

**Data Snapshot:  
Allston/Brighton**

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US Census Bureau data by neighborhood is only available from the 2000 Census. For additional demographic data about Allston/Brighton from the 2000 US Census access the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Allston/Brighton Report ([www.cityofboston.gov/bra](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bra)).

The Boston Indicators web site is organized into ten sectors and five "Crosscuts" including Boston Neighborhoods. The following data is available at the Boston Neighborhoods Sector Crosscut at the Boston Indicators homepage ([www.bostonindicators.org](http://www.bostonindicators.org)).

**Civic Vitality**

- Trust in neighbors
- Registered voters and participation rates
- Reported Hate Crimes by Type
- People living at the same address by number of years
- Small business loans by race and gender
- Library books in circulation

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**Allston/Brighton: Population**

	1990		2000		% change
	#	%	#	%	
<b>POPULATION</b>					
<b>Total Population</b>	70,284	100.0%	69,648	100.0%	-0.9%
% of Boston Population		12.2%		11.8%	

	1990		2000		% change
	#	%	#	%	
<b>RACE &amp; ETHNICITY</b>					
<b>Non-Latino</b>					
White	51,395	73.1%	47,828	68.7%	-6.9%
African American	4,650	6.6%	2,982	4.3%	-35.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7,371	10.5%	9,737	14.0%	32.1%
Native American	109	0.2%	97	0.1%	-11.0%
Some other race	346	0.5%	546	0.8%	57.8%
Two or more races	N/A	N/A	2,076	3.0%	N/A
<b>Latino</b>	6,413	9.1%	6,382	9.2%	-0.5%

	1990		2000		% change
	#	%	#	%	
<b>AGE</b>					
< 5	2,688	3.8%	2,165	3.1%	-19.5%
5 to 9	1,822	2.6%	1,908	2.7%	4.7%
10 to 14	1,429	2.0%	1,459	2.1%	2.1%
15 to 19	4,511	6.4%	4,096	5.9%	-9.2%
20 to 24	17,367	24.7%	17,377	24.9%	0.1%
25 to 34	20,996	29.9%	20,749	29.8%	-1.2%
35 to 44	7,416	10.6%	7,249	10.4%	-2.3%
45 to 54	3,518	5.0%	4,898	7.0%	39.2%
55 to 64	3,421	4.9%	3,162	4.5%	-7.6%
65 to 79	4,948	7.0%	4,682	6.7%	-5.4%
80+	2,168	3.1%	1,903	2.7%	-12.2%

<b>INCOME &amp; POVERTY</b>	1990	2000	Change
Median Household Income *	\$39,375	\$38,941	-1.1%
Per Capita Income *	\$21,136	\$21,937	3.8%
Individuals in Poverty (percent of total)	13,297 (20.1%)	15,251 (23.0%)	14.7%

\* represents income from the prior year. 1989 income adjusted to 1999 dollars

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, from 1990 and 2000 US Census.

## Allston/Brighton: Population & Households

FAMILIES & PLACE OF BIRTH	Allston/Brighton		Boston	
	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Population</b>	69,648	100.0%	589,141	100.0%
Population in family households	30,282	43.5%	382,668	65.0%
Foreign born (naturalized)	7,892	11.3%	56,681	9.6%
Foreign born (not a citizen)	14,124	20.3%	95,155	16.2%

### LANGUAGE

Population 5 and older	#	%	#	%
<b>Population 5 and older</b>	67,483	100.0%	557,376	100.0%
Speak Spanish	5,729	8.5%	75,711	13.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	10,269	15.2%	67,706	12.1%
Speak Asian languages	7,647	11.3%	34,765	6.2%
Speak other language	859	1.3%	8,009	1.4%

### TRANSPORTATION

Workers 16 years and over	#	%	#	%
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	39,522	100.0%	278,463	100.0%
Took public transit to work	15,142	38.3%	89,906	32.3%
Walked to work	2,747	7.0%	36,323	13.0%

### HOUSEHOLDS

Total Households	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Households</b>	30,561	100.0%	239,603	100.0%
Linguistically isolated household	4,478	14.7%	25,660	10.7%
<b>Family Households</b>	10,237	33.5%	116,657	48.7%
Married-couple family	7,075	23.2%	67,893	28.3%
Single-person headed household	3,162	10.3%	48,764	20.4%
<b>Nonfamily Households</b>	20,324	66.5%	122,946	51.3%
<b>Average household size</b>				
All households	2.16		2.31	
Family households	2.96		3.28	
Non-family households	1.75		1.39	
<b>Median household income</b>				
All households	\$38,941		\$39,629	
Family households	\$46,124		\$44,151	
Non-family households	\$34,823		\$33,332	

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, from 2000 US Census.

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### Cultural Life & the Arts

- Distribution of arts and cultural facilities in relationship to the concentration of children
- Artists and visitors participating in Open Studios
- Public festivals and celebrations
- Free and reduced price tickets at cultural institutions and venues
- Dedicated artists' housing units

### Economy

- Income by race, educational attainment

### Education

- Enrollment in early, accredited childhood education and full day kindergarten
- Schools with up-to-date technology and libraries, gyms, labs and renovated schoolyards
- Children and youth participation in after-school programs

### Environment & Energy

- Friends groups for parks and green spaces
- Public health stresses on children
- Green space distribution, acres per 1,000 children
- Tree cover and number of trees and bulbs/flowers planted
- Community gardens

### Health

- Asthma hospitalization rates by race/ethnicity and age
- Location of children and recreation areas vs. exposure to environmental hazards

See the Boston Health Commission's *Health of Boston 2008*, a compendium of Boston health statistics, with data by neighborhood, available at [www.bphc.org](http://www.bphc.org).

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## Allston/Brighton: Housing

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### Housing

- Median home prices
- Distribution of affordable housing units
- Mortgage foreclosures
- Abandoned properties
- Reported cases of lead poisoning

### Public Safety

- Trends in reported Part One Crime (Serious) per 1000 population by Boston neighborhood
- Resident public perception of safety and quality of life ranking
- Residents who trust their neighbors
- Reported incidents of domestic violence
- Partnerships with law enforcement agencies by type

### Technology

- Public access to computers and the Internet
- Number of neighborhoods/communities with available broadband and wireless access

### Transportation

- Residents within a 10-minute walk from transit nodes by race, income, age group and transit dependency
- People walking and biking to work

HOUSING UNITS	1990		2000		% Change
	#	%	#	%	
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	30,862	100.0%	30,988	100.0%	0.4%
% of Boston Housing Stock		12.3%		12.3%	

OCUPIED HOUSING UNITS	#	%	#	%	% Change
Owner Occupied	6,100	20.7%	5,980	19.6%	-2.0%
Renter Occupied	23,327	79.3%	24,525	80.4%	5.1%
<b>Vacant Housing Units</b>	1,435	4.6%	483	1.6%	-66.3%

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, from 1990 and 2000 US Census.

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING BY TYPE (2005)	#	%
Single Family	1,599	26.1%
Two Family	2,522	41.1%
Three Family	918	15.0%
<b>Total 1, 2, 3 Family Properties</b>	<b>5,039</b>	<b>82.2%</b>
Four-Six Family	281	4.6%
Apartment Buildings	355	5.8%
Mixed Residential/Commercial	135	2.2%
Condominium Associations	320	5.2%
<b>Total Residential &amp; Mixed Properties</b>	<b>6,130</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Source: City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development

MEDIAN RESIDENTIAL SALES PRICES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Single Family	\$380,000	\$439,000	\$479,000	\$450,750	\$454,500
Two-Family	\$520,000	\$570,000	\$602,500	\$585,000	\$560,000
Three-Family	\$687,500	\$710,000	\$755,000	\$615,000	\$753,900
Condominium	\$236,000	\$253,000	\$285,550	\$285,000	\$269,000
All Residential Sales	\$259,900	\$285,000	\$314,500	\$324,000	\$293,000

FORECLOSURE DEEDS	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	2	4	4	6	4

MEDIAN MONTHLY ASKING RENT (2-bedroom apt)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	\$1,350	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,400

Source: City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development

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## Allston/Brighton: Health & Open Space

<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>Allston/Brighton</b>	<b>Boston</b>
Women who smoked during pregnancy as a % of births (2002)	2.9%	4.5%
Emergency department visits per 1,000 residents (2006)	85.3	113.1
Asthma hospitalizations per child under 5 (2004-2006)	2.5	9.7
Percent of children tested with elevated blood lead level (2007)	1.1%	1.6%
Percent of adults who are overweight or obese (2003-2005 average)	38%	50%
Percent of adults who are smokers (1999-2003 average)	24%	21%
Percent of adults who report limited physical activity (2001-2003)	56%	55%
Percent of adults with high blood pressure (1999-2001 average)	14%	19%
Heart disease mortality per 100,000 residents (2001-2003)	167	188
Diabetes mortality per 100,000 residents (2004-2006)	11.9	20.6
Cancer mortality per 100,000 residents (2000-2002)	178	218
Substance abuse mortality per 100,000 residents (2006)	20.2	33.5

\* Insufficient data

Source: Boston Public Health Commission

### LAND & OPEN SPACE

Land area (sq miles)	4.36
Persons per sq mile	15,974
% open space	19.4%
Protected open space per 1,000 people, 2001 (acres)	4.8

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority & Boston Parks Dept.

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