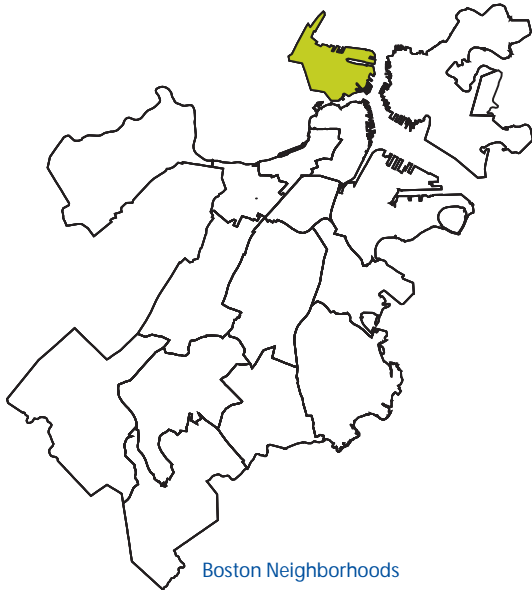


# Neighborhood At-A-Glance: Charlestown

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Boston Neighborhoods

For additional demographic data about Charlestown from the 2000 US Census access the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Charlestown 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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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
	#	%	#	%	%
<b>Total Population</b>	14,718	100.0%	15,195	100.0%	3.2%
% of Boston Population		2.6%		2.6%	

### RACE & ETHNICITY

<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	14,408	97.9%	13,452	88.5%	-7%
White	13,927	94.6%	11,885	78.2%	-14.7%
Black or Afr. American	106	0.7%	601	4.0%	467.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	316	2.1%	798	5.3%	152.5%
Native American	49	0.3%	27	0.2%	-44.9%
Some other race	10	0.1%	18	0.1%	80.0%
Two or more races	na	na	123	0.8%	na
<b>Hispanic</b>	310	2.1%	1,743	11.5%	462.3%

### AGE

< 5	861	5.8%	859	5.7%	-0.2%
5-9	624	4.2%	760	5.0%	21.8%
10-14	559	3.8%	819	5.4%	46.5%
15-19	664	4.5%	517	3.4%	-22.1%
20-24	1,501	10.2%	846	5.6%	-43.6%
25-34	4,075	27.7%	4,249	28.0%	4.3%
35-44	2,156	14.6%	2,486	16.4%	15.3%
45-54	1,357	9.2%	1,798	11.8%	32.5%
55-64	1,311	8.9%	1,201	7.9%	-8.4%
65-79	1,304	8.9%	1,267	8.3%	-2.8%
80+	306	2.1%	393	2.6%	28.4%

Click on 

[www.bostonindicators.org](http://www.bostonindicators.org)

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

<b>POPULATION BY AGE AND GENDER (2000)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>All Ages</b>	15,195	7,011	8,184
Under 5	859	463	396
5 - 9	760	391	369
10 - 14	819	415	404
15 - 17	345	202	143
18 - 24	1,018	474	544
25 - 44	6,735	3,016	3,719
45 - 64	2,999	1,387	1,612
65+	1,660	663	997

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

<b>POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS (2000)</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>		<b>Boston</b>	
	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	15,195	100.0%	589,141	100.0%
Population in families	9,830	64.7%	382,668	65.0%
Foreign born (naturalized)	631	4.2%	56,681	9.6%
Foreign born (not a citizen)	1,480	9.7%	95,155	16.2%
<b>Population 5 and older</b>	14,336	100.0%	557,376	100.0%
Same house in 1995	6,398	44.6%	266,242	47.8%
Speak Spanish	1,404	9.8%	75,711	13.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	539	3.8%	67,706	12.1%
Speak Asian languages	613	4.3%	34,765	6.2%
Speak other language	169	1.2%	8,009	1.4%
<b>Total Households</b>	7,341	100.0%	239,603	100.0%
Linguistically isolated household	441	6.0%	25,660	10.7%
<b>Average household size</b>	2.05		2.31	
Family households	2.98		3.28	
Non-family households	1.29		1.39	
<b>Median household income</b>	\$56,110		\$39,629	
Family households	\$60,541		\$44,151	
Non-family households	\$51,117		\$33,332	
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	8,191	100.0%	278,463	100.0%
Took public transit to work	2,454	30.0%	89,906	32.3%
Walked to work	992	12.1%	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](http://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

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## INCOME & POVERTY

	1990		2000		Change
	#	%	#	%	%
Median Household Income *	\$47,846		\$56,111		17.3%
Per Capita Income *	\$29,180		\$38,963		33.5%
Individuals in Poverty **	1,838	12.7%	2,658	17.5%	44.6%

\* 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
	#	%	#	%	
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	7,752	100.0%	7,755	100.0%	0.0%
% of Boston Housing Stock		3.1%		3.1%	
<b>Occupied Housing Units</b>	6,841	88.2%	7,350	94.8%	7.4%
Owner Occupied	2,259	33.0%	3,039	41.3%	34.5%
Renter Occupied	4,582	67.0%	4,311	58.7%	-5.9%
<b>Vacant Housing Units</b>	911	11.8%	405	5.2%	-55.5%
<b>Family Households</b>	3,147	46.0%	3,295	44.9%	4.7%
Married-couple family	1,954	28.9%	2,161	29.4%	10.6%
Single-person head household	1,193	17.4%	1,134	15.4%	-4.9%
<b>Nonfamily Households</b>	3,694	54.0%	4,046	55.1%	9.5%

Residential Housing, by Type (2005)	#	%
Single Family	1,016	44.0%
Two Family	417	18.1%
Three Family	296	12.8%
<b>Sub-Total 1, 2, 3 Family Properties</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>74.8%</b>
Four-Six Family	54	2.3%
Apartment Buildings	21	0.9%
Mixed Residential/Commercial	47	2.0%
Condominium Associations	459	19.9%
<b>Total Residential &amp; Mixed Properties</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>NA</b>

## REAL ESTATE TRENDS

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Median Residential Sales Prices</b>				
Single Family	\$463,000	\$552,250	\$338,950	\$379,000
Two-Family	\$542,500	\$627,500	\$386,000	\$456,000
Three-Family	*	\$680,000	\$430,000	\$515,000
Condominium	\$377,400	\$404,850	\$319,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$415,000	\$422,000	\$340,000	\$380,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,700	\$1,650	\$1,500	\$1,450
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	0	0	33	43

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>Median Residential Sales Prices</b>				
Single Family	\$560,000	\$629,000	\$386,995	\$370,000
Two-Family	\$649,000	\$713,750	\$480,000	\$479,450
Three-Family	\$700,000	*	\$540,000	\$526,250
Condominium	\$442,000	\$429,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$468,750	\$439,950	\$390,000	\$382,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,550	\$1,650	\$1,500	1,650
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	1	3	60	261

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Median Residential Sales Prices</b>				
Single Family	\$627,000	\$590,000	\$370,000	\$335,000
Two-Family	\$457,500	*	\$440,100	\$308,750
Three-Family	*	*	\$470,000	\$305,000
Condominium	\$435,000	\$412,000	\$355,000	\$370,000
All Residential Sales	\$449,950	\$430,000	\$374,500	\$352,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,700	\$2,300	\$1,800	\$1,850
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	4		703	1,215

\*insufficient data

## LAND & OPEN SPACE (2000)

Land Area (Sq Miles)	1.37
Persons per Sq Mile	11,091
% open space	10.00%
Protected open space per 1,000 people	4.5