Our Shared Future:
Charting a Path for Immigrant Advancement in a New Political Landscape

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The Importance of Immigrants to Boston’s Continued Prosperity

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during the last decades Boston’s population grew
Boston’s Population (1900-2015)

14% growth between 1980 and 2010

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1900-2010 Decennial Census, 2015 1-year American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis
it stayed young
Boston has maintained a more youthful population than the U.S. and Massachusetts.
became more educated
8th highest BA+ attainment among a set of 25 comparable U.S. cities

and became more diverse
Boston's Minority Population 1870-2015

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1870-2010 U.S. Decennial Census, 2015 1-year American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis
immigrants are a big part of this story...
• There are 1,095,953 foreign born in Massachusetts, 16.1% of the state population

• Boston has 190,123 foreign-born residents, 28.4% of the city population

• Boston immigrants come from all continents and from 130 different countries

• Of foreign born in Boston, 28.6% are Hispanic/Latino and 23.8% are Asian

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 1-year and 2011-2015 5-year American Community Surveys, BPDA Research Division Analysis
Region of Origin of Boston's Immigrants (2015)

- Africa: 0.6% in 1970, 4.8% in 1980, 3.3% in 1990, 9.0% in 2000, 10.1% in 2010, 12.4% in 2015
- Americas: 25.2% in 1970, 32.3% in 1980, 45.1% in 1990, 49.3% in 2000, 50.3% in 2010, 49.3% in 2015
- Asia: 16.0% in 1970, 37.9% in 1980, 21.0% in 1990, 24.2% in 2000, 25.3% in 2010, 25.6% in 2015
- Europe: 63.6% in 1970, 24.2% in 1980, 21.0% in 1990, 17.5% in 2000, 14.3% in 2010, 12.7% in 2015

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 One-Year American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis
Top 20 Countries of Origin for Foreign Born (2015)

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis
Hispanic and Asian immigration contributes heavily to Boston’s growing diversity.
Note: Undocumented share of non-citizen foreign born is estimated to be 38% in Massachusetts by Migration Policy Institute, “Profile of the Unauthorized Population: Massachusetts,” http://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/unauthorized-immigrant-population/state/MA

and
more
importantly...

Without immigration, Boston’s population would be barely larger than it was in 1980.

Employment in Suffolk County 1980-2015

Foreign-born workers hold 27% of jobs located in Suffolk County

Suffolk County Economic Output, 1980-2015

Foreign-born workers generated 24% of Suffolk County’s economic activity

Local Economic Impacts of Immigrants

- 189,256 foreign-born workers hold jobs in Suffolk County
- 2,819 foreign-born entrepreneurs own businesses in Suffolk County that employ approximately 16,357 additional workers
- 30,758 indirect and induced jobs are generated by immigrant’s consumption demand
- In 2015, these direct and indirect impacts accounted for $25.9 billion in Gross Domestic Product and $1.5 in state and local taxes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 1-year American Community Survey, IPUMS; Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI); BPDA Research Division Analysis
National Economic Impacts of Immigrants

- In 2011 the immigrants who had arrived in the U.S. since 2000 represented $1.5 trillion worth of education – a subsidy of the U.S. workforce by the sending countries.

- In 2014, according to the World Bank, immigrants contribute to their countries of origin via remittances, which reached $40 billion.

World Bank, Migration and Remittances Factbook 2016.
progress has been made but there are still barriers to integration
70% of foreign born in Boston are proficient in English, down from 74% in 2000.

27% of foreign-born adults age 25+ lack a high school diploma

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey, Public Use Micro-data Sample (PUMS), BPDA Research Division Analysis
Foreign-born Percentage of Resident Employment by Industry (2015)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2015 American Community Survey, PUMS, BPDA Research Division Analysis

Industries in which foreign born are over-represented:
- Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation & Food Services (42.0%)
- Manufacturing (41.7%)
- Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (38.9%)
- Construction (38.7%)
- Other Services, Except Public Administration (37.4%)
- Health Care and Social Assistance (35.7%)
- Wholesale Trade (27.1%)

Industries in which foreign born are under-represented:
- Professional, Scientific & Management, Administrative & Waste Management (25.2%)
- Retail Trade (25.0%)
- Educational Services (22.5%)
- Finance, Insurance & Real Estate (21.0%)
- Public Administration (15.9%)
- Information (15.0%)

Red line represents % of employed Boston residents who are foreign-born (29.5%)
Foreign-born Percentage of Resident Employment by Occupation (2015)

- Production: 51.9%
- Other: 50.9%
- Service: 49.3%
- Construction, Extraction, Maintenance & Transportation: 44.5%
- Healthcare Practitioners & Support: 35.0%
- Office & Administrative Support: 22.2%
- Education, Training, & Library: 21.5%
- Managerial & Professional: 20.3%
- Community & Social Service: 18.8%
- Sales & Related: 18.5%
- Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media: 15.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2015 American Community Survey, PUMS, BPDA Research Division Analysis
Top Five Industries of Employment of Foreign Born by Educational Attainment (2015)

The 27% of Boston immigrants with less than a high school diploma are concentrated in low-paying jobs.

The 15% of Boston immigrants with graduate degrees are concentrated in high-paying jobs.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis

Universe: Foreign-born employed Boston residents
Among full-time workers, the foreign born average $41,000 while the native born average $57,000. Even within the same levels of education, the foreign born make less on average than the native born.
Takeaways:

- The foreign born contribute to Boston’s population growth
  - The foreign born accounted for all population growth in Boston 1980 to 2000
  - In 2015, 28% of Boston’s population is foreign born – 190,123 residents
  - 40% of births in Boston are to foreign-born mothers

- The foreign born contribute to Boston’s diversity
  - The foreign born have substantial Hispanic, Asian, Black, and White shares
  - Top countries of origin are China, Dominican Republic, and Haiti
Takeaways:

- The foreign born contribute to Boston’s economic growth
  - The foreign born hold 27% of jobs in Suffolk County
  - Foreign-born workers generated 24% of Suffolk County’s economic output in 2015

- Successful integration is crucial to fully realizing contributions of foreign born to Boston
  - 30% are not proficient in English and 27% of adults lack a high school diploma
  - Half of foreign born are not U.S. citizens, and 19% are estimated to be undocumented
  - Foreign born are concentrated in low-paying jobs and earn less than native born even within the same educational level
... a final thought about integration
Traditional Frame

Who? How many? What kind?

Transnational Frame

thank you