

**Data Snapshot:
Mattapan**

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Mattapan: Population



US Census Bureau data by neighborhood is only available from the 2000 Census. For additional demographic data about Mattapan from the 2000 US Census access the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Mattapan Report (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).

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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	1990		2000		% change
	#	%	#	%	
POPULATION					
Total Population	35,988	100.0%	37,371	100.0%	3.8%
% of Boston Population		6.3%		6.3%	

RACE & ETHNICITY	1990		2000		% change
	#	%	#	%	
Non-Latino					
White	2,756	7.7%	1,236	3.3%	-55.2%
African American	30,216	84.0%	29,041	77.7%	-3.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	234	0.7%	207	0.6%	-11.5%
Native American	119	0.3%	107	0.3%	-10.1%
Some other race	151	0.4%	217	0.6%	43.7%
Two or more races	N/A	N/A	1,990	5.3%	N/A
Latino	2,515	7.0%	4,573	12.2%	81.8%

AGE	1990		2000		% change
	#	%	#	%	
< 5	3,292	9.1%	3,060	8.2%	-7.0%
5 to 9	3,044	8.5%	3,648	9.8%	19.8%
10 to 14	2,812	7.8%	3,626	9.7%	28.9%
15 to 19	3,137	8.7%	2,808	7.5%	-10.5%
20 to 24	3,021	8.4%	2,683	7.2%	-11.2%
25 to 34	6,538	18.2%	5,730	15.3%	-12.4%
35 to 44	5,536	15.4%	5,395	14.4%	-2.5%
45 to 54	3,961	11.0%	4,535	12.1%	14.5%
55 to 64	2,368	6.6%	3,218	8.6%	35.9%
65 to 79	1,813	5.0%	2,189	5.9%	20.7%
80+	476	1.3%	479	1.3%	0.6%

INCOME & POVERTY	1990	2000	Change
Median Household Income *	\$39,283	\$32,749	-16.6%
Per Capita Income *	\$14,412	\$14,801	2.7%
Individuals in Poverty (percent of total)	7,572 (22.2%)	8,296 (22.3%)	9.6%

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

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

Mattapan: Population & Households

FAMILIES & PLACE OF BIRTH	Mattapan		Boston	
	#	%	#	%
Total Population	37,371	100.0%	589,141	100.0%
Population in family households	33,255	89.0%	382,668	65.0%
Foreign born (naturalized)	4,422	11.8%	56,681	9.6%
Foreign born (not a citizen)	6,827	18.3%	95,155	16.2%

LANGUAGE

Population 5 and older	34,311	100.0%	557,376	100.0%
Speak Spanish	4,044	11.8%	75,711	13.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	6,128	17.9%	67,706	12.1%
Speak Asian languages	119	0.3%	34,765	6.2%
Speak other language	536	1.6%	8,009	1.4%

TRANSPORTATION

Workers 16 years and over	13,215	100.0%	278,463	100.0%
Took public transit to work	4,577	34.6%	89,906	32.3%
Walked to work	201	1.5%	36,323	13.0%

HOUSEHOLDS

Total Households	12,532	100.0%	239,603	100.0%
Linguistically isolated household	1,183	9.4%	25,660	10.7%
Family Households	9,359	74.7%	116,657	48.7%
Married-couple family	3,899	31.1%	67,893	28.3%
Single-person headed-household	5,460	43.6%	48,764	20.4%
Nonfamily Households	3,173	25.3%	122,946	51.3%
Average household size				
All households	2.96		2.31	
Family households	3.55		3.28	
Non-family households	1.22		1.39	
Median household income				
All households	\$32,748		\$39,629	
Family households	\$35,245		\$44,151	
Non-family households	\$23,921		\$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.

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Mattapan: 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
	#	%	#	%	
Total Housing Units	12,238	100.0%	13,101	100.0%	7.1%
% of Boston Housing Stock		4.9%		5.2%	

OCUPIED HOUSING UNITS	#	%	#	%	% Change
Owner Occupied	4,099	36.5%	4,418	35.3%	7.8%
Renter Occupied	7,139	63.5%	8,102	64.7%	13.5%
Vacant Housing Units	998	8.2%	581	4.4%	-41.8%

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

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING BY TYPE (2005)	#	%
Single Family	2,130	42.0%
Two Family	1,616	31.8%
Three Family	1,037	20.4%
Total 1, 2, 3 Family Properties	4,783	94.2%
Four-Six Family	92	1.8%
Apartment Buildings	127	2.5%
Mixed Residential/Commercial	30	0.6%
Condominium Associations	43	0.8%
Total Residential & Mixed Properties	5,075	N/A

Source: City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development

MEDIAN RESIDENTIAL SALES PRICES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Single Family	\$255,000	\$295,000	\$325,000	\$305,000	\$289,950
Two-Family	\$360,000	\$417,450	\$460,000	\$465,000	\$390,000
Three-Family	\$437,000	\$490,000	\$532,500	\$525,000	\$420,000
Condominium	\$266,000	\$246,450	\$237,500	\$249,900	\$259,900
All Residential Sales	\$315,000	\$332,850	\$377,750	\$350,000	\$300,000

FORECLOSURE DEEDS	5	5	6	36	91

MEDIAN MONTHLY ASKING RENT (2-bedroom apt)	\$1,350	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,100	\$1,075

Source: City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development

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Mattapan: Health & Open Space

HEALTH	Mattapan	Boston
Women who smoked during pregnancy as a % of births (2002)	3.8%	4.5%
Emergency department visits per 1,000 residents (2006)	132.1	113.1
Asthma hospitalizations per child under 5 (2004-2006)	11.6	9.7
Percent of children tested with elevated blood lead level (2007)	2.0%	1.6%
Percent of adults who are overweight or obese (2003-2005 average)	70%	50%
Percent of adults who are smokers (1999-2003 average)	20%	21%
Percent of adults who report limited physical activity (2001-2003)	77%	55%
Percent of adults with high blood pressure (1999-2001 average)	38%	19%
Heart disease mortality per 100,000 residents (2001-2003)	197	188
Diabetes mortality per 100,000 residents (2004-2006)	29.8	20.6
Cancer mortality per 100,000 residents (2000-2002)	217	218
Substance abuse mortality per 100,000 residents (2006)	31.6	33.5

* Insufficient data

Source: Boston Public Health Commission

LAND & OPEN SPACE

Land area (sq miles)	2.81
Persons per sq mile	13,383
% open space	16.7%
Protected open space per 1,000 people, 2001 (acres)	4.7

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority & Boston Parks Dept.

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