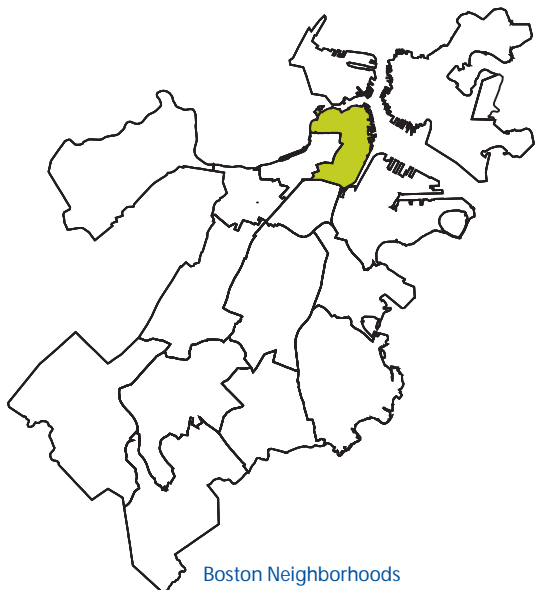


Neighborhood At-A-Glance: Central

December 2009



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](#) 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	21,625	100.0%	25,602	100.0%	18.4%
% of Boston Population		3.8%		4.3%	

RACE & ETHNICITY

Non-Hispanic	20,911	96.7%	24,236	95.9%	15.9%
White	15,975	73.9%	17,748	69.3%	11.1%
Black or Afr. American	616	2.8%	1,007	3.9%	63.5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	4,285	19.8%	5,280	20.6%	23.2%
Native American	27	0.1%	114	0.4%	322.2%
Some other race	8	0.0%	87	0.3%	987.5%
Two or more races	na	na	323	1.3%	na
Hispanic	714	3.3%	1,043	4.1%	46.1%

AGE

< 5	627	2.9%	667	2.6%	6.4%
5-9	341	1.6%	516	2.0%	51.3%
10-14	388	1.8%	340	1.3%	-12.4%
15-19	613	2.8%	1,187	4.6%	93.6%
20-24	2,450	11.3%	2,936	11.5%	19.8%
25-34	6,010	27.8%	7,084	27.7%	17.9%
35-44	3,335	15.4%	3,621	14.1%	8.6%
45-54	2,151	9.9%	2,911	11.4%	35.3%
55-64	2,034	9.4%	2,115	8.3%	47.0%
65-79	2,777	12.8%	2,857	11.2%	2.9%
80+	901	4.2%	1,368	5.3%	51.8%

For additional demographic data about Boston Central from the 2000 US Census access the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Boston Central 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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POPULATION BY AGE AND GENDER (2000)	Total	Male	Female
All Ages	25,602	13,141	12,461
Under 5	667	350	317
5 - 9	516	286	230
10 - 14	340	211	129
15 - 17	239	149	90
18 - 24	3,884	1,932	1,952
25 - 44	10,705	5,827	4,878
45 - 64	5,026	2,665	2,361
65+	4,225	1,721	2,504

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, [Boston Central 2000 Census of Population and Housing](#) (also includes population by race, by gender and age).

POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS (2000)	Neighborhood		Boston	
	#	%	#	%
Total Population	25,602	100.0%	589,141	100.0%
Population in families	10,342	40.4%	382,668	65.0%
Foreign born (naturalized)	3,022	11.8%	56,681	9.6%
Foreign born (not a citizen)	3,747	14.6%	95,155	16.2%
Population 5 and older	24,935	100.0%	557,376	100.0%
Same house in 1995	9,954	39.9%	266,242	47.8%
Speak Spanish	913	3.7%	75,711	13.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	2,482	10.0%	67,706	12.1%
Speak Asian languages	4,471	17.9%	34,765	6.2%
Speak other language	145	0.6%	8,009	1.4%
Total Households	13,423	100.0%	239,603	100.0%
Linguistically isolated household	1,852	13.8%	25,660	10.7%
Average household size	1.64		2.31	
Family households	2.59		3.28	
Non-family households	1.24		1.39	
Median household income	\$46,841		\$39,629	
Family households	\$61,124		\$44,151	
Non-family households	\$43,528		\$33,332	
Workers 16 years and over	14,503	100.0%	278,463	100.0%
Took public transit to work	3,657	25.2%	89,906	32.3%
Walked to work	6,721	46.3%	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 *	\$40,282		\$46,666		15.8%
Per Capita Income *	\$36,084		\$42,358		17.4%
Individuals in Poverty **	3,462	16.6%	3,874	16.9%	11.9%

* 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	13,361	100.0%	14,220	100.0%	6.4%
% of Boston Housing Stock		5.3%		5.6%	
Occupied Housing Units	11,766	88.1%	13,180	92.7%	12.0%
Owner Occupied	2,554	21.7%	3,359	25.5%	31.5%
Renter Occupied	9,212	78.3%	9,821	74.5%	6.6%
Vacant Housing Units	1,595	11.9%	1,040	7.3%	-34.8%
Family Households	3,782	32.1%	3,995	29.8%	5.6%
Married-couple family	2,934	24.9%	3,172	23.6%	8.1%
Single-person head household	848	7.2%	823	6.1%	-2.9%
Nonfamily Households	7,984	67.9%	9,428	70.2%	18.1%

Residential Housing, by Type (2005)	#	%
Single Family	75	5.5%
Two Family	58	4.3%
Three Family	128	9.4%
Sub-Total 1, 2, 3 Family Properties	261	19.2%
Four-Six Family	329	24.3%
Apartment Buildings	134	9.9%
Mixed Residential/Commercial	353	26.0%
Condominium Associations	279	20.6%
Total Residential & Mixed Properties	1,356	NA

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for an enhanced website about Boston and the region—with data, maps, charts and links

REAL ESTATE TRENDS

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Median Residential Sales Prices				
Single Family	*	*	\$338,950	\$379,000
Two-Family	*	*	\$386,000	\$456,000
Three-Family	*	*	\$430,000	\$515,000
Condominium	\$439,000	\$500,000	\$319,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$441,000	\$505,250	\$340,000	\$380,000
Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$1,500	\$1,450
Foreclosure Deeds	0	0	33	43

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Median Residential Sales Prices				
Single Family	*	*	\$386,995	\$370,000
Two-Family	*	*	\$480,000	\$479,450
Three-Family	*	*	\$540,000	\$526,250
Condominium	\$594,000	\$575,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$601,000	\$575,000	\$390,000	\$382,000
Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)	\$2,200	\$2,300	\$1,500	\$1,650
Foreclosure Deeds	1	0	60	261

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Median Residential Sales Prices				
Single Family	*	*	\$370,000	\$335,000
Two-Family	*	*	\$440,100	\$308,750
Three-Family	*	*	\$470,000	\$305,000
Condominium	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$355,000	\$370,000
All Residential Sales	\$527,500	\$525,000	\$374,500	\$352,000
Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)	\$2,925	\$525,000	\$1,800	\$1,850
Foreclosure Deeds	7	8	703	1,215

*insufficient data

LAND & OPEN SPACE (2000)

Land Area (Sq Miles)	1.3
Persons per Sq Mile	19,364
% open space	6.7%
Protected open space per 1,000 people	1.9