

Boston at a Glance - 2021

P O P U L A T I O N

Population Count - 1YR ACS 2019

Total Population	694,295
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Gender Distribution - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Total Population	684,379
Male	328,503 48.0%
Female	355,876 52.0%

Age Distribution - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Total Population	684,379
< 5	34,485 5.0%
5 - 14	56,919 8.3%
15 - 17	17,427 2.5%
18- 19	30,856 4.5%
20 - 34	237,784 34.7%
35 - 44	85,119 12.4%
45 - 54	74,324 10.9%
55 - 64	68,604 10.0%
> 65	78,861 11.5%

Race & Ethnicity - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Total Population	684,379
White Only	304,524 44.5%
Black or African American only	155,096 22.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native Only	1,376 0.2%
Asian Only	65,613 9.6%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Only	365 0.1%
Hispanic Only *	135,757 19.8%
Other Race	5,278 0.8%
Two or More Races	16,370 2.4%

Nativity - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Total Population	684,379
Native	490,694 71.7%
Foreign Born	193,685 28.3%
U.S. Citizen by Naturalization	95,654 14.0%
Not a U.S. Citizen	98,031 14.3%

Marital Status - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Total Population (15 Years and Over)	592,975
Never Married	332,071 56.0%
Married	195,092 32.9%
Divorced or Widowed	65,812 11.1%

Top 5 Languages Other than English Spoken at Home - 5YR ACS 2015-2019, PUMS

Spanish	108,312
Haitian or French	30,362
Chinese (incl. Mandarin and Cantonese)	27,800
Portuguese or Cape Verdean Creole	17,877
Vietnamese	11,041

English Proficiency - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Total Population (5 Years and Over)	649,894
Speak Only English at Home	404,749 62.3%
Speak Another Language at Home	245,145 37.7%
Speak English "Very Well"	132,319 20.4%
Speak English "Less than Very Well"	112,826 17.4%

E D U C A T I O N

Educational Attainment - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Total Population (25 Years and Over)	473,775
Less than High School	60,508 12.8%
High School Graduate	93,386 19.7%
Some College or Associate's Degree	84,255 17.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	235,626 49.7%

Boston Public School Enrollment - BPS 2019-2020

Total Students Enrolled	53,094
Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5	26,245 49.4%
Grade 6 to Grade 8	10,839 20.4%
Grade 9 to Grade 12	16,010 30.2%

College & University Enrollment - DND 2019-2020

Total Students Enrolled in Boston Institutions	138,726
Undergraduate Programs	88,512 63.8%
Graduate Programs	50,214 36.2%

Sources:

Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Schools at a Glance 2019-2020, BPDA Research Division Analysis.

University Accountability Ordinance data, excluding Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

U.S Census Bureau, 2019 1-Year and 2015-2019 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates, PUMS, BPDA Research Division Analysis.

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

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HOUSING

Housing Units - 5YR ACS 2015-2019			
Total Housing Units	294,418		
Occupied	269,522	91.5%	
Owner-Occupied	94,406	32.1%	
Renter-Occupied	175,116	59.5%	
Vacant	24,896	8.5%	
Household Type - 5YR ACS 2015-2019			
Total Households	269,522		
Family Households **	129,542	48.1%	
Non-Family Households	139,980	51.9%	
Household Size - 5YR ACS 2015-2019			
Total Occupied Housing Units	269,522		
1-Person Household	97,609	36.2%	
2-Person Household	87,552	32.5%	
3-Person Household	41,647	15.5%	
4-or-More Person Household	42,714	15.8%	
Migration - 5YR ACS 2015-2019			
Total Population (1 Year and Over)	676,770		
Same Residence (Non-Movers)	543,446	80.3%	
Moved within Suffolk County	62,263	9.2%	
Moved from Different County within Massachusetts	29,101	4.3%	
Moved from Different State	28,424	4.2%	
Moved from Abroad	13,535	2.0%	
BPDA Board Approved Projects in 2020 - BPDA			
Number of Projects	55		
Number of Residential Units	10,123		
Total Square Feet	15.9 million		

INCOME & POVERTY LEVEL

Income (In 2019 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars) - 5YR ACS 2015-2019		
Per Capita Income	\$	44,690
Median Household Income	\$	71,115
Median Family Income	\$	82,363
Median Non-Family Income	\$	57,784
Population Below Poverty Level - 5YR ACS 2015-2019		
Poverty Rate		18.9%
Child Poverty Rate (Population Under 18 Years)		27.7%

LABOR FORCE

Labor Force Participation - 5YR ACS 2015-2019		
Residents in Labor Force (16 Years and Over)	409,573	
Men in Labor Force	202,633	49.5%
Women in Labor Force	206,940	50.5%
Resident Labor Force Participation Rate (16 Years and Over)		69.8%
Participation Rate for Men		72.4%
Participation Rate for Women		67.4%

Transportation Means to Work - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Workers (16 Years and Over)	374,671	
Car, Truck or Van	165,614	44.2%
Public Transit	124,713	33.3%
Walked or Bicycle	65,117	17.4%
Other, or Work at Home	19,227	5.1%

Travel Time to Work - 5YR ACS 2015-2019

Workers (16 Years and Over, Except Work at Home)	362,080	
0-29 Minutes	165,748	45.8%
30-59 Minutes	153,603	42.4%
60+ Minutes	42,729	11.8%

** A family consists of a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, adoption, or marriage.

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