Demographic overview of AAPI communities in Massachusetts
Greater Boston’s population growth has been driven by immigrants of color.

Net population change, Greater Boston, 1990-2019

Net Increase of 557,131

- Latino: 370,198
- Asian American: 277,409
- African American: 158,242
- Other: 127,172
- Native American: 1,495
- White: -379,141
- Foreign Born: 496,148
- U.S. Born: 60,983

Note: “Other” includes “two or more races,” which was not an option in 1990, and “Some Other Race Alone.”

Source: 1990 U.S. Census. 2019 1-year American Community Survey. Native American estimate should be interpreted with caution due to small sample size. All racial categories are single-race only and not inclusive of Latinx. Latinx can be of any race.
One in 10 Bostonians are Asian American.


Asian pop. in GB similar in size to African American and Latinx pops.


Source: 2019 1-year American Community Survey. All racial categories are single-race only, and not inclusive of Latinx. Latinx can be of any race.
Asian Americans are the fastest growing racial group in Greater Boston.

Source: 2019 1-year American Community Survey.
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Asian American population continued to grow in the last decade. Percent change, 2010-2020.

*Some of the multiracial increase comes from improved Census coding approaches for 2020 that better capture the true size the multiracial population. All racial categories are single-race only, not inclusive of Latinx. Latinx can be of any race.

Source: 2010 Census and 2020 Census.
Suburban communities saw the greatest increase in Asian residents.

Percent change, 2010-2020.

*Does not include multiracial or Latinx individuals.

Source: 2010 Census and 2020 Census
Asian Americans live in communities throughout Greater Boston.
Cities and towns with largest Asian American populations. 2020.

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<th>Asian American Population</th>
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<td>Boston 75,588</td>
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AAPI residents in many suburban areas are less likely to be foreign born.


*Includes Asian alone and in combination and Latinx-identifying AAPI.
Source: ACS 5-year Public Use Microdata 2015-2019
Political Representation and Civic Voice
Many teaching forces are not representative of their Asian students.

Student and full-time equivalent teacher shares, MA schools with largest number of Asian students. SY 2020.

Source: MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Asian and Pacific Islanders are underrepresented in municipal government.
MAPC analysis of Metro Boston civilian labor force and municipal employees by race/ethnicity. 2016.

Note: White, API, Black and Other racial groups do not include individuals who identify as Latinx. Latinx can be of any race.
Source: 2012-2016 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample
Less than one percent of municipal managers in Metro Boston are AAPI.

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Source: 2012-2016 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample
AAPI are underrepresented in the MA state legislature.

2020 MA population by race compared to 2020 state legislator demographics.

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Source: 2020 Census and National Conference of State Legislators
Many Asian Americans cannot vote because they are not citizens.

Share of total population for each group. MA. 2020 Election.

- **White**:
  - Voting Age: 83%
  - Voting Age & Citizen: 80%
  - Registered: 70%
  - Voted: 65%

- **Asian**:
  - Voting Age: 77%
  - Voting Age & Citizen: 49%
  - Registered: 36%
  - Voted: 29%

- **Latinx**:
  - Voting Age: 69%
  - Voting Age & Citizen: 53%
  - Registered: 43%
  - Voted: 36%

- **Black**:
  - Voting Age: 73%
  - Voting Age & Citizen: 61%
  - Registered: 33%
  - Voted: 28%

Note: Racial categories include multiracial individuals. Latinx can be of any race.
Source: 2014-2019 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample; 2020 Census Bureau, Voter Registration Table 4b.