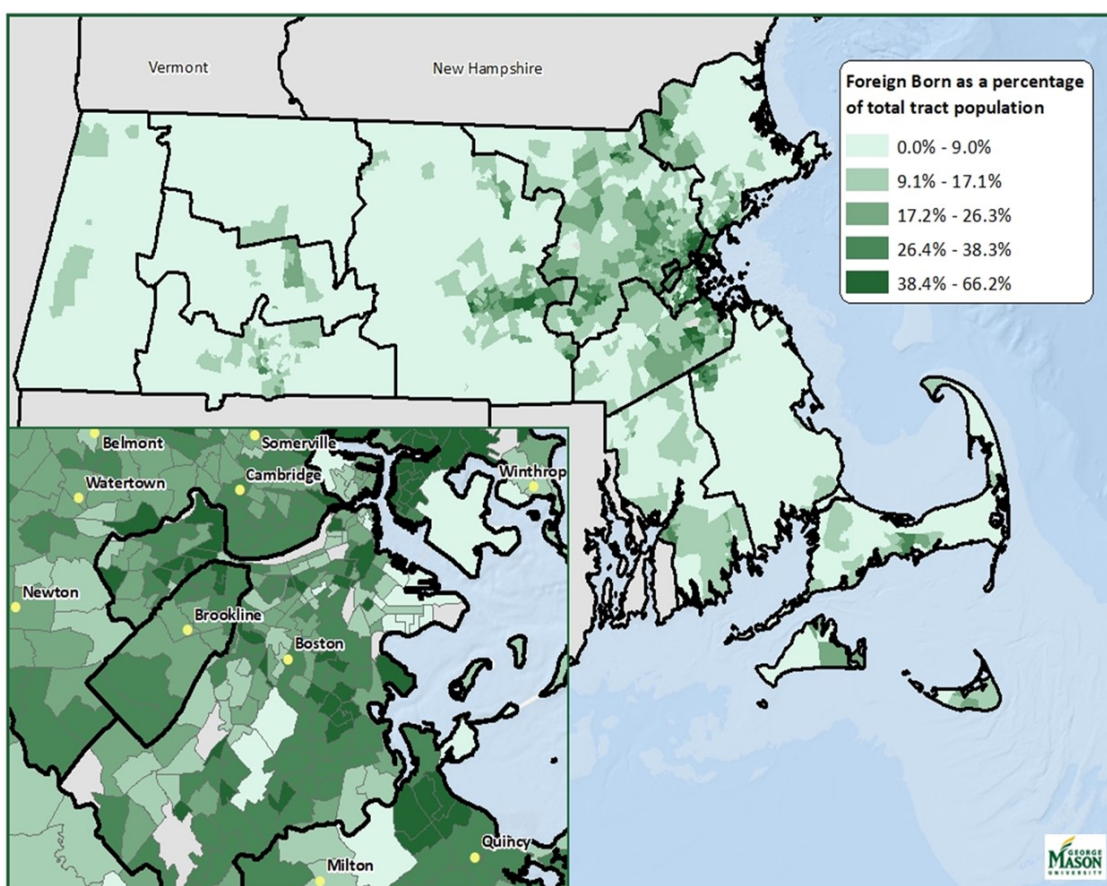


Immigrants in Boston, Massachusetts

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2020 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,411,750:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **1,171,220** Approximate number of immigrants in Massachusetts (17% of the state's population)
- **196,003:** Approximate number of immigrants in Boston, MA (28% of the city's population)
- **20%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Boston, MA in the past decade (i.e., 2010 to 2020)
- **7th:** Rank of Massachusetts among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's total population

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Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The foreign born may include naturalized U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, temporary residents, refugees and asylees, and others. Additionally, native born includes those who are U.S. citizens at birth, those born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories, and those born abroad to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

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Age Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in Boston, MA	All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts (Excludes Boston)
0 thru 4 years old	0.7%	0.8%
5 to 15 years old	3.5%	4.5%
16 to 24 years old	11.8%	9.0%
25 to 34 years old	21.4%	17.3%
35 to 44 years old	17.5%	20.4%
45 to 54 years old	15.5%	18.4%
55 to 64 years old	13.6%	14.3%
65 years and older	16.0%	15.3%
Estimated Immigrant Population	196,003	975,222
Median Age	41 years old	43 years old

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Sex Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in Boston, MA	All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts (Excludes Boston)
Male	47.8%	48.4%
Female	52.2%	51.6%
Estimated Immigrant Population	196,003	975,222

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Health Insurance

	Immigrants in Boston, MA	All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts (Excludes Boston)
No health insurance coverage	6.3%	5.9%
With health insurance coverage	93.7%	94.1%
Estimated Immigrant Population	196,003	975,222

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Race and Hispanic Origin

	Immigrants in Boston, MA	All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts (Excludes Boston)
White	28.1%	42.5%
Black	28.8%	13.3%
Asian	24.3%	27.6%
Other Race	9.0%	10.9%
Two or More Races	9.7%	5.7%
Not Hispanic	71.0%	78.2%
Hispanic	29.0%	21.8%
Estimated Immigrant Population	196,003	975,222

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