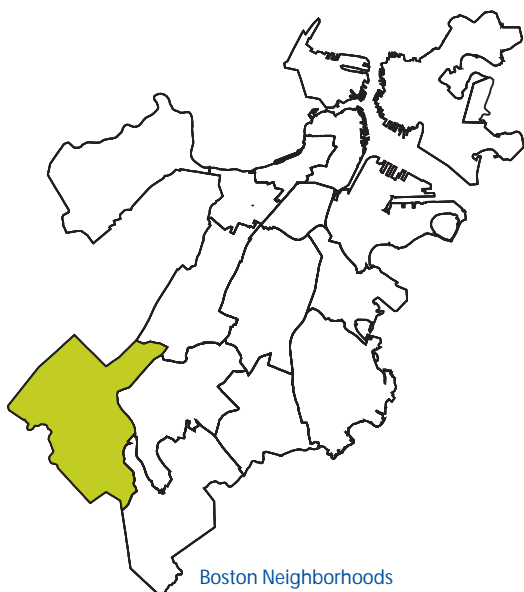


# Neighborhood At-A-Glance: West Roxbury

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Boston Neighborhoods

For additional demographic data about West Roxbury from the 2000 US Census access the Boston Redevelopment Authority's West Roxbury 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](#) 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>	29,706	100.0%	28,663	100.0%	-3.5%
% of Boston Population		5.2%		4.9%	

## RACE & ETHNICITY

<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	29,081	97.9%	27,343	95.4%	-6%
White	28,012	94.3%	23,961	83.60%	-14.5%
Black or Afr. American	472	1.6%	1,770	6.20%	275.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	564	1.9%	972	3.40%	72.3%
Native American	23	0.1%	122	0.40%	430.4%
Some other race	10	0.0%	122	0.40%	1120.0%
Two or more races	na	na	396	1.40%	na
<b>Hispanic</b>	625	2.1%	1,320	4.60%	111.2%

## AGE

< 5	1,685	5.7%	1,982	6.9%	17.6%
5-9	1,317	4.4%	1,550	5.4%	17.7%
10-14	1,052	3.5%	1,444	5.0%	37.3%
15-19	1,211	4.1%	1,074	3.7%	-11.3%
20-24	2,161	7.3%	1,114	3.9%	-48.4%
25-34	5,938	20.0%	4,496	15.7%	-24.3%
35-44	4,150	14.0%	4,741	16.5%	14.2%
45-54	2,663	9.0%	3,830	13.4%	43.8%
55-64	3,011	10.1%	2,614	9.1%	-13.2%
65-79	4,599	15.5%	3,646	12.7%	-20.7%
80+	1,921	6.5%	2,172	7.6%	13.1%

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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>	28,663	13,194	15,469
Under 5	1,982	1,036	946
5 - 9	1,550	780	770
10 - 14	1,444	748	696
15 - 17	655	345	310
18 - 24	1,533	823	710
25 - 44	9,237	4,341	4,896
45 - 64	6,444	2,972	3,472
65+	5,818	2,149	3,669

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, West Roxbury 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>	28,663	100.0%	589,141	100.0%
Population in families	22,338	77.9%	382,668	65.0%
Foreign born (naturalized)	2,969	10.4%	56,681	9.6%
Foreign born (not a citizen)	1,960	6.8%	95,155	16.2%
<b>Population 5 and older</b>	26,681	100.0%	557,376	100.0%
Same house in 1995	16,529	62.0%	266,242	47.8%
Speak Spanish	1,186	4.4%	75,711	13.6%
Speak other Indo-European languages	2,951	11.1%	67,706	12.1%
Speak Asian languages	674	2.5%	34,765	6.2%
Speak other language	768	2.9%	8,009	1.4%
<b>Total Households</b>	12,082	100.0%	239,603	100.0%
Linguistically isolated household	577	4.8%	25,660	10.7%
<b>Average household size</b>	2.31		2.31	
Family households	3.02		3.28	
Non-family households	1.19		1.39	
<b>Median household income</b>	\$53,607		\$39,629	
Family households	\$65,826		\$44,151	
Non-family households	\$33,332		\$33,332	
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	14,046	100.0%	278,463	100.0%
Took public transit to work	2,325	16.6%	89,906	32.3%
Walked to work	325	2.3%	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](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 *	\$52,942		\$54,860		3.6%
Per Capita Income *	\$26,513		\$27,968		5.5%
Individuals in Poverty **	1,437	4.9%	1,786	6.4%	24.3%

\* 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>	12,950	100.0%	12,397	100.0%	-4.3%
% of Boston Housing Stock		5.2%		4.9%	
<b>Occupied Housing Units</b>	12,405	95.8%	12,083	97.5%	-2.6%
Owner Occupied	7,652	61.7%	7,749	64.1%	1.3%
Renter Occupied	4,753	38.3%	4,334	35.9%	-8.8%
<b>Vacant Housing Units</b>	545	4.2%	314	2.5%	-42.4%
<b>Family Households</b>	7,508	60.5%	7,385	61.1%	-1.6%
Married-couple family	5,700	45.9%	5,441	45.0%	-4.5%
Single-person head household	1,808	14.6%	1,944	16.1%	7.5%
<b>Nonfamily Households</b>	4,897	39.5%	4,697	38.9%	-4.1%

<b>Residential Housing, by Type (2005)</b>	#	%
Single Family	6,494	83.40%
Two Family	986	12.70%
Three Family	97	1.30%
<b>Sub-Total 1, 2, 3 Family Properties</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>97.90%</b>
Four-Six Family	26	0.30%
Apartment Buildings	28	0.40%
Mixed Residential/Commercial	29	0.40%
Condominium Associations	80	1.00%
<b>Total Residential &amp; Mixed Properties</b>	<b>7,740</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	\$360,000	\$419,000	\$338,950	\$379,000
Two-Family	\$465,000	\$500,000	\$386,000	\$456,000
Three-Family	*	*	\$430,000	\$515,000
Condominium	\$218,000	\$235,000	\$319,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$340,000	\$368,000	\$340,000	\$380,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,300	\$1,225	\$1,500	\$1,450
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	1	1	33	43

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>Median Residential Sales Prices</b>				
Single Family	\$435,000	\$400,000	\$386,995	\$370,000
Two-Family	\$545,000	\$520,000	\$480,000	\$479,450
Three-Family	*	*	\$540,000	\$526,250
Condominium	\$265,250	\$253,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
All Residential Sales	\$390,000	\$380,000	\$390,000	\$382,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,250	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,650
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	1	4	60	261

	Neighborhood		Boston	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Median Residential Sales Prices</b>				
Single Family	\$409,900	\$365,000	\$370,000	\$335,000
Two-Family	\$478,000	\$430,000	\$440,100	\$308,750
Three-Family	*	*	\$470,000	\$305,000
Condominium	\$245,000	\$257,500	\$350,000	\$370,000
All Residential Sales	\$385,000	\$350,000	\$374,500	\$352,000
<b>Median Asking Monthly Rent (two-bedroom)</b>	\$1,300	\$1,450	\$1,800	\$1,850
<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	17	20	703	1,215

\* insufficient data

## LAND & OPEN SPACE (2000)

Land Area (Sq Miles)	5.47
Persons per Sq Mile	5,256
% open space	34.1%
Protected open space per 1,000 people	23.1