

American Community Survey

2005-2009 Estimate

West Roxbury

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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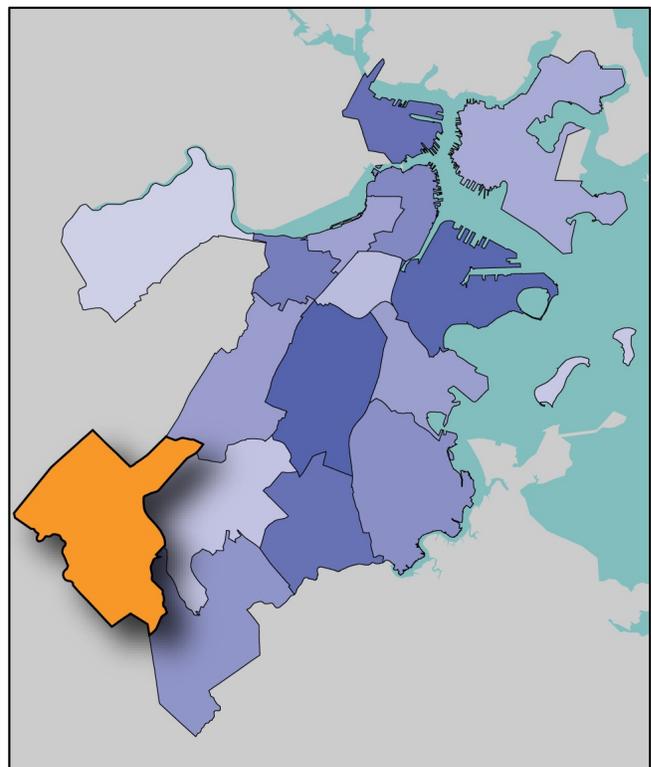


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Demographic Characteristics

Total Population

Total Population	Estimate	%
Total:	31,811	100.0%
Male	14,953	47.0%
Female	16,858	53.0%

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity*	Estimate	%
Total:	31,811	100.0%
White alone	24,242	76.2%
Black or African American alone	2,840	8.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	-	0.0%
Asian alone	1,583	5.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	-	0.0%
Some other race alone	23	0.1%
Two or more races	380	1.2%
Hispanic or Latino	2,743	8.6%

**“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:	31,811	100.0%	40 to 44 years	2,345 7.4%
Under 5 years	2,513	7.9%	45 to 49 years	2,966 9.3%
5 to 9 years	1,825	5.7%	50 to 54 years	2,257 7.1%
10 to 14 years	1,509	4.7%	55 to 59 years	2,009 6.3%
15 to 17 years	913	2.9%	60 and 61 years	822 2.6%
18 and 19 years	423	1.3%	62 to 64 years	779 2.4%
20 years	191	0.6%	65 and 66 years	477 1.5%
21 years	181	0.6%	67 to 69 years	726 2.3%
22 to 24 years	859	2.7%	70 to 74 years	1,141 3.6%
25 to 29 years	1,897	6.0%	75 to 79 years	1,184 3.7%
30 to 34 years	2,577	8.1%	80 to 84 years	811 2.5%
35 to 39 years	2,542	8.0%	85 years and over	864 2.7%

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status

Place of Birth by Citizenship Status	Estimate	%
Total:	31,811	100.0%
Native:	25,880	81.4%
Born in Massachusetts	20,775	80.3%
Born in other state in the United States:	4,683	18.1%
Northeast	2,655	56.7%
Midwest	668	14.3%
South	1,160	24.8%
West	200	4.3%
Born outside the United States:	422	1.6%
Puerto Rico	207	49.1%
U.S. Island Areas	-	0.0%
Born abroad of American parent(s)	215	50.9%
Foreign born:	5,931	18.6%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	3,588	60.5%
Not a U.S. citizen	2,343	39.5%

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:	6,353	100.0%
Entered 2000 or later:	1,323	20.8%
Native*	20	1.5%
Foreign born:	1,303	98.5%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	326	25.0%
Not a U.S. citizen	977	75.0%
Entered 1990 to 1999:	1,625	25.6%
Native*	-	0.0%
Foreign born:	1,625	100.0%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,077	66.3%
Not a U.S. citizen	548	33.7%
Entered 1980 to 1989:	1,418	22.3%
Native*	59	4.2%
Foreign born:	1,359	95.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	913	67.2%
Not a U.S. citizen	446	32.8%
Entered before 1980:	1,987	31.3%
Native*	343	17.3%
Foreign born:	1,644	82.7%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	1,272	77.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	372	22.6%

* 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:	5,931	100.0%
Haiti	733	12.4%
China	601	10.1%
Dominican Republic	515	8.7%
Ireland	450	7.6%
Greece	353	6.0%
Philippines	309	5.2%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies)	245	4.1%
Ukraine	222	3.7%
Russia	195	3.3%
Nigeria	148	2.5%
Honduras	147	2.5%
Venezuela	139	2.3%
Canada	139	2.3%
Korea	133	2.2%
Italy	113	1.9%
Syria	112	1.9%
Guatemala	94	1.6%
Germany	93	1.6%
Albania	89	1.5%
Lebanon	88	1.5%

Language Spoken at Home

Language Spoken at Home by Age for the Population 5 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	29,298	100.0%
5 to 17 years:	4,247	14.5%
Speak only English	3,304	77.8%
Speak Spanish	430	10.1%
Speak other Indo-European languages	291	6.9%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	187	4.4%
Speak other languages	35	0.8%
18 to 64 years:	19,848	67.7%
Speak only English	14,607	73.6%
Speak Spanish	1,766	8.9%
Speak other Indo-European languages	2,235	11.3%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	812	4.1%
Speak other languages	428	2.2%
65 years and over:	5,203	17.8%
Speak only English	4,296	82.6%
Speak Spanish	83	1.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	723	13.9%
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	42	0.8%
Speak other languages	59	1.1%

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language*

Linguistic Isolation by Household Language	Estimate	%
Total:	11,977	100.0%
English only	9,010	75.2%
Spanish:	865	7.2%
Linguistically isolated	113	13.1%
Not linguistically isolated	752	86.9%
Other Indo-European languages:	1,501	12.5%
Linguistically isolated	487	32.4%
Not linguistically isolated	1,014	67.6%
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	371	3.1%
Linguistically isolated	63	17.0%
Not linguistically isolated	308	83.0%
Other languages:	230	1.9%
Linguistically isolated	96	41.7%
Not linguistically isolated	134	58.3%

* 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:	25,964	100.0%
Male:	11,928	45.9%
Never married	4,584	38.4%
Now married:	6,131	51.4%
Married, spouse present	5,502	89.7%
Married, spouse absent:	629	10.3%
Separated	380	60.4%
Other	249	39.6%
Widowed	475	4.0%
Divorced	738	6.2%
Female:	14,036	54.1%
Never married	4,858	34.6%
Now married:	6,305	44.9%
Married, spouse present	5,553	88.1%
Married, spouse absent:	752	11.9%
Separated	379	50.4%
Other	373	49.6%
Widowed	1,649	11.7%
Divorced	1,224	8.7%

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Own Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	7,677	100.0%
Married-couple family:	5,216	67.9%
With related children under 18 years:	2,416	46.3%
Under 6 years only	1,068	44.2%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	265	11.0%
6 to 17 years only	1,083	44.8%
No related children under 18 years	2,800	53.7%
Other family:	2,461	32.1%
Male householder, no wife present:	572	23.2%
With related children under 18 years:	49	8.6%
Under 6 years only	7	14.3%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	42	85.7%
No related children under 18 years	523	91.4%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,889	76.8%
With related children under 18 years:	990	52.4%
Under 6 years only	164	16.6%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	141	14.2%
6 to 17 years only	685	69.2%
No related children under 18 years	899	47.6%

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type

Presence and Age of Related Children by Family Type	Estimate	%
Total:	7,677	100.0%
Married-couple family:	5,216	67.9%
With related children under 18 years:	2,443	46.8%
Under 6 years only	1,068	43.7%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	265	10.8%
6 to 17 years only	1,110	45.4%
No related children under 18 years	2,773	53.2%
Other family:	2,461	32.1%
Male householder, no wife present:	572	23.2%
With related children under 18 years:	118	20.6%
Under 6 years only	7	5.9%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	-	0.0%
6 to 17 years only	111	94.1%
No related children under 18 years	454	79.4%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,889	76.8%
With related children under 18 years:	1,023	54.2%
Under 6 years only	164	16.0%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	163	15.9%
6 to 17 years only	696	68.0%
No related children under 18 years	866	45.8%

Educational Attainment by Sex

Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	23,397	100.0%
Male:	10,601	45.3%
Less than high school diploma	631	6.0%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,789	26.3%
Some college or associates degree	2,050	19.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,131	48.4%
Female:	12,796	54.7%
Less than high school diploma	819	6.4%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	3,008	23.5%
Some college or associates degree	3,063	23.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,906	46.2%

Household Population

Population by Household Type	Estimate	%
Total:	31,811	100.0%
In households:	30,992	97.4%
In family households	25,786	83.2%
In nonfamily households	5,206	16.8%
In group quarters	819	2.6%

Average Household Size

Average Household Size	Estimate
Total:	2.6
Owner Occupied	2.8
Renter Occupied	2.3

Economic Characteristics

Employment Status

Employment Status for the Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	25,549	100.0%
In labor force:	17,319	67.8%
In Armed Forces	-	0.0%
Civilian:	17,319	100.0%
Employed	16,432	94.9%
Unemployed	887	5.1%
Not in labor force	8,230	32.2%

Work Status by Sex

Work Status in the Past 12 Months for Population 16-64 Years	Estimate	%
Total:	20,346	100.0%
Male:	9,636	47.4%
Worked in the past 12 months	8,325	86.4%
Did not work in the past 12 months	1,311	13.6%
Female:	10,710	52.6%
Worked in the past 12 months	8,926	83.3%
Did not work in the past 12 months	1,784	16.7%

Class of Worker

Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	16,432	100.0%
Private for-profit wage and salary workers:	9,300	56.6%
Employee of private company workers	8,976	96.5%
Self-employed in own incorporated business workers	324	3.5%
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	3,029	18.4%
Local government workers	2,021	12.3%
State government workers	865	5.3%
Federal government workers	501	3.0%
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	695	4.2%
Unpaid family workers	21	0.1%

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population

Industry for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	16,432	100.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	11	0.1%
Construction	684	4.2%
Manufacturing	662	4.0%
Wholesale trade	443	2.7%
Retail trade	1,255	7.6%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	487	3.0%
Information	489	3.0%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,463	8.9%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	2,300	14.0%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	6,229	37.9%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	608	3.7%
Other services, except public administration	475	2.9%
Public administration	1,326	8.1%

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population

Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over	Estimate	%
Total:	16,432	100.0%
Management, professional, and related occupations:	9,174	55.8%
Management, business, and financial occupations	3,337	36.4%
Professional and related occupations	5,837	63.6%
Service occupations:	2,511	15.3%
Healthcare support occupations	550	21.9%
Protective service occupations	614	24.5%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	432	17.2%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	559	22.3%
Personal care and service occupations	356	14.2%
Sales and office occupations:	3,129	19.0%
Sales and related occupations	1,324	42.3%
Office and administrative support occupations	1,805	57.7%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	11	0.1%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations:	936	5.7%
Construction and extraction occupations	628	67.1%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	308	32.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	671	4.1%
Production occupations	289	43.1%
Transportation and material moving occupations	382	56.9%

Family Poverty Status

Age of Related Children by Presence of Related Children by Family Type by Poverty Status	Estimate	%
Total:	7,677	100.0%
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	460	6.0%
Married-couple family:	130	28.3%
With related children under 18 years:	80	61.5%
Under 5 years only	51	63.8%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	29	36.3%
No related children under 18 years	50	38.5%
Other family:	330	71.7%
Male householder, no wife present:	4	1.2%
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	4	100.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	326	98.8%
With related children under 18 years:	292	89.6%
Under 5 years only	33	11.3%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	44	15.1%
5 to 17 years only	215	73.6%
No related children under 18 years	34	10.4%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level:	7,217	94.0%
Married-couple family:	5,086	70.5%
With related children under 18 years:	2,363	46.5%
Under 5 years only	904	38.3%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	345	14.6%
5 to 17 years only	1,114	47.1%
No related children under 18 years	2,723	53.5%
Other family:	2,131	29.5%
Male householder, no wife present:	568	26.7%
With related children under 18 years:	118	20.8%
Under 5 years only	7	5.9%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	-	0.0%
5 to 17 years only	111	94.1%
No related children under 18 years	450	79.2%
Female householder, no husband present:	1,563	73.3%
With related children under 18 years:	731	46.8%
Under 5 years only	87	11.9%
Under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	110	15.0%
5 to 17 years only	534	73.1%
No related children under 18 years	832	53.2%

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income	Estimate
Per Capita Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 37,464

Median Household Income

Median Household Income	Estimate
Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months (in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$ 71,066

Household Income (In 2009 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%
Total:	11,977	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	779	6.5%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	496	4.1%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	364	3.0%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	462	3.9%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	337	2.8%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	497	4.1%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	415	3.5%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	311	2.6%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	345	2.9%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	808	6.7%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,592	13.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,455	12.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,437	12.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	753	6.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,125	9.4%
\$200,000 or more	801	6.7%

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income in the Past 12 Months	Estimate	%		Estimate	%
Total:	3,939	100.0%			
Less than \$10,000:	504	12.8%	\$50,000 to \$74,999:	848	21.5%
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	182	21.5%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	-	0.0%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	218	25.7%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	69	13.7%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	130	15.3%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	34	6.7%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	283	33.4%
35.0 percent or more	282	56.0%	35.0 percent or more	35	4.1%
Not computed	119	23.6%	Not computed	-	0.0%
\$10,000 to \$19,999:	543	13.8%	\$75,000 to \$99,999:	500	12.7%
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%	Less than 20.0 percent	207	41.4%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	37	6.8%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	193	38.6%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	79	14.5%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	55	11.0%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	-	0.0%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	-	0.0%
35.0 percent or more	418	77.0%	35.0 percent or more	8	1.6%
Not computed	9	1.7%	Not computed	37	7.4%
\$20,000 to \$34,999:	605	15.4%	\$100,000 or more:	468	11.9%
Less than 20.0 percent	39	6.4%	Less than 20.0 percent	405	86.5%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	16	2.6%	20.0 to 24.9 percent	55	11.8%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	114	18.8%	25.0 to 29.9 percent	8	1.7%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	128	21.2%	30.0 to 34.9 percent	-	0.0%
35.0 percent or more	297	49.1%	35.0 percent or more	-	0.0%
Not computed	11	1.8%	Not computed	-	0.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999:	471	12.0%			
Less than 20.0 percent	-	0.0%			
20.0 to 24.9 percent	65	13.8%			
25.0 to 29.9 percent	85	18.0%			
30.0 to 34.9 percent	83	17.6%			
35.0 percent or more	238	50.5%			
Not computed	-	0.0%			

Housing Characteristics

Housing Units

Housing Units	Estimate	%
Total	12,424	100.0%

Occupancy Status

Occupancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	12,424	100.0%
Occupied	11,977	96.4%
Vacant	447	3.6%

Tenure

Tenure	Estimate	%
Total:	11,977	100.0%
Owner occupied	8,038	67.1%
Renter occupied	3,939	32.9%

Vacancy Status

Vacancy Status	Estimate	%
Total:	447	100.0%
For rent	146	32.7%
Rented, not occupied	24	5.4%
For sale only	101	22.6%
Sold, not occupied	75	16.8%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	44	9.8%
For migrant workers	-	0.0%
Other vacant	57	12.8%