

# American Community Survey

2005-2009 Estimate

## *East Boston*

*Planning District*



## 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 blue in this report. Subcategories are distinguished by indented text.

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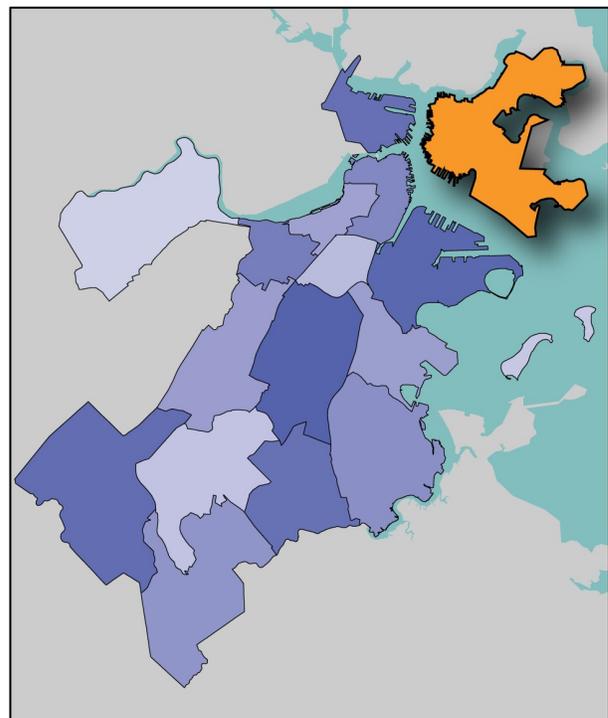
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# Demographic Characteristics

## Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	% of Total
Total:	43,814	100.0%
Male	24,936	56.9%
Female	18,878	43.1%

## Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	% of Total
Total:	43,814	100.0%
White alone	19,467	44.4%
Black or African American alone	1,056	2.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	16	0.0%
Asian alone	1,232	2.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	-	0.0%
Some other race alone	514	1.2%
Two or more races	910	2.1%
Hispanic or Latino	20,619	47.1%

*\*"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	% of Total	Estimate	% of Total
Total:	43,814	100.0%	40 to 44 years	3,067 7.0%
Under 5 years	3,014	6.9%	45 to 49 years	3,093 7.1%
5 to 9 years	2,232	5.1%	50 to 54 years	2,859 6.5%
10 to 14 years	1,872	4.3%	55 to 59 years	1,909 4.4%
15 to 17 years	1,261	2.9%	60 and 61 years	587 1.3%
18 and 19 years	1,184	2.7%	62 to 64 years	804 1.8%
20 years	379	0.9%	65 and 66 years	368 0.8%
21 years	501	1.1%	67 to 69 years	536 1.2%
22 to 24 years	1,883	4.3%	70 to 74 years	976 2.2%
25 to 29 years	5,923	13.5%	75 to 79 years	893 2.0%
30 to 34 years	4,990	11.4%	80 to 84 years	591 1.3%
35 to 39 years	4,118	9.4%	85 years and over	774 1.8%

## Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	43,814	100.0%
Native:	21,350	48.7%
Born in Massachusetts	17,248	80.8%
Born in other state in the United States:	3,047	14.3%
Northeast	1,884	61.8%
Midwest	226	7.4%
South	701	23.0%
West	236	7.7%
Born outside the United States:	1,055	4.9%
Puerto Rico	599	56.8%
U.S. Island Areas	-	0.0%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	456	43.2%
Foreign born:	22,464	51.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	4,219	18.8%
Not a U.S. citizen	18,245	81.2%

## 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:	23,519	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	9,596	40.8%
Native*	199	2.1%
Foreign born:	9,397	97.9%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	730	7.8%
Not a U.S. citizen	8,667	92.2%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	8,326	35.4%
Native*	297	3.6%
Foreign born:	8,029	96.4%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,199	14.9%
Not a U.S. citizen	6,830	85.1%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	3,544	15.1%
Native*	245	6.9%
Foreign born:	3,299	93.1%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,333	40.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	1,966	59.6%
Entered before 1980:	2,053	8.7%
Native*	314	15.3%
Foreign born:	1,739	84.7%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	957	55.0%
Not a U.S. citizen	782	45.0%

\* 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:	22,464	100.0%
El Salvador	5,965	26.6%
Colombia	4,624	20.6%
Brazil	2,473	11.0%
Mexico	2,170	9.7%
Italy	1,138	5.1%
Dominican Republic	845	3.8%
Morocco	637	2.8%
Vietnam	502	2.2%
Guatemala	501	2.2%
Peru	446	2.0%
Honduras	416	1.9%
China	332	1.5%
Cape Verde	212	0.9%
Romania	204	0.9%
Poland	139	0.6%
Albania	128	0.6%
Haiti	114	0.5%
Costa Rica	92	0.4%
Canada	82	0.4%
Malaysia	65	0.3%

## Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	40,800	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	5,365	13.1%
Speak only English	1,757	32.7%
Speak Spanish	3,145	58.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	304	5.7%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	50	0.9%
Speak other languages	109	2.0%
18 to 64 years:	31,297	76.7%
Speak only English	9,863	31.5%
Speak Spanish	15,333	49.0%
Speak other Indo-European languages	4,210	13.5%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	838	2.7%
Speak other languages	1,053	3.4%
65 years and over:	4,138	10.1%
Speak only English	2,427	58.7%
Speak Spanish	472	11.4%
Speak other Indo-European languages	1,044	25.2%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	195	4.7%
Speak other languages	-	0.0%

## Linguistic Isolation by Household Language\*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	14,225	100.0%
English only	6,196	43.6%
Spanish:	4,969	34.9%
Linguistically isolated	2,846	57.3%
Not linguistically isolated	2,123	42.7%
Other Indo-European languages:	2,179	15.3%
Linguistically isolated	819	37.6%
Not linguistically isolated	1,360	62.4%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	513	3.6%
Linguistically isolated	346	67.4%
Not linguistically isolated	167	32.6%
Other languages:	368	2.6%
Linguistically isolated	222	60.3%
Not linguistically isolated	146	39.7%

\* 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:	36,696	100.0%
Male:	21,263	57.9%
Never married	10,794	50.8%
Now married:	8,863	41.7%
Married, spouse present	5,352	60.4%
Married, spouse absent:	3,511	39.6%
Separated	775	22.1%
Other	2,736	77.9%
Widowed	469	2.2%
Divorced	1,137	5.3%
Female:	15,433	42.1%
Never married	5,881	38.1%
Now married:	6,799	44.1%
Married, spouse present	5,111	75.2%
Married, spouse absent:	1,688	24.8%
Separated	951	56.3%
Other	737	43.7%
Widowed	1,425	9.2%
Divorced	1,328	8.6%

## Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	8,474	100.0%
Married-couple family:	5,043	59.5%
With related children under 18 years:	2,121	42.1%
Under 6 years only	689	32.5%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	449	21.2%
6 to 17 years only	983	46.3%
No related children under 18 years	2,922	57.9%
Other family:	3,431	40.5%
Male householder, no wife present:	1,209	35.2%
With related children under 18 years:	392	32.4%
Under 6 years only	165	42.1%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	64	16.3%
6 to 17 years only	163	41.6%
No related children under 18 years	817	67.6%
Female householder, no husband present:	2,222	64.8%
With related children under 18 years:	1,266	57.0%
Under 6 years only	204	16.1%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	363	28.7%
6 to 17 years only	699	55.2%
No related children under 18 years	956	43.0%

## Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	8,474	100.0%
Married-couple family:	5,043	59.5%
With related children under 18 years:	2,272	45.1%
Under 6 years only	726	32.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	488	21.5%
6 to 17 years only	1,058	46.6%
No related children under 18 years	2,771	54.9%
Other family:	3,431	40.5%
Male householder, no wife present:	1,209	35.2%
With related children under 18 years:	516	42.7%
Under 6 years only	230	44.6%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	75	14.5%
6 to 17 years only	211	40.9%
No related children under 18 years	693	57.3%
Female householder, no husband present:	2,222	64.8%
With related children under 18 years:	1,442	64.9%
Under 6 years only	229	15.9%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	432	30.0%
6 to 17 years only	781	54.2%
No related children under 18 years	780	35.1%

## Educational Attainment by Sex

<b>Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	31,488	100.0%
Male:	18,023	57.2%
Less than high school diploma	6,632	36.8%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	6,497	36.0%
Some college or associates degree	2,171	12.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,723	15.1%
Female:	13,465	42.8%
Less than high school diploma	4,533	33.7%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	4,563	33.9%
Some college or associates degree	2,067	15.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,302	17.1%

## Household Population

<b>Population by Household Type</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	43,814	100.0%
In households:	43,376	99.0%
In family households	34,150	78.7%
In nonfamily households	9,226	21.3%
In group quarters	438	1.0%

## Average Household Size

<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
Total:	3.0
Owner Occupied	2.9
Renter Occupied	3.1

# Economic Characteristics

## Employment Status

<b>Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	36,238	100.0%
In labor force:	26,952	74.4%
In Armed Forces	-	0.0%
Civilian:	26,952	100.0%
Employed	24,600	91.3%
Unemployed	2,352	8.7%
Not in labor force	9,286	25.6%

## Work Status by Sex

<b>Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	32,100	100.0%
Male:	19,204	59.8%
Worked in the past 12 months	16,932	88.2%
Did not work in the past 12 months	2,272	11.8%
Female:	12,896	40.2%
Worked in the past 12 months	9,710	75.3%
Did not work in the past 12 months	3,186	24.7%

## Class of Worker

<b>Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	24,600	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	20,890	84.9%
Employee of private company workers	20,545	98.3%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	345	1.7%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	1,175	4.8%
Local government workers	943	3.8%
State government workers	511	2.1%
Federal government workers	324	1.3%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	734	3.0%
Unpaid family workers	23	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:	24,600	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	42	0.2%
Construction	2,200	8.9%
Manufacturing	1,328	5.4%
Wholesale trade	511	2.1%
Retail trade	2,304	9.4%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,413	5.7%
Information	304	1.2%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,225	5.0%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	3,600	14.6%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	3,143	12.8%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	6,162	25.0%
Other services, except public administration	1,639	6.7%
Public administration	729	3.0%

## Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

<b>Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>
Total:	24,600	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	3,881	15.8%
Management, business, and financial occupations	1,956	50.4%
Professional and related occupations	1,925	49.6%
Service occupations:	9,763	39.7%
Healthcare support occupations	357	3.7%
Protective service occupations	343	3.5%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	4,597	47.1%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	3,831	39.2%
Personal care and service occupations	635	6.5%
Sales and office occupations:	5,046	20.5%
Sales and related occupations	2,335	46.3%
Office and administrative support occupations	2,711	53.7%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	50	0.2%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	2,615	10.6%
Construction and extraction occupations	2,187	83.6%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	428	16.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	3,245	13.2%
Production occupations	1,490	45.9%
Transportation and material moving occupations	1,755	54.1%

## 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:	8,474	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	884	10.4%
Married-couple family:	220	24.9%
With related children under 18 years:	121	55.0%
Under 5 years only	8	6.6%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	13	10.7%
5 to 17 years only	100	82.6%
No related children under 18 years	99	45.0%
Other family:	664	75.1%
Male householder, no wife present:	99	14.9%
With related children under 18 years:	53	53.5%
Under 5 years only	25	47.2%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	21	39.6%
5 to 17 years only	7	13.2%
No related children under 18 years	46	46.5%
Female householder, no husband present:	565	85.1%
With related children under 18 years:	464	82.1%
Under 5 years only	142	30.6%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	154	33.2%
5 to 17 years only	168	36.2%
No related children under 18 years	101	17.9%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	7,590	89.6%
Married-couple family:	4,823	63.5%
With related children under 18 years:	2,151	44.6%
Under 5 years only	591	27.5%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	467	21.7%
5 to 17 years only	1,093	50.8%
No related children under 18 years	2,672	55.4%
Other family:	2,767	36.5%
Male householder, no wife present:	1,110	40.1%
With related children under 18 years:	463	41.7%
Under 5 years only	193	41.7%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	54	11.7%
5 to 17 years only	216	46.7%
No related children under 18 years	647	58.3%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,657	59.9%
With related children under 18 years:	978	59.0%
Under 5 years only	44	4.5%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	161	16.5%
5 to 17 years only	773	79.0%
No related children under 18 years	679	41.0%

## Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 21,495

## Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 43,511

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

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	14,225	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,158	8.1%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,236	8.7%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	705	5.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	883	6.2%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	968	6.8%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	950	6.7%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	610	4.3%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	858	6.0%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	675	4.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,348	9.5%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,273	8.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,857	13.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	764	5.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	394	2.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	346	2.4%
\$200,000 or more	200	1.4%

## 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>	9,989	100.0%			
<b>Less than \$10,000:</b>	1,027	10.3%			
Less than 20.0 percent	77	7.5%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	11	1.1%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	231	22.5%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	55	5.4%			
35.0 percent or more	599	58.3%			
Not computed	54	5.3%			
<b>\$10,000 to \$19,999:</b>	1,641	16.4%			
Less than 20.0 percent	125	7.6%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	115	7.0%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	147	9.0%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	173	10.5%			
35.0 percent or more	1,060	64.6%			
Not computed	21	1.3%			
<b>\$20,000 to \$34,999:</b>	2,198	22.0%			
Less than 20.0 percent	122	5.6%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	28	1.3%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	134	6.1%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	216	9.8%			
35.0 percent or more	1,651	75.1%			
Not computed	47	2.1%			
<b>\$35,000 to \$49,999:</b>	1,556	15.6%			
Less than 20.0 percent	58	3.7%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	173	11.1%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	322	20.7%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	384	24.7%			
35.0 percent or more	588	37.8%			
Not computed	31	2.0%			
			<b>\$50,000 to \$74,999:</b>	1,772	17.7%
			Less than 20.0 percent	444	25.1%
			20.0 to 24.9 percent	515	29.1%
			25.0 to 29.9 percent	327	18.5%
			30.0 to 34.9 percent	283	16.0%
			35.0 percent or more	187	10.6%
			Not computed	16	0.9%
			<b>\$75,000 to \$99,999:</b>	1,129	11.3%
			Less than 20.0 percent	754	66.8%
			20.0 to 24.9 percent	322	28.5%
			25.0 to 29.9 percent	41	3.6%
			30.0 to 34.9 percent	12	1.1%
			35.0 percent or more	-	0.0%
			Not computed	-	0.0%
			<b>\$100,000 or more:</b>	666	6.7%
			Less than 20.0 percent	612	91.9%
			20.0 to 24.9 percent	54	8.1%
			25.0 to 29.9 percent	-	0.0%
			30.0 to 34.9 percent	-	0.0%
			35.0 percent or more	-	0.0%
			Not computed	-	0.0%

# Housing Characteristics

## Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	15,605	100.0%

## Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	15,605	100.0%
Occupied	14,225	91.2%
Vacant	1,380	8.8%

## Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	14,225	100.0%
Owner occupied	4,236	29.8%
Renter occupied	9,989	70.2%

## Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	1,380	100.0%
For rent	365	26.4%
Rented, not occupied	60	4.3%
For sale only	145	10.5%
Sold, not occupied	69	5.0%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	112	8.1%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	629	45.6%