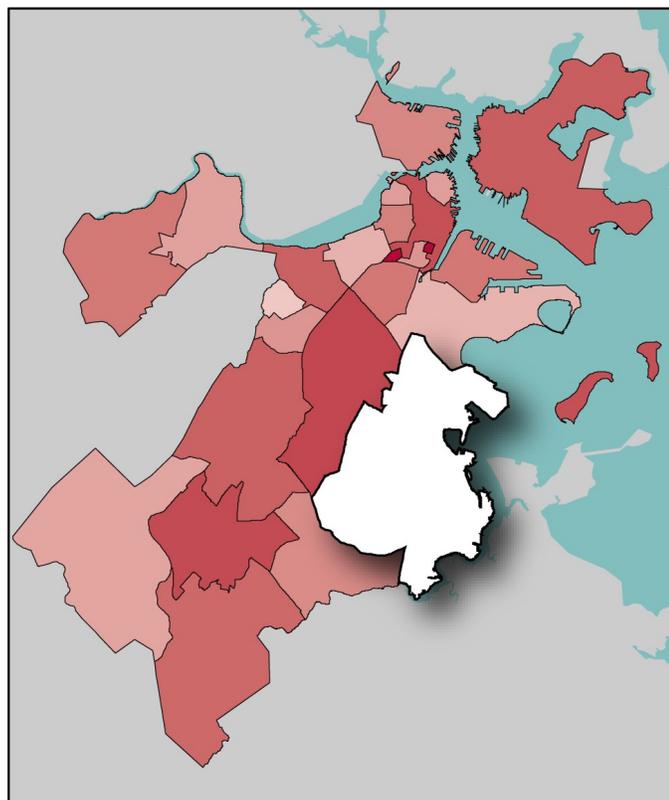


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Demographic Characteristics

Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	116,088	100.0%
Male	54,935	47.3%
Female	61,153	52.7%

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	116,088	100.0%
White alone	31,561	27.2%
Black or African American alone	48,127	41.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	371	0.3%
Asian alone	9,095	7.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	35	0.0%
Some other race alone	6,316	5.4%
Two or more races	2,262	1.9%
Hispanic or Latino	18,321	15.8%

**"Hispanic" is not considered a racial category by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. For this analysis, we removed people of Hispanic origin from each racial group and created a separate category of "Hispanic or Latino".*

Age

Age	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Total:	116,088	100.0%	40 to 44 years	7.4%
Under 5 years	8,737	7.5%	45 to 49 years	7.1%
5 to 9 years	8,004	6.9%	50 to 54 years	5.6%
10 to 14 years	8,329	7.2%	55 to 59 years	4.6%
15 to 17 years	6,126	5.3%	60 and 61 years	1.8%
18 and 19 years	3,417	2.9%	62 to 64 years	2.1%
20 years	1,694	1.5%	65 and 66 years	1.2%
21 years	1,896	1.6%	67 to 69 years	1.6%
22 to 24 years	4,841	4.2%	70 to 74 years	2.2%
25 to 29 years	11,057	9.5%	75 to 79 years	1.7%
30 to 34 years	9,745	8.4%	80 to 84 years	1.2%
35 to 39 years	8,179	7.0%	85 years and over	1.4%

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	116,088	100.0%
Native:	80,859	69.7%
Born in Massachusetts	61,336	75.9%
Born in other state in the United States:	15,510	19.2%
Northeast	5,853	37.7%
Midwest	1,666	10.7%
South	7,060	45.5%
West	931	6.0%
Born outside the United States:	4,013	5.0%
Puerto Rico	2,560	63.8%
U.S. Island Areas	211	5.3%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	1,242	30.9%
Foreign born:	35,229	30.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	16,702	47.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	18,527	52.6%

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the United States

Citizenship Status by Year of Entry in the US	Estimate	%
Total Population Born Outside the United States:	39,242	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	11,268	28.7%
Native*	935	8.3%
Foreign born:	10,333	91.7%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,616	15.6%
Not a U.S. citizen	8,717	84.4%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	12,282	31.3%
Native*	956	7.8%
Foreign born:	11,326	92.2%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	5,910	52.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	5,416	47.8%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	9,202	23.4%
Native*	1,001	10.9%
Foreign born:	8,201	89.1%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,979	60.7%
Not a U.S. citizen	3,222	39.3%
Entered before 1980:	6,490	16.5%
Native*	1,121	17.3%
Foreign born:	5,369	82.7%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,197	78.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,172	21.8%

* Born in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Island Areas, or born abroad of American parent(s)

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population

Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population (Top 20 Countries)	Estimate	%
Total:	35,229	100.0%
Cape Verde	5,240	14.9%
Vietnam	4,697	13.3%
Haiti	4,133	11.7%
Dominican Republic	3,708	10.5%
Jamaica	2,890	8.2%
Trinidad & Tobago	1,297	3.7%
Ireland	879	2.5%
Albania	811	2.3%
Guatemala	676	1.9%
Poland	662	1.9%
China	611	1.7%
Barbados	608	1.7%
India	504	1.4%
Honduras	418	1.2%
Portugal	371	1.1%
Liberia	360	1.0%
Brazil	358	1.0%
Nigeria	341	1.0%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	299	0.8%
Canada	272	0.8%

Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	107,351	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	22,459	20.9%
Speak only English	13,142	58.5%
Speak Spanish	4,250	18.9%
Speak other Indo-European languages	3,085	13.7%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	1,779	7.9%
Speak other languages	203	0.9%
18 to 64 years:	74,140	69.1%
Speak only English	43,675	58.9%
Speak Spanish	10,610	14.3%
Speak other Indo-European languages	13,448	18.1%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	5,252	7.1%
Speak other languages	1,155	1.6%
65 years and over:	10,752	10.0%
Speak only English	7,323	68.1%
Speak Spanish	756	7.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	2,098	19.5%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	559	5.2%
Speak other languages	16	0.1%

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	37,905	100.0%
English only	22,719	59.9%
Spanish:	6,218	16.4%
Linguistically isolated	1,751	28.2%
Not linguistically isolated	4,467	71.8%
Other Indo-European languages:	6,195	16.3%
Linguistically isolated	1,677	27.1%
Not linguistically isolated	4,518	72.9%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	2,191	5.8%
Linguistically isolated	1,239	56.5%
Not linguistically isolated	952	43.5%
Other languages:	582	1.5%
Linguistically isolated	121	20.8%
Not linguistically isolated	461	79.2%

* Linguistically isolated households are those in which no person over the age of 14 can speak English

Marital Status by Sex

Marital Status by Sex for the Population 15 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	91,018	100.0%
Male:	41,762	45.9%
Never married	24,060	57.6%
Now married:	14,006	33.5%
Married, spouse present	11,169	79.7%
Married, spouse absent:	2,837	20.3%
Separated	1,221	43.0%
Other	1,616	57.0%
Widowed	670	1.6%
Divorced	3,026	7.2%
Female:	49,256	54.1%
Never married	23,737	48.2%
Now married:	16,493	33.5%
Married, spouse present	11,120	67.4%
Married, spouse absent:	5,373	32.6%
Separated	2,868	53.4%
Other	2,505	46.6%
Widowed	4,165	8.5%
Divorced	4,861	9.9%

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by	Estimate	%
Total:	23,699	100.0%
Married-couple family:	10,185	43.0%
With related children under 18 years:	4,869	47.8%
Under 6 years only	1,371	28.2%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	902	18.5%
6 to 17 years only	2,596	53.3%
No related children under 18 years	5,316	52.2%
Other family:	13,514	57.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	2,563	19.0%
With related children under 18 years:	971	37.9%
Under 6 years only	167	17.2%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	123	12.7%
6 to 17 years only	681	70.1%
No related children under 18 years	1,592	62.1%
Female householder, no husband present:	10,951	81.0%
With related children under 18 years:	7,019	64.1%
Under 6 years only	1,176	16.8%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	1,533	21.8%
6 to 17 years only	4,310	61.4%
No related children under 18 years	3,932	35.9%

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by	Estimate	%
Total:	23,699	100.0%
Married-couple family:	10,185	43.0%
With related children under 18 years:	5,295	52.0%
Under 6 years only	1,560	29.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	1,126	21.3%
6 to 17 years only	2,609	49.3%
No related children under 18 years	4,890	48.0%
Other family:	13,514	57.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	2,563	19.0%
With related children under 18 years:	1,175	45.8%
Under 6 years only	171	14.6%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	255	21.7%
6 to 17 years only	749	63.7%
No related children under 18 years	1,388	54.2%
Female householder, no husband present:	10,951	81.0%
With related children under 18 years:	8,021	73.2%
Under 6 years only	1,405	17.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	1,902	23.7%
6 to 17 years only	4,714	58.8%
No related children under 18 years	2,930	26.8%

Educational Attainment by Sex

Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	73,044	100.0%
Male:	32,830	44.9%
Less than high school diploma	7,324	22.3%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	10,799	32.9%
Some college or associates degree	7,087	21.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	7,620	23.2%
Female:	40,214	55.1%
Less than high school diploma	9,874	24.6%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	11,875	29.5%
Some college or associates degree	9,530	23.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8,935	22.2%

Household Population

Population by Household Type	Estimate	%
Total:	116,088	100.0%
In households:	114,515	98.6%
In family households	93,065	81.3%
In nonfamily households	21,450	18.7%
In group quarters	1,573	1.4%

Average Household Size

Average Household Size	Estimate
Total:	3.0
Owner Occupied	3.2
Renter Occupied	2.9

Economic Characteristics

Employment Status

Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	88,849	100.0%
In labor force:	60,151	67.7%
In Armed Forces	228	0.4%
Civilian:	59,923	99.6%
Employed	51,656	86.2%
Unemployed	8,267	13.8%
Not in labor force	28,698	32.3%

Work Status by Sex

Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years	Estimate	%
Total:	78,097	100.0%
Male:	36,700	47.0%
Worked in the past 12 months	28,944	78.9%
Did not work in the past 12 months	7,756	21.1%
Female:	41,397	53.0%
Worked in the past 12 months	30,354	73.3%
Did not work in the past 12 months	11,043	26.7%

Class of Worker

Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	51,656	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	34,072	66.0%
Employee of private company workers	33,247	97.6%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	825	2.4%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	7,936	15.4%
Local government workers	3,847	7.4%
State government workers	2,696	5.2%
Federal government workers	864	1.7%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	2,184	4.2%
Unpaid family workers	57	0.1%

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	51,656	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	148	0.3%
Construction	2,361	4.6%
Manufacturing	2,803	5.4%
Wholesale trade	710	1.4%
Retail trade	5,437	10.5%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	2,361	4.6%
Information	861	1.7%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	4,072	7.9%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	5,909	11.4%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	15,441	29.9%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	5,014	9.7%
Other services, except public administration	3,358	6.5%
Public administration	3,181	6.2%

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	51,656	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	14,703	28.5%
Management, business, and financial occupations:	5,635	38.3%
Professional and related occupations:	9,068	61.7%
Service occupations:	14,435	27.9%
Healthcare support occupations	2,569	17.8%
Protective service occupations	2,081	14.4%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	3,141	21.8%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	3,683	25.5%
Personal care and service occupations	2,961	20.5%
Sales and office occupations:	13,804	26.7%
Sales and related occupations	5,029	36.4%
Office and administrative support occupations	8,775	63.6%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	148	0.3%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	2,893	5.6%
Construction and extraction occupations	1,933	66.8%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	960	33.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	5,673	11.0%
Production occupations	2,788	49.1%
Transportation and material moving occupations	2,885	50.9%

Family Poverty Status

Age of Related Children by Presence of Related Children by Family Type by Poverty Status	Estimate	%
Total:	23,699	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	5,214	22.0%
Married-couple family:	840	16.1%
With related children under 18 years:	455	54.2%
Under 5 years only	56	12.3%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	81	17.8%
5 to 17 years only	318	69.9%
No related children under 18 years	385	45.8%
Other family:	4,374	83.9%
Male householder, no wife present:	445	10.2%
With related children under 18 years:	317	71.2%
Under 5 years only	19	6.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	63	19.9%
5 to 17 years only	235	74.1%
No related children under 18 years	128	28.8%
Female householder, no husband present:	3,929	89.8%
With related children under 18 years:	3,544	90.2%
Under 5 years only	479	13.5%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	916	25.8%
5 to 17 years only	2,149	60.6%
No related children under 18 years	385	9.8%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	18,485	78.0%
Married-couple family:	9,345	50.6%
With related children under 18 years:	4,840	51.8%
Under 5 years only	1,237	25.6%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	976	20.2%
5 to 17 years only	2,627	54.3%
No related children under 18 years	4,505	48.2%
Other family:	9,140	49.4%
Male householder, no wife present:	2,118	23.2%
With related children under 18 years:	858	40.5%
Under 5 years only	152	17.7%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	151	17.6%
5 to 17 years only	555	64.7%
No related children under 18 years	1,260	59.5%
Female householder, no husband present:	7,022	76.8%
With related children under 18 years:	4,477	63.8%
Under 5 years only	481	10.7%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	739	16.5%
5 to 17 years only	3,257	72.7%
No related children under 18 years	2,545	36.2%

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 20,446

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 41,878

Household Income (In 2009 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	37,466	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	5,224	13.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3,132	8.4%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	2,306	6.2%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2,167	5.8%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	1,962	5.2%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	1,983	5.3%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	1,475	3.9%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	1,873	5.0%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	1,526	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,619	7.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,930	10.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,784	10.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,443	6.5%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,500	4.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,383	3.7%
\$200,000 or more	598	1.6%

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%		Estimate	%
Total:	24,297	100.0%			
Less than \$10,000:	4,741	19.5%	\$50,000 to \$74,999:	3,513	14.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	26	0.5%	Less than 20.0 percent	816	23.2%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	132	2.8%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	660	18.8%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	418	8.8%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	710	20.2%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	324	6.8%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	639	18.2%
35.0 percent or more	3,212	67.7%	35.0 percent or more	573	16.3%
Not computed	629	13.3%	Not computed	115	3.3%
\$10,000 to \$19,999:	4,744	19.5%	\$75,000 to \$99,999:	1,730	7.1%
Less than 20.0 percent	337	7.1%	Less than 20.0 percent	947	54.7%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	109	2.3%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	477	27.6%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	559	11.8%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	217	12.5%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	388	8.2%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	43	2.5%
35.0 percent or more	3,231	68.1%	35.0 percent or more	12	0.7%
Not computed	120	2.5%	Not computed	34	2.0%
\$20,000 to \$34,999:	5,000	20.6%	\$100,000 or more:	1,424	5.9%
Less than 20.0 percent	580	11.6%	Less than 20.0 percent	1,313	92.2%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	218	4.4%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	54	3.8%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	237	4.7%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	8	0.6%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	520	10.4%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	-	0.0%
35.0 percent or more	3,283	65.7%	35.0 percent or more	-	0.0%
Not computed	162	3.2%	Not computed	49	3.4%
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	3,145	12.9%			
Less than 20.0 percent	303	9.6%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	262	8.3%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	451	14.3%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	590	18.8%			
35.0 percent or more	1,445	45.9%			
Not computed	94	3.0%			

Housing Characteristics

Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	43,203	100.0%

Occupancy Status

Tenure

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%	Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	43,203	100.0%	Total:	37,905	100.0%
Occupied	37,905	87.7%	Owner occupied	13,608	35.9%
Vacant	5,298	12.3%	Renter occupied	24,297	64.1%

Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	5,298	100.0%
For rent	2,717	51.3%
Rented, not occupied	524	9.9%
For sale only	581	11.0%
Sold, not occupied	141	2.7%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	98	1.8%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	1,237	23.3%