ESTIMATING THE SIZE OF OUR REGION’S MULTIRACIAL POPULATION
Greater Boston’s multiracial population more than doubled over the last decade.

Individuals with 2 or more racial backgrounds. Does not include mixed Latino/non-Latino identities, due to census limitations.

NOTE: The multiracial totals we present here differ from common presentations of multiracial data. 2010 totals include those who identify as Latino. 2020 totals include Latino individuals except Latino biracial individuals who are partially of Some Other Race (e.g., Latino Some Other Race/White). See the description later in this paper for why we think these adjustments lead to better, but still not perfect, multiracial estimates.

A profile of Greater Boston’s multiracial population.

Share of total multiracial population (does not include mixed Latino/non-Latino ethnicities due to data limitations), Greater Boston. 2020.

NOTE: Totals include Latino individuals, except Latino biracial individuals who are partially of Some Other Race (e.g., Latino Some Other Race/White). Multiracial subpopulations who made up very small shares of the overall multiracial population are not included due to small sample size.

SOURCE: 2020 Census
THE RISE OF INTERMARRIAGE
POST LOVING V. VIRGINIA IN 1967
In recent decades the share of intermarriages has increased rapidly.

% of interracial or interethnic marriages among new marriages, US and Greater Boston.

The year 1967 marks the supreme court decision *Loving vs. Virginia*, which struck down all remaining state prohibitions on intermarriage.

**NOTE:** The estimates here rely on a question in the American Community Survey, which asks what year the respondent was last married. Analysis by the Pew Research Center roughly follows this approach; other studies have found this approach produces reliable estimates.

**SOURCE:** 2015-2019 American Community Survey PUMS via IPUMS USA
A profile of interracial and interethnic marriages in Greater Boston.

% of interracial or interethnic marriages among all marriages, Greater Boston.

- Husband/Wife
- Wife/Husband
- Same sex

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NOTE: Latino/non-Latino intermarriages may be of any racial combination, and interracial combinations include all combinations of Latino ethnicity. Therefore, the Latino/non-Latino bar overlaps with the other bars to some extent. Interracial marriage combinations that did not sum to at least 2 percent are not included here.

SOURCE: 2015-2019 American Community Survey PUMS via IPUMS USA
Interruption is twice as common for same sex marriages.

% intermarried of all married couples, same sex and opposite sex, Greater Boston, 2019.

**SOURCE:** 2015-2019 American Community Survey PUMS
THE MULTI GENERATION
CHILDREN WITH MIXED RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITIES
Younger people are more likely to be multiracial, suggesting continued growth in our region’s multiracial population over time.

Share of age group that identifies as two or more races. Greater Boston, 2019.

**SOURCE:** 2015-2019 American Community Survey PUMS
One in five babies born in Massachusetts is of mixed race or ethnicity.

Percentage of total births with complete race/ethnicity records, Massachusetts. 2019.

**Note:** Mixed Race/Ethnicity births include all combinations of race and ethnicity where the mother's race or ethnicity is different from the father's. Denominator is all births in Massachusetts that have complete race/ethnicity data. Native American, Non-Latino births are not shown due to small sample size. Roughly 10% of records do not have complete information, or have been suppressed for privacy.

**Source:** 2019 US Department of Health and Human Services, Natality Data.
More mixed Latino/non-Latino babies were born in 2019 than any other combination of mixed race/ethnicity births.

Share of all mixed race/ethnicity births in Massachusetts. 2019.

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NOTE: “Latino/non-Latino” includes all race combinations where Latino is mixed. Thus, multi-ethnic Black/White infants are counted towards “Mixed Latino” and “Black/White” and therefore totals add up to more than 100 percent.

The share of Greater Boston infants living with parents of different races or ethnicities has risen dramatically. 

Percent of infants living with two parents that are of different races or ethnicities. Greater Boston.