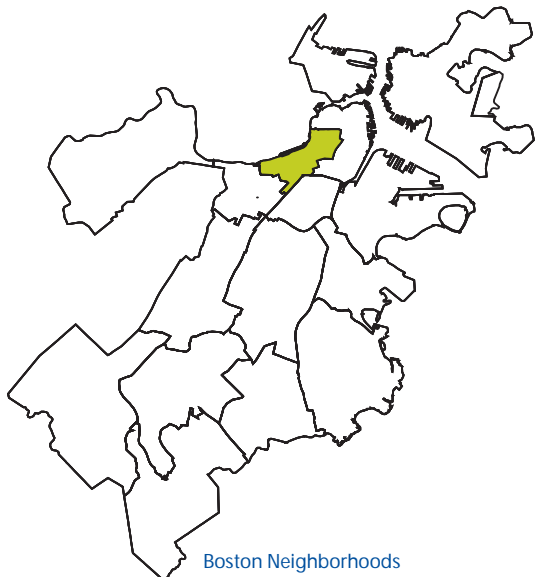


Neighborhood At-A-Glance: Back Bay/Beacon Hill

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Boston Neighborhoods

For additional demographic data about Back Bay/Beacon Hill from the 2000 US Census access the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Back Bay/Beacon Hill 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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US Census Bureau data by Boston's neighborhoods are only available from the 2000 Census. However, the 2010 Census is under way and new neighborhood data will be available in 2011. Visit the [Census Bureau](http://www.census.gov) for more information on the 2010 Census. For more recent sub-municipal Boston data, see the "at-a-glance" pages for Boston's 5 Public Use Microdata Areas, or PUMA's, with data through 2008.

POPULATION

	1990		2000		Change
	#	%	#	%	%
Total Population	27,854	100.0%	26,398	100.0%	-5.2%
% of Boston Population		4.9%		4.5%	

RACE & ETHNICITY

Non-Hispanic	26,953	96.8%	25,364	96.1%	-5.9%
White	24,624	88.4%	22,445	85.0%	-8.8%
Black or Afr. American	960	3.4%	796	3.0%	-17.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,282	4.6%	1,581	6.0%	23.3%
Native American	40	0.1%	18	0.1%	-55.0%
Some other race	47	0.2%	167	0.6%	255.3%
Two or more races	na	na	357	1.4%	na
Hispanic	901	3.2%	1,034	3.9%	14.8%

AGE

< 5	534	1.9%	674	2.6%	26.2%
5-9	299	1.1%	245	0.9%	-18.1%
10-14	206	0.7%	171	0.6%	-17.0%
15-19	1,834	6.6%	1,153	4.4%	-37.1%
20-24	5,621	20.2%	3,681	13.9%	-34.5%
25-34	8,736	31.4%	8,938	33.9%	2.3%
35-44	4,066	14.6%	4,056	15.4%	-0.2%
45-54	2,636	9.5%	2,824	10.7%	7.1%
55-64	1,741	6.3%	2,492	9.4%	43.1%
65-79	1,566	5.6%	1,710	6.5%	9.2%
80+	620	2.2%	454	1.7%	-26.8%

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POPULATION BY AGE AND GENDER (2000)	Total	Male	Female
All Ages	26,398	12,914	13,484
Under 5	674	307	367
5 - 9	245	113	132
10 - 14	171	75	96
15 - 17	117	44	73
18 - 24	4,717	2,167	2,550
25 - 44	12,994	6,527	6,467
45 - 64	5,316	2,693	2,623
65+	2,164	988	1,176

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, Back Bay - Beacon Hill 2000 Census of Population and Housing. (also includes population by race, by gender and age).

POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS (2000)	Neighborhood		Boston	
	#	%	#	%
Total Population	26,398	100.0%	589,141	100.0%
Population in families	9,530	36.1%	382,668	65.0%
Foreign born (naturalized)	1,298	4.9%	56,681	9.6%
Foreign born (not a citizen)	2,841	10.8%	95,155	16.2%
Population 5 and older	25,724	100.0%	557,376	100.0%
Same house in 1995	7,474	29.1%	266,242	47.8%
Speak Spanish	1,014	3.9%	75,711	13.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	2,366	9.2%	67,706	12.1%
Speak Asian languages	964	3.7%	34,765	6.2%
Speak other language	277	1.1%	8,009	1.4%
Total Households	16,341	100.0%	239,603	100.0%
Linguistically isolated household	621	3.8%	25,660	10.7%
Average household size	1.49		2.31	
Family households	2.34		3.28	
Non-family households	1.21		1.39	
Median household income	\$66,427		\$39,629	
Family households	\$131,249		\$44,151	
Non-family households	\$52,153		\$33,332	
Workers 16 years and over	17,660	100.0%	278,463	100.0%
Took public transit to work	4,368	24.7%	89,906	32.3%
Walked to work	6,847	38.8%	36,323	13.0%

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 afterschool 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 2009*, a compendium of Boston health statistics, with data by neighborhood, available at (www.bphc.org).

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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

More data available at the Boston Neighborhoods Sector Crosscut at the Boston Indicators homepage (www.bostonindicators.org):

INCOME & POVERTY

	1990		2000		Change
	#	%	#	%	%
Median Household Income *	\$52,063		\$66,428		27.6%
Per Capita Income *	\$51,520		\$68,002		32.0%
Individuals in Poverty **	2,660	11.7%	2,541	10.3%	-4.5%

* Income data from the 1990 and 2000 Census are for the prior calendar year (1989 and 1999). The 1989 income data were adjusted for inflation to 1999 dollars.

** Excludes institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, people in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years old

HOUSING

	1990		2000		Change
	#	%	#	%	
Total Housing Units	17,975	100.0%	17,912	100.0%	-0.4%
% of Boston Housing Stock		7.2%		7.1%	
Occupied Housing Units	15,888	88.4%	16,558	92.4%	4.2%
Owner Occupied	4,602	29.0%	5,241	31.7%	13.9%
Renter Occupied	11,286	71.0%	11,317	68.3%	0.3%
Vacant Housing Units	2,087	11.6%	1,354	7.6%	-35.1%
Family Households	3,535	22.2%	4,066	24.9%	15.0%
Married-couple family	2,998	18.9%	3,655	22.4%	21.9%
Single-person head household	537	3.4%	411	2.5%	-23.5%
Nonfamily Households	12,356	77.8%	12,275	75.1%	-0.1%

Residential Housing, by Type (2005)	#	%
Single Family	477	19.2%
Two Family	115	4.6%
Three Family	61	2.5%
Sub-Total 1, 2, 3 Family Properties	653	26.3%
Four-Six Family	234	9.4%
Apartment Buildings	454	18.3%
Mixed Residential/Commercial	273	11.0%
Condominium Associations	871	35.1%
Total Residential & Mixed Properties	2,485	NA

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REAL ESTATE TRENDS

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Median Residential Sales Prices				
Single Family	\$2,262,500	\$1,837,500	\$338,950	\$379,000
Two-Family	*	*	\$386,000	\$456,000
Three-Family	*	*	\$430,000	\$515,000
Condominium	\$435,000	\$535,000	\$319,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$453,750	\$545,000	\$340,000	\$380,000
Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$1,500	\$1,450
Foreclosure Deeds	0	0	33	43

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Median Residential Sales Prices				
Single Family	\$2,095,351	\$2,120,000	\$386,995	\$370,000
Two-Family	*	*	\$480,000	\$479,450
Three-Family	*	*	\$540,000	\$526,250
Condominium	\$525,000	\$530,500	\$350,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$540,000	\$554,000	\$390,000	\$382,000
Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)	\$2,450	\$2,600	\$1,500	\$1,650
Foreclosure Deeds	2	3	60	261

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Median Residential Sales Prices				
Single Family	\$2,045,000	\$2,125,000	\$370,000	\$335,000
Two-Family	*	*	\$440,100	\$308,750
Three-Family	*	*	\$470,000	\$305,000
Condominium	\$570,000	\$620,000	\$355,000	\$370,000
All Residential Sales	\$595,000	\$630,000	\$374,500	\$352,000
Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)	\$2,600	\$2,625	\$1,800	\$1,850
Foreclosure Deeds	5	4	703	1,215

*insufficient data

LAND & OPEN SPACE (2000)

Land Area (Sq Miles)	0.94
Persons per Sq Mile	28,427
% open space	20.1%
Protected open space per 1,000 people	4.5