

# American Community Survey

2005-2009 Estimate

## *South Boston* *Neighborhood\**



\*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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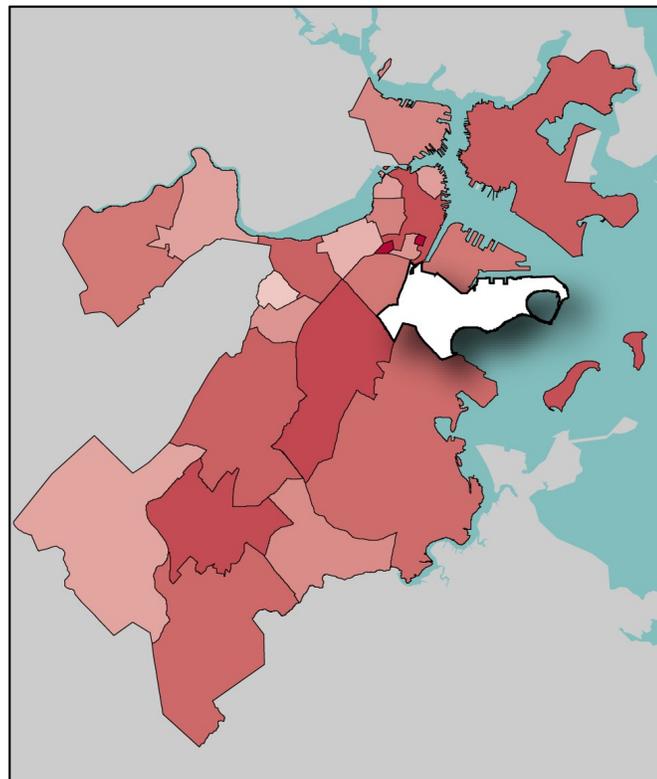
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# Demographic Characteristics

## Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	33,137	100.0%
Male	15,121	45.6%
Female	18,016	54.4%

## Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	33,137	100.0%
White alone	27,502	83.0%
Black or African American alone	1,148	3.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	103	0.3%
Asian alone	1,404	4.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	25	0.1%
Some other race alone	370	1.1%
Two or more races	57	0.2%
Hispanic or Latino	2,528	7.6%

*\*“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:	33,137	100.0%	40 to 44 years	2,252	6.8%
Under 5 years	1,540	4.6%	45 to 49 years	2,038	6.2%
5 to 9 years	1,122	3.4%	50 to 54 years	1,998	6.0%
10 to 14 years	1,151	3.5%	55 to 59 years	1,472	4.4%
15 to 17 years	960	2.9%	60 and 61 years	619	1.9%
18 and 19 years	368	1.1%	62 to 64 years	559	1.7%
20 years	163	0.5%	65 and 66 years	270	0.8%
21 years	246	0.7%	67 to 69 years	708	2.1%
22 to 24 years	1,273	3.8%	70 to 74 years	906	2.7%
25 to 29 years	6,026	18.2%	75 to 79 years	673	2.0%
30 to 34 years	4,634	14.0%	80 to 84 years	512	1.5%
35 to 39 years	3,015	9.1%	85 years and over	632	1.9%

## Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	33,137	100.0%
Native:	29,468	88.9%
Born in Massachusetts	22,407	76.0%
Born in other state in the United States:	6,596	22.4%
Northeast	3,487	52.9%
Midwest	1,325	20.1%
South	936	14.2%
West	848	12.9%
Born outside the United States:	465	1.6%
Puerto Rico	367	78.9%
U.S. Island Areas	-	0.0%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	98	21.1%
Foreign born:	3,669	11.1%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,619	44.1%
Not a U.S. citizen	2,050	55.9%

## 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:	4,134	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	1,096	26.5%
Native*	42	3.8%
Foreign born:	1,054	96.2%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	108	10.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	946	89.8%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	1,638	39.6%
Native*	176	10.7%
Foreign born:	1,462	89.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	763	52.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	699	47.8%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	716	17.3%
Native*	116	16.2%
Foreign born:	600	83.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	398	66.3%
Not a U.S. citizen	202	33.7%
Entered before 1980:	684	16.5%
Native*	131	19.2%
Foreign born:	553	80.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	350	63.3%
Not a U.S. citizen	203	36.7%

\* 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:	3,669	100.0%
Dominican Republic	1,288	35.1%
China	614	16.7%
Cape Verde	270	7.4%
Vietnam	153	4.2%
Philippines	145	4.0%
Ireland	116	3.2%
Greece	76	2.1%
Albania	71	1.9%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	62	1.7%
Canada	59	1.6%
Japan	54	1.5%
Poland	46	1.3%
Italy	45	1.2%
Lithuania	38	1.0%
Nigeria	34	0.9%
Brazil	34	0.9%
Kenya	30	0.8%
Russia	27	0.7%
Colombia	27	0.7%
Hungary	26	0.7%

## Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	31,597	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	3,233	10.2%
Speak only English	2,287	70.7%
Speak Spanish	444	13.7%
Speak other Indo-European languages	195	6.0%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	195	6.0%
Speak other languages	112	3.5%
18 to 64 years:	24,663	78.1%
Speak only English	21,432	86.9%
Speak Spanish	1,552	6.3%
Speak other Indo-European languages	844	3.4%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	722	2.9%
Speak other languages	113	0.5%
65 years and over:	3,701	11.7%
Speak only English	2,845	76.9%
Speak Spanish	386	10.4%
Speak other Indo-European languages	328	8.9%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	110	3.0%
Speak other languages	32	0.9%

## Linguistic Isolation by Household Language\*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	14,597	100.0%
English only	12,196	83.6%
Spanish:	1,158	7.9%
Linguistically isolated	673	58.1%
Not linguistically isolated	485	41.9%
Other Indo-European languages:	771	5.3%
Linguistically isolated	150	19.5%
Not linguistically isolated	621	80.5%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	399	2.7%
Linguistically isolated	283	70.9%
Not linguistically isolated	116	29.1%
Other languages:	73	0.5%
Linguistically isolated	16	21.9%
Not linguistically isolated	57	78.1%

\* 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:	29,324	100.0%
Male:	12,987	44.3%
Never married	7,760	59.8%
Now married:	4,190	32.3%
Married, spouse present	3,830	91.4%
Married, spouse absent:	360	8.6%
Separated	195	54.2%
Other	165	45.8%
Widowed	287	2.2%
Divorced	750	5.8%
Female:	16,337	55.7%
Never married	9,185	56.2%
Now married:	4,551	27.9%
Married, spouse present	3,838	84.3%
Married, spouse absent:	713	15.7%
Separated	509	71.4%
Other	204	28.6%
Widowed	1,295	7.9%
Divorced	1,306	8.0%

## Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	5,771	100.0%
Married-couple family:	3,689	63.9%
With related children under 18 years:	1,376	37.3%
Under 6 years only	498	36.2%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	190	13.8%
6 to 17 years only	688	50.0%
No related children under 18 years	2,313	62.7%
Other family:	2,082	36.1%
Male householder, no wife present:	446	21.4%
With related children under 18 years:	121	27.1%
Under 6 years only	66	54.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	55	45.5%
No related children under 18 years	325	72.9%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,636	78.6%
With related children under 18 years:	817	49.9%
Under 6 years only	126	15.4%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	135	16.5%
6 to 17 years only	556	68.1%
No related children under 18 years	819	50.1%

## Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	5,771	100.0%
Married-couple family:	3,689	63.9%
With related children under 18 years:	1,422	38.5%
Under 6 years only	518	36.4%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	205	14.4%
6 to 17 years only	699	49.2%
No related children under 18 years	2,267	61.5%
Other family:	2,082	36.1%
Male householder, no wife present:	446	21.4%
With related children under 18 years:	134	30.0%
Under 6 years only	79	59.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	55	41.0%
No related children under 18 years	312	70.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,636	78.6%
With related children under 18 years:	946	57.8%
Under 6 years only	127	13.4%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	165	17.4%
6 to 17 years only	654	69.1%
No related children under 18 years	690	42.2%

## Educational Attainment by Sex

<b>Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	26,314	100.0%
Male:	11,476	43.6%
Less than high school diploma	1,145	10.0%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	3,099	27.0%
Some college or associates degree	1,908	16.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,324	46.4%
Female:	14,838	56.4%
Less than high school diploma	2,099	14.1%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	3,742	25.2%
Some college or associates degree	2,228	15.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	6,769	45.6%

## Household Population

<b>Population by Household Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	33,137	100.0%
In households:	32,832	99.1%
In family households	18,981	57.8%
In nonfamily households	13,851	42.2%
In group quarters	305	0.9%

## Average Household Size

<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
Total:	2.2
Owner Occupied	2.3
Renter Occupied	2.2

# Economic Characteristics

## Employment Status

<b>Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	29,045	100.0%
In labor force:	21,334	73.5%
In Armed Forces	20	0.1%
Civilian:	21,314	99.9%
Employed	20,095	94.3%
Unemployed	1,219	5.7%
Not in labor force	7,711	26.5%

## Work Status by Sex

<b>Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	25,344	100.0%
Male:	11,526	45.5%
Worked in the past 12 months	9,762	84.7%
Did not work in the past 12 months	1,764	15.3%
Female:	13,818	54.5%
Worked in the past 12 months	11,397	82.5%
Did not work in the past 12 months	2,421	17.5%

## Class of Worker

<b>Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	20,095	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	14,003	69.7%
Employee of private company workers	13,831	98.8%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	172	1.2%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	2,095	10.4%
Local government workers	2,099	10.4%
State government workers	869	4.3%
Federal government workers	229	1.1%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	800	4.0%
Unpaid family workers	-	0.0%

## Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	20,095	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	-	0.0%
Construction	1,089	5.4%
Manufacturing	841	4.2%
Wholesale trade	530	2.6%
Retail trade	1,083	5.4%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	809	4.0%
Information	1,028	5.1%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	3,144	15.6%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	3,447	17.2%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	4,541	22.6%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	1,366	6.8%
Other services, except public administration	768	3.8%
Public administration	1,449	7.2%

## Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	20,095	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	8,989	44.7%
Management, business, and financial occupations	4,288	47.7%
Professional and related occupations	4,701	52.3%
Service occupations:	3,506	17.4%
Healthcare support occupations	208	5.9%
Protective service occupations	856	24.4%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	915	26.1%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	821	23.4%
Personal care and service occupations	706	20.1%
Sales and office occupations:	5,424	27.0%
Sales and related occupations	2,529	46.6%
Office and administrative support occupations	2,895	53.4%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	-	0.0%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	1,123	5.6%
Construction and extraction occupations	896	79.8%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	227	20.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	1,053	5.2%
Production occupations	524	49.8%
Transportation and material moving occupations	529	50.2%

## Family Poverty Status

<b>Age of Related Children by Presence of Related Children by Family Type by Poverty Status</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	5,771	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	823	14.3%
Married-couple family:	181	22.0%
With related children under 18 years:	98	54.1%
Under 5 years only	29	29.6%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	7	7.1%
5 to 17 years only	62	63.3%
No related children under 18 years	83	45.9%
Other family:	642	78.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	16	2.5%
With related children under 18 years:	-	0.0%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	-	0.0%
No related children under 18 years	16	100.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	626	97.5%
With related children under 18 years:	552	88.2%
Under 5 years only	74	13.4%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	161	29.2%
5 to 17 years only	317	57.4%
No related children under 18 years	74	11.8%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	4,948	85.7%
Married-couple family:	3,508	70.9%
With related children under 18 years:	1,324	37.7%
Under 5 years only	396	29.9%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	238	18.0%
5 to 17 years only	690	52.1%
No related children under 18 years	2,184	62.3%
Other family:	1,440	29.1%
Male householder, no wife present:	430	29.9%
With related children under 18 years:	134	31.2%
Under 5 years only	79	59.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	55	41.0%
No related children under 18 years	296	68.8%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,010	70.1%
With related children under 18 years:	394	39.0%
Under 5 years only	28	7.1%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	19	4.8%
5 to 17 years only	347	88.1%
No related children under 18 years	616	61.0%

## Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 39,760

## Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 61,444

## Household Income (In 2009 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	14,597	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,597	10.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	746	5.1%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	575	3.9%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	766	5.2%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	447	3.1%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	663	4.5%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	625	4.3%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	432	3.0%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	380	2.6%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	967	6.6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,044	7.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,975	13.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,337	9.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,027	7.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,200	8.2%
\$200,000 or more	816	5.6%

## Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%		Estimate	%
<b>Total:</b>	7,981	100.0%			
<b>Less than \$10,000:</b>	1,382	17.3%	<b>\$50,000 to \$74,999:</b>	1,040	13.0%
Less than 20.0 percent	97	7.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	312	30.0%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	33	2.4%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	260	25.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	209	15.1%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	256	24.6%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	245	17.7%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	123	11.8%
35.0 percent or more	672	48.6%	35.0 percent or more	67	6.4%
Not computed	126	9.1%	Not computed	22	2.1%
<b>\$10,000 to \$19,999:</b>	1,075	13.5%	<b>\$75,000 to \$99,999:</b>	917	11.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	102	9.5%	Less than 20.0 percent	433	47.2%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	42	3.9%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	328	35.8%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	186	17.3%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	67	7.3%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	119	11.1%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	8	0.9%
35.0 percent or more	562	52.3%	35.0 percent or more	20	2.2%
Not computed	64	6.0%	Not computed	61	6.7%
<b>\$20,000 to \$34,999:</b>	1,459	18.3%	<b>\$100,000 or more:</b>	1,221	15.3%
Less than 20.0 percent	144	9.9%	Less than 20.0 percent	1,054	86.3%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	118	8.1%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	98	8.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	288	19.7%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	31	2.5%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	113	7.7%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	29	2.4%
35.0 percent or more	683	46.8%	35.0 percent or more	9	0.7%
Not computed	113	7.7%	Not computed	-	0.0%
<b>\$35,000 to \$49,999:</b>	887	11.1%			
Less than 20.0 percent	53	6.0%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	45	5.1%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	203	22.9%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	219	24.7%			
35.0 percent or more	348	39.2%			
Not computed	19	2.1%			

# Housing Characteristics

## Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	15,861	100.0%

## Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	15,861	100.0%
Occupied	14,597	92.0%
Vacant	1,264	8.0%

## Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	14,597	100.0%
Owner occupied	6,616	45.3%
Renter occupied	7,981	54.7%

## Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	1,264	100.0%
For rent	398	31.5%
Rented, not occupied	29	2.3%
For sale only	227	18.0%
Sold, not occupied	8	0.6%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	6	0.5%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	596	47.2%