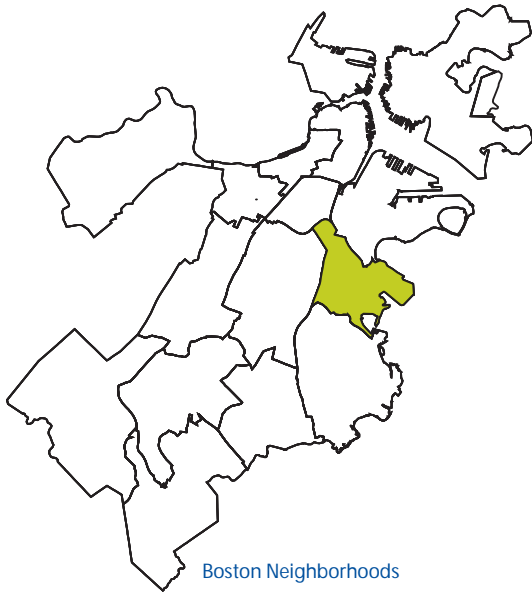


# Neighborhood At-A-Glance: North Dorchester

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For additional demographic data about North Dorchester from the 2000 US Census access the Boston Redevelopment Authority's North Dorchester 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 home-page ([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](#) 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>	25,066	100.0%	29,215	100.0%	16.6%
% of Boston Population		4.4%		5.0%	

## RACE & ETHNICITY

<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	21,475	85.7%	25,073	85.8%	16.8%
White	13,178	52.6%	10,205	34.9%	-22.6%
Black or Afr. American	5,027	20.1%	7,150	24.5%	42.2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,590	6.3%	3,738	12.8%	135.1%
Native American	114	0.5%	188	0.6%	64.9%
Some other race	1,566	6.2%	1,866	6.4%	19.2%
Two or more races	na	na	1,926	6.6%	na
<b>Hispanic</b>	3,590	14.3%	4,142	14.2%	15.4%

## AGE

< 5	2,045	8.2%	1,815	6.2%	-11.2%
5-9	1,865	7.4%	1,951	6.7%	4.6%
10-14	1,683	6.7%	2,340	8.0%	39.0%
15-19	1,731	6.9%	2,182	7.5%	26.1%
20-24	2,482	9.9%	2,980	10.2%	20.1%
25-34	5,425	21.6%	5,864	20.1%	8.1%
35-44	3,465	13.8%	4,616	15.8%	33.2%
45-54	2,005	8.0%	3,325	11.4%	65.8%
55-64	1,706	6.8%	1,814	6.2%	6.3%
65-79	2,127	8.5%	1,868	6.4%	-12.2%
80+	533	2.1%	460	1.6%	-13.7%

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<b>POPULATION BY AGE AND GENDER (2000)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>All Ages</b>	29,215	14,910	14,305
Under 5	1,815	902	913
5 - 9	1,951	969	982
10 - 14	2,340	1,164	1,176
15 - 17	1,267	583	684
18 - 24	3,895	2,240	1,655
25 - 44	10,480	5,606	4,874
45 - 64	5,139	2,532	2,607
65+	2,328	914	1,414

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, North Dorchester 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>	29,215	100.0%	589,141	100.0%
Population in families	21,604	73.9%	382,668	65.0%
Foreign born (naturalized)	3,813	13.1%	56,681	9.6%
Foreign born (not a citizen)	6,097	20.9%	95,155	16.2%
<b>Population 5 and older</b>	27,400	100.0%	557,376	100.0%
Same house in 1995	14,881	54.3%	266,242	47.8%
Speak Spanish	3,848	14.0%	75,711	13.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	5,751	21.0%	67,706	12.1%
Speak Asian languages	3,325	12.1%	34,765	6.2%
Speak other language	218	0.8%	8,009	1.4%
<b>Total Households</b>	9,959	100.0%	239,603	100.0%
Linguistically isolated household	1,547	15.5%	25,660	10.7%
<b>Average household size</b>	2.73		2.31	
Family households	3.64		3.28	
Non-family households	1.4		1.39	
<b>Median household income</b>	\$36,193		\$39,629	
Family households	\$37,363		\$44,151	
Non-family households	\$29,581		\$33,332	
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	11,390	100%	278,463	100.0%
Took public transit to work	3,858	34%	89,906	32.3%
Walked to work	608	5%	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

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

## INCOME & POVERTY

	1990		2000		Change
	#	%	#	%	%
Median Household Income *	\$37,704		\$36,193		-4.0%
Per Capita Income *	\$16,143		\$16,998		5.3%
Individuals in Poverty **	5,385	20.6%	5,699	20.8%	5.8%

\* 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>	10,218	100.0%	10,311	100.0%	0.9%
% of Boston Housing Stock		4.1%		4.1%	
<b>Occupied Housing Units</b>	8,991	88.0%	9,776	94.8%	8.7%
Owner Occupied	2,617	29.1%	2,629	26.9%	0.5%
Renter Occupied	6,374	70.9%	7,147	73.1%	12.1%
<b>Vacant Housing Units</b>	1227	12.0%	535	5.2%	-56.4%
<b>Family Households</b>	5,567	61.9%	5,943	59.7%	6.8%
Married-couple family	2,918	32.5%	3,058	30.7%	4.8%
Single-person head household	2,649	29.5%	2,885	29.0%	8.9%
<b>Nonfamily Households</b>	3,428	38.1%	4,016	40.3%	17.2%

Residential Housing, by Type (2005)	#	%
Single Family	4,264	32.20%
Two Family	3,659	27.60%
Three Family	4,262	32.10%
<b>Sub-Total 1, 2, 3 Family Properties</b>	<b>12,123</b>	<b>91.90%</b>
Four-Six Family	257	1.90%
Apartment Buildings	181	1.40%
Mixed Residential/Commercial	204	1.50%
Condominium Associations	434	3.00%
<b>Total Residential &amp; Mixed Properties</b>	<b>13,261</b>	<b>NA</b>

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## REAL ESTATE TRENDS

	Neighborhood**		Boston	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Median Residential Sales Prices</b>				
Single Family	\$315,000	\$350,000	\$338,950	\$379,000
Two-Family	\$382,000	\$440,000	\$386,000	\$456,000
Three-Family	\$449,000	\$510,000	\$430,000	\$515,000
Condominium	\$233,000	\$246,000	\$319,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$315,000	\$349,950	\$340,000	\$380,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,250	\$1,300	\$1,500	\$1,450
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	3	6	33	43

	Neighborhood**		Boston	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>Median Residential Sales Prices</b>				
Single Family	\$374,950	\$350,000	\$386,995	\$370,000
Two-Family	\$470,000	\$460,000	\$480,000	\$479,450
Three-Family	\$535,000	\$512,000	\$540,000	\$526,250
Condominium	\$279,950	\$290,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$384,900	\$345,000	\$390,000	\$382,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,650
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	20	76	60	261

	Neighborhood**		Boston	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Median Residential Sales Prices</b>				
Single Family	\$329,999	\$288,000	\$370,000	\$335,000
Two-Family	\$407,750	\$288,000	\$440,100	\$308,750
Three-Family	\$440,000	\$300,000	\$470,000	\$305,000
Condominium	\$275,000	\$235,000	\$350,000	\$370,000
All Residential Sales	\$310,000	\$257,000	\$374,500	\$352,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,150	\$1,225	\$1,800	\$1,850
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	233	418	703	1,215

\*insufficient data

\*\*Includes both North and South Dorchester

## LAND & OPEN SPACE (2000)

Land Area (Sq Miles)	2.02
Persons per Sq Mile	14,245
% open space	6.7%
Protected open space per 1,000 people	4.7