

## Boston at a Glance - 2017

### POPULATION

#### Population Count - 1YR ACS 2015

Total population	669,469
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#### Gender Distribution - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total population	650,281	
Male	311,843	48.0%
Female	338,438	52.0%

#### Age Distribution - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total population	650,281	
0 to 4 years	34,943	5.4%
5 to 14 years	55,372	8.5%
15 to 19 years	48,099	7.4%
20 to 34 years	225,545	34.7%
35 to 44 years	81,554	12.5%
45 to 54 years	73,407	11.3%
55 to 59 years	33,786	5.2%
60 to 64 years	29,418	4.5%
65 and over	68,157	10.5%

#### Race & Ethnicity -5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total population	650,281	
White only	295,886	45.5%
Black or African American only	147,603	22.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native only	1,125	0.2%
Asian only	60,164	9.3%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander only	65	0.0%
Hispanic only*	122,317	18.8%
Other race	8,411	1.3%
Two or more races	14,710	2.3%

#### Nativity - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total population	650,281	
Native	472,718	72.7%
Foreign Born	177,563	
U.S. citizen by naturalization	84,468	13.0%
Not a U.S. citizen	93,095	14.3%

#### Sources:

Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Schools at Glance 2016-2017, BPDA Research Division Analysis

University Accountability Ordinance data, excluding MIT

U.S Census Bureau, 2015 1-Year Estimate and 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, BPDA Research Division Analysis

### Marital Status - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total population (15 years and over)	559,966	
Never married	315,208	56.3%
Married	178,418	31.9%
Divorced or widowed	66,340	11.8%

### Top 5 Languages Other than English Spoken at Home - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Spanish or Spanish Creole	101,095
French or Haitian Creole	32,643
Chinese	25,273
Vietnamese	11,195
Portuguese or Cape Verdean Creole	10,137

### English Proficiency - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total population (5 years and over)	615,338	
Speak only English at home	388,208	63.1%
Speak another language at home	227,130	
Speak English very well	122,637	19.9%
Speak English less than very well	104,493	17.0%

### EDUCATION

#### Educational Attainment - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total population (25 years and over)	434,475	
Less than high school	64,276	14.8%
High school graduate	93,732	21.6%
Some college or Associate's degree	79,743	18.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	196,724	45.3%

#### Boston Public School Enrollment - BPS 2016-2017

Total students enrolled	55,843	
Pre-kindergarten to grade 5	28,013	50.2%
Middle School: grade 6 to grade 8	10,668	19.1%
High School: grade 9 to grade 12	17,162	30.7%

#### College & University Enrollment - DND 2016-2017

Total students enrolled in Boston institutions	138,180	
Undergraduate programs	87,752	63.5%
Graduate programs	50,428	36.5%

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

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### HOUSING

#### Housing Units - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total housing units	278,521	
Occupied	256,294	
Owner occupied	87,958	31.6%
Renter occupied	168,336	60.4%
Vacant	22,227	8.0%

#### Household Type - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total households	256,294	
Family Households**	122,814	47.9%
Nonfamily Households	133,480	52.1%

#### Household Size - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total occupied housing units	256,294	
1-person household	94,999	37.1%
2-person household	81,216	31.7%
3-person household	37,876	14.8%
4-or-more person household	42,203	16.5%

#### Migration (Domestic/International) -5YR ACS 2011-2015

Total population (1 year and over)	643,351	
Same residence (non-movers)	508,247	79.0%
Moved within Suffolk County	67,552	10.5%
Moved from different county within MA	27,021	4.2%
Moved from different state	27,664	4.3%
Moved from abroad	12,867	2.0%

#### BPDA Board Approved Projects in 2016 - BPDA \*\*\*

Number of projects	100
Number of residential units	8,520
Total square feet	15.1 million

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### INCOME & POVERTY LEVEL

#### Income (In 2015 inflation-adjusted dollars)\*\*\* - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Per capita income	\$ 35,728
Median household income	\$ 55,777
Median family income	\$ 62,775
Median non-family income	\$ 46,964

#### Population Below Poverty Level - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Poverty rate	21.5%
Poverty rate (under 18 years old)	29.8%

### LABOR FORCE

#### Labor Force Participation - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Residents in Labor Force (16 Years and Over)	378,884	
Men in Labor Force	188,198	49.7%
Women in Labor Force	190,686	50.3%
Resident Labor Force Participation Rate (16 Years and Over)		68.4%
Participation Rate for Men		71.5%
Participation Rate for Women		65.6%

#### Transportation Means to Work - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Workers 16 years and over	339,130	%
Car, truck or van	151,808	44.8%
Public transit	114,178	33.7%
Walked / Bicycle	57,324	16.9%
Other, or work at home	15,820	4.7%

#### Travel Time to Work - 5YR ACS 2011-2015

Workers 16 years and over, except work at home	326,975	
0-29 minutes	159,795	48.9%
30-59 minutes	128,996	39.5%
60+ minutes	38,184	11.7%

\*\*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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