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# American Community Survey

2005-2009 Estimate

## *Allston* *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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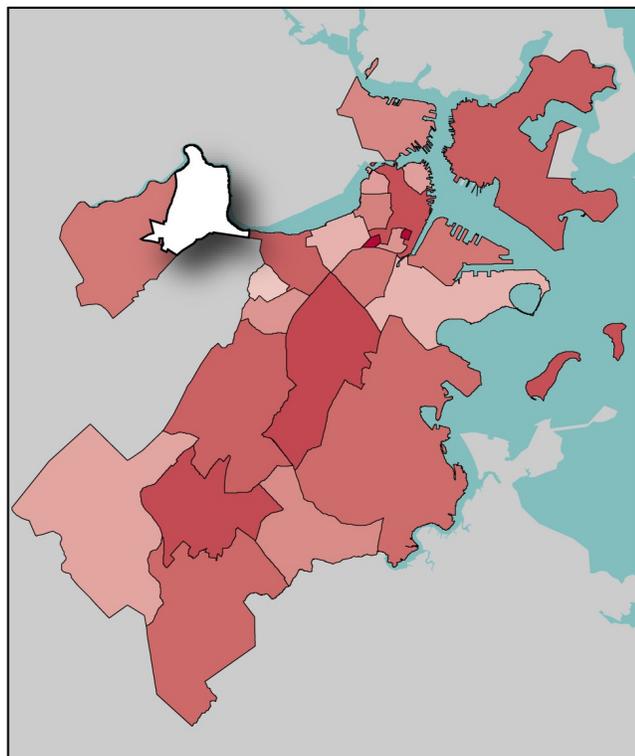
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# Demographic Characteristics

## Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	27,366	100.0%
Male	14,336	52.4%
Female	13,030	47.6%

## Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	27,366	100.0%
White alone	17,001	62.1%
Black or African American alone	1,377	5.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	57	0.2%
Asian alone	4,799	17.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	17	0.1%
Some other race alone	349	1.3%
Two or more races	285	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino	3,481	12.7%

*\*“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:	27,366	100.0%	40 to 44 years	1,221	4.5%
Under 5 years	568	2.1%	45 to 49 years	1,009	3.7%
5 to 9 years	619	2.3%	50 to 54 years	711	2.6%
10 to 14 years	147	0.5%	55 to 59 years	707	2.6%
15 to 17 years	392	1.4%	60 and 61 years	253	0.9%
18 and 19 years	2,324	8.5%	62 to 64 years	294	1.1%
20 years	1,086	4.0%	65 and 66 years	227	0.8%
21 years	1,108	4.0%	67 to 69 years	168	0.6%
22 to 24 years	2,917	10.7%	70 to 74 years	300	1.1%
25 to 29 years	7,427	27.1%	75 to 79 years	205	0.7%
30 to 34 years	4,032	14.7%	80 to 84 years	129	0.5%
35 to 39 years	1,309	4.8%	85 years and over	213	0.8%

## Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	27,366	100.0%
Native:	16,778	61.3%
Born in Massachusetts	6,143	36.6%
Born in other state in the United States:	10,297	61.4%
Northeast	5,558	54.0%
Midwest	1,215	11.8%
South	2,295	22.3%
West	1,229	11.9%
Born outside the United States:	338	2.0%
Puerto Rico	189	55.9%
U.S. Island Areas	-	0.0%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	149	44.1%
Foreign born:	10,588	38.7%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	2,653	25.1%
Not a U.S. citizen	7,935	74.9%

## 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:	10,926	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	5,792	53.0%
Native*	65	1.1%
Foreign born:	5,727	98.9%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	278	4.9%
Not a U.S. citizen	5,449	95.1%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	3,296	30.2%
Native*	34	1.0%
Foreign born:	3,262	99.0%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,299	39.8%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,963	60.2%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	1,079	9.9%
Native*	131	12.1%
Foreign born:	948	87.9%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	590	62.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	358	37.8%
Entered before 1980:	759	6.9%
Native*	108	14.2%
Foreign born:	651	85.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	486	74.7%
Not a U.S. citizen	165	25.3%

\* 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:	10,588	100.0%
China	1,536	14.5%
Brazil	1,385	13.1%
El Salvador	622	5.9%
Russia	484	4.6%
Korea	479	4.5%
Guatemala	387	3.7%
India	340	3.2%
Morocco	314	3.0%
Nepal	291	2.7%
Ukraine	284	2.7%
Thailand	284	2.7%
Lithuania	283	2.7%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	256	2.4%
Canada	227	2.1%
Mexico	222	2.1%
Dominican Republic	221	2.1%
Netherlands	184	1.7%
Turkey	184	1.7%
Colombia	161	1.5%
Bolivia	146	1.4%

## Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	26,798	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	1,158	4.3%
Speak only English	354	30.6%
Speak Spanish	450	38.9%
Speak other Indo-European languages	143	12.3%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	211	18.2%
Speak other languages	-	0.0%
18 to 64 years:	24,398	91.0%
Speak only English	15,020	61.6%
Speak Spanish	2,270	9.3%
Speak other Indo-European languages	3,605	14.8%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	3,002	12.3%
Speak other languages	501	2.1%
65 years and over:	1,242	4.6%
Speak only English	436	35.1%
Speak Spanish	76	6.1%
Speak other Indo-European languages	488	39.3%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	242	19.5%
Speak other languages	-	0.0%

## Linguistic Isolation by Household Language\*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	10,606	100.0%
English only	5,983	56.4%
Spanish:	1,177	11.1%
Linguistically isolated	567	48.2%
Not linguistically isolated	610	51.8%
Other Indo-European languages:	1,804	17.0%
Linguistically isolated	797	44.2%
Not linguistically isolated	1,007	55.8%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	1,399	13.2%
Linguistically isolated	553	39.5%
Not linguistically isolated	846	60.5%
Other languages:	243	2.3%
Linguistically isolated	28	11.5%
Not linguistically isolated	215	88.5%

\* 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:	26,032	100.0%
Male:	13,562	52.1%
Never married	9,756	71.9%
Now married:	3,181	23.5%
Married, spouse present	1,795	56.4%
Married, spouse absent:	1,386	43.6%
Separated	276	19.9%
Other	1,110	80.1%
Widowed	43	0.3%
Divorced	582	4.3%
Female:	12,470	47.9%
Never married	9,202	73.8%
Now married:	2,082	16.7%
Married, spouse present	1,751	84.1%
Married, spouse absent:	331	15.9%
Separated	122	36.9%
Other	209	63.1%
Widowed	434	3.5%
Divorced	752	6.0%

## Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	3,101	100.0%
Married-couple family:	1,801	58.1%
With related children under 18 years:	451	25.0%
Under 6 years only	257	57.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	18	4.0%
6 to 17 years only	176	39.0%
No related children under 18 years	1,350	75.0%
Other family:	1,300	41.9%
Male householder, no wife present:	377	29.0%
With related children under 18 years:	69	18.3%
Under 6 years only	10	14.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	59	85.5%
No related children under 18 years	308	81.7%
Female householder, no husband present:	923	71.0%
With related children under 18 years:	413	44.7%
Under 6 years only	93	22.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	320	77.5%
No related children under 18 years	510	55.3%

## Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	3,101	100.0%
Married-couple family:	1,801	58.1%
With related children under 18 years:	451	25.0%
Under 6 years only	257	57.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	18	4.0%
6 to 17 years only	176	39.0%
No related children under 18 years	1,350	75.0%
Other family:	1,300	41.9%
Male householder, no wife present:	377	29.0%
With related children under 18 years:	69	18.3%
Under 6 years only	10	14.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	59	85.5%
No related children under 18 years	308	81.7%
Female householder, no husband present:	923	71.0%
With related children under 18 years:	502	54.4%
Under 6 years only	93	18.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	409	81.5%
No related children under 18 years	421	45.6%

## Educational Attainment by Sex

<b>Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	18,205	100.0%
Male:	9,868	54.2%
Less than high school diploma	1,346	13.6%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,511	15.3%
Some college or associates degree	1,303	13.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,708	57.8%
Female:	8,337	45.8%
Less than high school diploma	721	8.6%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,200	14.4%
Some college or associates degree	894	10.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,522	66.2%

## Household Population

<b>Population by Household Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	27,366	100.0%
In households:	24,862	90.8%
In family households	9,166	36.9%
In nonfamily households	15,696	63.1%
In group quarters	2,504	9.2%

## Average Household Size

<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
Total:	2.3
Owner Occupied	1.9
Renter Occupied	2.4

# Economic Characteristics

## Employment Status

<b>Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	25,999	100.0%
In labor force:	18,075	69.5%
In Armed Forces	16	0.1%
Civilian:	18,059	99.9%
Employed	16,896	93.6%
Unemployed	1,163	6.4%
Not in labor force	7,924	30.5%

## Work Status by Sex

<b>Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	24,757	100.0%
Male:	13,111	53.0%
Worked in the past 12 months	11,276	86.0%
Did not work in the past 12 months	1,835	14.0%
Female:	11,646	47.0%
Worked in the past 12 months	9,350	80.3%
Did not work in the past 12 months	2,296	19.7%

## Class of Worker

<b>Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	16,896	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	11,938	70.7%
Employee of private company workers	11,841	99.2%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	97	0.8%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	3,014	17.8%
Local government workers	784	4.6%
State government workers	390	2.3%
Federal government workers	300	1.8%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	453	2.7%
Unpaid family workers	17	0.1%

## Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

<b>Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	16,896	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	-	0.0%
Construction	466	2.8%
Manufacturing	1,063	6.3%
Wholesale trade	66	0.4%
Retail trade	1,521	9.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	260	1.5%
Information	603	3.6%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,246	7.4%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	2,398	14.2%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	4,891	28.9%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	3,448	20.4%
Other services, except public administration	508	3.0%
Public administration	426	2.5%

## Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

<b>Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	16,896	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	7,651	45.3%
Management, business, and financial occupations	2,364	30.9%
Professional and related occupations	5,287	69.1%
Service occupations:	4,375	25.9%
Healthcare support occupations	284	6.5%
Protective service occupations	145	3.3%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	2,881	65.9%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	545	12.5%
Personal care and service occupations	520	11.9%
Sales and office occupations:	3,247	19.2%
Sales and related occupations	1,405	43.3%
Office and administrative support occupations	1,842	56.7%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	-	0.0%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	437	2.6%
Construction and extraction occupations	375	85.8%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	62	14.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	1,186	7.0%
Production occupations	608	51.3%
Transportation and material moving occupations	578	48.7%

## Family Poverty Status

Age of Related Children by Presence of Related Children by Family Type by Poverty Status	Estimate	%
Total:	3,101	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	581	18.7%
Married-couple family:	149	25.6%
With related children under 18 years:	76	51.0%
Under 5 years only	43	56.6%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	11	14.5%
5 to 17 years only	22	28.9%
No related children under 18 years	73	49.0%
Other family:	432	74.4%
Male householder, no wife present:	6	1.4%
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	6	100.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	426	98.6%
With related children under 18 years:	347	81.5%
Under 5 years only	54	15.6%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	293	84.4%
No related children under 18 years	79	18.5%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	2,520	81.3%
Married-couple family:	1,652	65.6%
With related children under 18 years:	375	22.7%
Under 5 years only	157	41.9%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	35	9.3%
5 to 17 years only	183	48.8%
No related children under 18 years	1,277	77.3%
Other family:	868	34.4%
Male householder, no wife present:	371	42.7%
With related children under 18 years:	69	18.6%
Under 5 years only	-	0.0%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	10	14.5%
5 to 17 years only	59	85.5%
No related children under 18 years	302	81.4%
Female householder, no husband present:	497	57.3%
With related children under 18 years:	155	31.2%
Under 5 years only	22	14.2%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	133	85.8%
No related children under 18 years	342	68.8%

## Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 26,076

## Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 40,435

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

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	10,606	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,890	17.8%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	732	6.9%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	541	5.1%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	480	4.5%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	443	4.2%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	501	4.7%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	668	6.3%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	552	5.2%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	310	2.9%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	778	7.3%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	969	9.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,140	10.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	554	5.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	480	4.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	352	3.3%
\$200,000 or more	216	2.0%

## 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>	<b>9,011</b>	<b>100.0%</b>			
<b>Less than \$10,000:</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>\$50,000 to \$74,999:</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	324	23.8%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	-	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	320	23.5%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	147	8.3%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	209	15.4%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	169	9.5%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	258	19.0%
35.0 percent or more	941	52.9%	35.0 percent or more	233	17.1%
Not computed	523	29.4%	Not computed	15	1.1%
<b>\$10,000 to \$19,999:</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>\$75,000 to \$99,999:</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
Less than 20.0 percent	104	8.5%	Less than 20.0 percent	369	43.8%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	32	2.6%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	239	28.4%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	130	10.6%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	98	11.6%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	88	7.2%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	59	7.0%
35.0 percent or more	861	70.3%	35.0 percent or more	77	9.1%
Not computed	9	0.7%	Not computed	-	0.0%
<b>\$20,000 to \$34,999:</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>\$100,000 or more:</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
Less than 20.0 percent	18	1.4%	Less than 20.0 percent	898	77.3%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	43	3.3%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	227	19.5%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	155	11.9%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	24	2.1%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	43	3.3%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	13	1.1%
35.0 percent or more	1,041	80.1%	35.0 percent or more	-	0.0%
Not computed	-	0.0%	Not computed	-	0.0%
<b>\$35,000 to \$49,999:</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>14.9%</b>			
Less than 20.0 percent	12	0.9%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	43	3.2%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	125	9.3%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	289	21.5%			
35.0 percent or more	854	63.5%			
Not computed	21	1.6%			

# Housing Characteristics

## Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	11,272	100.0%

## Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	11,272	100.0%
Occupied	10,606	94.1%
Vacant	666	5.9%

## Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	10,606	100.0%
Owner occupied	1,595	15.0%
Renter occupied	9,011	85.0%

## Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	666	100.0%
For rent	354	53.2%
Rented, not occupied	147	22.1%
For sale only	17	2.6%
Sold, not occupied	39	5.9%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	16	2.4%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	93	14.0%