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How We Use Census Data

The decennial Census and the American Community Survey (ACS) are both surveys collected by the United States Census Bureau. The Census is a ten question survey of the entire US population. While the ACS is a sample of the population, it has far more variables than the Census, and it is done every year. We use these data to help develop policy advisement and local initiatives for the City of Boston and the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

2010 Census

American Community Survey

- Enumeration of city and neighborhood populations
- Racial and Ethnic Breakdown
- Sex
- Housing Characteristics
- Social and economic characteristics of the population
- Income
- Education
- Ancestry and Immigration

Which Data Source to Use

- ← Total Population
- ← Racial Distribution
- ← Age
- ← Sex
- ← Housing Occupancy
- ← Income
- ← Education
- ← Ancestry
- ← Occupation
- ← Poverty
- ← Nativity
- ← Language

What We Can Do With These Data

- Create demographic and economic profiles of a city's population
 - What is the racial distribution in Boston?*
- Analyze specific populations within a city
 - What are the characteristics of households in Boston with children 0-5?*
- Create demographic and economic profiles of neighborhoods within a city
 - How has the racial distribution in Jamaica Plain changed over the last five years?*

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Massachusetts 2010 CENSUS POPULATION

US Census - Summary File 1 Data 2010

Jamaica Plain Planning District

Rosindale* 2010 CENSUS POPULATION

Age, Race, Ethnicity, and Housing

Category	2000	2010	2000-2010 Change
Total Population - All Ages	4,840,000	6,030,000	1,190,000
Male	2,420,000	3,015,000	595,000
Female	2,420,000	3,015,000	595,000
White	1,800,000	2,000,000	200,000
Black or African American	1,000,000	1,200,000	200,000
Hispanic or Latino	100,000	200,000	100,000
Asian	100,000	200,000	100,000
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	10,000	20,000	10,000
Two or More Races	100,000	200,000	100,000

Age and Sex Distribution

Age Group	2000	2010	% Change
0-17	1,000,000	900,000	-10%
18-24	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%
25-34	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%
35-44	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%
45-54	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%
55-64	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%
65-74	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%
75-84	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%
85+	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%

Housing

Category	2000	2010	% Change
Total Housing Units	2,000,000	2,000,000	0%
Owned	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%
Rented	1,000,000	1,000,000	0%

With the SF-1 and Redistricting Census data, and '05-'09 ACS Estimates we created profiles for Massachusetts, Boston, and Boston's Planning Districts and Neighborhoods

Boston 2010 CENSUS POPULATION

TOTAL POPULATION

Planning District	2000	2010	2000-2010 Change	% Change
South End	28,230	34,660	6,430	22.8%
Central	25,193	30,901	5,708	22.7%
Fenway - Kenmore	35,602	40,888	5,286	14.8%
South Boston	29,290	33,088	3,797	12.9%
Charlestown	18,438	21,844	3,406	18.5%
Allston - Brighton	69,648	74,997	5,349	7.7%
West End	28,753	30,455	1,702	5.9%
Roslindale	56,577	59,790	3,213	5.7%
East Boston	58,413	62,509	4,095	7.0%
Jamaica Plain	38,196	39,897	1,701	4.5%
North End - Beacon Hill	24,721	27,476	2,755	11.2%
North Dorchester	22,615	23,008	393	1.7%
South Dorchester	18,025	18,558	533	3.0%
South Boston	32,297	32,346	49	0.1%
West Roxbury	22,855	22,855	0	0.0%
North Dorchester	10,111	10,111	0	0.0%
Jamaica Plain	12,224	12,224	0	0.0%
East Boston	12,078	12,078	0	0.0%
South Dorchester	22,615	23,008	393	1.7%
North End	12,877	12,877	0	0.0%
South Boston	18,025	18,558	533	3.0%
Allston - Brighton	32,588	32,588	0	0.0%
Roslindale	13,247	13,247	0	0.0%
Back Bay - Beacon Hill	17,312	18,396	1,084	6.2%
Harbor Islands	0	0	0	0.0%

HOUSING

Planning District	2000	2010	2000-2010 Change	% Change
Central	14,720	17,991	3,271	22.2%
South Boston	15,013	17,223	2,210	14.7%
South End	15,567	17,622	2,055	13.2%
Charlestown	7,355	8,548	1,193	16.3%
Roslindale	22,615	24,964	2,349	10.4%
Fenway - Kenmore	13,550	14,300	750	5.5%
West Roxbury	12,297	12,297	0	0.0%
Boston	251,855	272,482	20,626	8.2%
North Dorchester	10,111	10,111	0	0.0%
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The Comparison documents look at race and ethnicity, housing, and total population with Boston across Planning Districts and Neighborhoods

City of Boston Race Distribution by Neighborhood* 2010 CENSUS POPULATION

City of Boston Racial and Ethnic Distribution by Wards 2010 CENSUS POPULATION

Boston's Annual Population Estimate

MY NEIGHBORHOOD CENSUS VIEWER

http://hubmaps.cityofboston.gov/MyNeighborhood/

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Additional documents and tools include Boston's ten year population trend, race and ethnicity by City Council Districts, and the "My Neighborhood Census Viewer"

