

Cambridge in Comparison: 2000
Surrounding Towns, Boston Region, Massachusetts & the United States

	Cambridge	Somerville	Boston	Watertown	Belmont	Arlington
TOTAL POPULATION AND POPULATION BY SEX AND AGE						
Total Population	101,355	77,478	589,141	32,986	24,194	42,389
Male	49.0%	48.7%	48.1%	46.3%	46.7%	46.4%
Female	51.0%	51.3%	51.9%	53.7%	53.3%	53.6%
Under 5 years	4.1%	4.5%	5.4%	4.7%	5.8%	6.0%
5 to 9 years	3.6%	4.0%	5.7%	3.6%	6.5%	5.0%
10 to 14 years	3.6%	4.0%	5.5%	3.8%	6.6%	4.8%
15 to 19 years	7.3%	5.4%	7.4%	4.4%	5.1%	3.7%
20 to 24 years	15.9%	12.9%	11.9%	7.2%	3.2%	3.9%
25 to 34 years	24.9%	27.6%	21.2%	23.0%	13.4%	17.5%
35 to 44 years	13.8%	15.0%	14.7%	16.8%	17.6%	18.5%
45 to 54 years	11.0%	10.1%	10.8%	12.2%	15.2%	14.6%
55 to 59 years	4.0%	3.3%	3.9%	4.3%	5.7%	4.9%
60 to 64 years	2.8%	2.8%	3.1%	3.5%	4.1%	4.1%
65 to 74 years	4.6%	5.2%	5.3%	7.9%	7.8%	8.2%
75 to 84 years	3.3%	3.8%	3.7%	6.4%	6.2%	6.2%
85 years and over	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%	2.4%	2.7%	2.3%
Median age (years)	30.4	31.1	31.1	36.7	40.4	39.5
18 years and over	86.7%	85.2%	80.2%	85.9%	77.3%	81.6%
Male	42.2%	41.1%	38.0%	39.2%	35.0%	37.1%
Female	44.6%	44.1%	42.2%	46.7%	42.3%	44.6%
21 years and over	78.0%	80.4%	73.5%	82.1%	75.5%	80.0%
62 years and over	10.7%	12.1%	12.2%	18.8%	19.1%	19.4%
Total 65 and over	9.2%	10.5%	10.4%	16.7%	16.7%	16.8%
Male	3.6%	3.9%	4.0%	6.1%	6.7%	6.3%
Female	5.6%	6.6%	6.4%	10.6%	10.1%	10.5%
RACE - ALONE (2000 Census Methodology)¹						
One race	95.4%	95.2%	95.6%	98.1%	98.6%	98.4%
White	68.1%	77.0%	54.5%	91.4%	91.2%	91.0%
Black or African American	11.9%	6.5%	25.3%	1.7%	1.1%	1.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Asian ²	11.9%	6.4%	7.5%	3.9%	5.8%	5.0%
Asian Indian	2.7%	1.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	1.1%
Chinese	4.8%	2.4%	3.3%	1.5%	2.8%	2.0%
Filipino	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%

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RACE - ALONE - continued						
Japanese	0.9%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.9%	0.6%
Korean	1.9%	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%
Vietnamese	0.2%	0.4%	1.8%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%
Other Asian ³	1.1%	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ⁴	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race ⁵	3.2%	5.0%	7.8%	0.9%	0.4%	0.7%
Two or more races	4.6%	4.8%	4.4%	1.9%	1.4%	1.6%
RACE - ALONE OR IN COMBINATION (1980 & 1990 Census Methodology)⁶						
White	71.2%	80.6%	56.8%	93.2%	92.5%	92.3%
Black or African American	13.8%	7.9%	27.7%	2.1%	1.4%	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	0.6%	0.9%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
Asian ²	13.1%	7.2%	8.1%	4.5%	6.6%	5.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ⁴	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Some other race ⁵	5.7%	8.6%	10.9%	1.9%	0.7%	1.2%
HISPANIC OR LATINO⁷						
Total population	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.4%	8.8%	14.4%	2.7%	1.8%	1.9%
Mexican	1.2%	0.6%	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Puerto Rican	1.6%	1.0%	4.7%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
Cuban	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	4.3%	6.9%	8.7%	1.9%	1.0%	1.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	92.6%	91.2%	85.6%	97.3%	98.2%	98.1%
Non-Hispanic White	64.6%	72.7%	49.5%	89.7%	89.8%	89.8%
RELATIONSHIP						
Total population	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Household Population ⁸	85.5%	96.8%	94.0%	96.2%	98.7%	99.6%
Householder	42.0%	40.7%	40.7%	44.3%	40.2%	44.8%
Spouse	12.2%	13.1%	11.2%	16.8%	22.1%	20.4%
Own Child	16.1%	19.8%	24.2%	20.0%	28.5%	24.8%
Own child under 18 years	12.1%	13.1%	17.0%	13.2%	22.0%	17.6%
Other relatives	3.3%	6.1%	7.0%	4.5%	3.0%	3.4%
Under 18 years	0.8%	1.4%	2.2%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%
Nonrelatives	11.8%	17.0%	11.1%	10.6%	4.9%	6.2%
Unmarried partner	2.6%	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%	1.5%	2.2%

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RELATIONSHIP - continued						
Group Quarters Population ⁹	14.5%	3.2%	6.0%	3.8%	1.3%	0.4%
Institutionalized ¹⁰	0.5%	0.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%	0.2%
Non-Institutionalized ¹¹	14.0%	2.8%	4.5%	2.3%	0.2%	0.2%
HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE						
Total Households	42,615	31,555	239,528	14,629	9,732	19,011
Family households	41.3%	46.5%	48.1%	50.1%	66.3%	56.7%
With own children under 18 years	17.6%	18.8%	22.7%	17.8%	31.0%	23.1%
Married-couple family	29.1%	32.2%	27.4%	37.9%	54.9%	45.4%
With own children under 18 years	11.3%	13.1%	11.8%	13.9%	26.1%	19.1%
Female householder, no husband present	9.7%	10.3%	16.4%	8.7%	8.8%	8.8%
With own children under 18 years	5.5%	4.6%	9.5%	3.1%	4.0%	3.4%
Nonfamily households	58.7%	53.5%	51.9%	49.9%	33.7%	43.3%
Householder living alone	41.4%	31.0%	37.1%	34.1%	25.9%	34.2%
Householder 65 years and over	9.2%	8.8%	9.1%	12.4%	11.9%	12.5%
Households with individual(s) under 18 years	18.9%	20.9%	25.6%	19.0%	32.1%	24.2%
Households with individuals 65 years and over	16.9%	19.3%	18.9%	26.7%	29.4%	27.9%
Average household size	2.03	2.38	2.31	2.17	2.45	2.22
Average family size	2.83	3.06	3.17	2.86	3.01	2.91
HOUSING OCCUPANCY¹²						
Total housing units	44,725	32,477	251,935	15,008	9,980	19,411
Occupied housing units	95.3%	97.2%	95.1%	97.5%	97.5%	97.9%
Vacant housing units	4.7%	2.8%	4.9%	2.5%	2.5%	2.1%
For seasonal, recreational or occasional use	1.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	0.9%	0.8%	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	2.6%	1.6%	3.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.5%
HOUSING TENURE						
Occupied housing units	42,615	31,555	239,528	14,629	9,732	19,011
Owner-occupied housing units	32.3%	30.6%	32.2%	47.0%	60.7%	58.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	67.7%	69.4%	67.8%	53.0%	39.3%	41.2%
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.16	2.59	2.51	2.31	2.71	2.47
Average household size of renter-occupied units	1.97	2.28	2.22	2.05	2.06	1.87

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	Cambridge	Boston PMSA ¹³	Massachusetts	United States
TOTAL POPULATION AND POPULATION BY SEX AND AGE				
Total Population	101,355	3,398,051	6,349,097	281,421,906
Male	49.0%	48.1%	48.2%	49.1%
Female	51.0%	51.9%	51.8%	50.9%
Under 5 years	4.1%	6.2%	6.3%	6.8%
5 to 9 years	3.6%	6.5%	6.8%	7.3%
10 to 14 years	3.6%	6.3%	6.8%	7.3%
15 to 19 years	7.3%	6.1%	6.5%	7.2%
20 to 24 years	15.9%	6.7%	6.4%	6.7%
25 to 34 years	24.9%	15.9%	14.6%	14.2%
35 to 44 years	13.8%	16.9%	16.7%	16.0%
45 to 54 years	11.0%	13.7%	13.8%	13.4%
55 to 59 years	4.0%	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%
60 to 64 years	2.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%
65 to 74 years	4.6%	6.6%	6.7%	6.5%
75 to 84 years	3.3%	4.7%	5.0%	4.4%
85 years and over	1.2%	1.8%	1.8%	1.5%
Median age (years)	30.4	36.2	36.5	35.3
18 years and over	86.7%	77.5%	76.4%	74.3%
Male	42.2%	36.6%	36.1%	35.9%
Female	44.6%	40.9%	40.3%	38.4%
21 years and over	78.0%	73.5%	72.3%	70.0%
62 years and over	10.7%	15.2%	15.7%	14.7%
Total 65 and over	9.2%	13.1%	13.5%	12.4%
Male	3.6%	5.2%	5.4%	5.1%
Female	5.6%	7.9%	8.2%	7.3%
RACE - ALONE (2000 Census Methodology)¹				
One race	95.4%	97.6%	97.7%	97.6%
White	68.1%	82.5%	84.5%	75.1%
Black or African American	11.9%	7.0%	5.4%	12.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.9%
Asian ²	11.9%	4.9%	3.8%	3.6%
Asian Indian	2.7%	0.9%	0.7%	0.6%
Chinese	4.8%	2.1%	1.3%	0.9%
Filipino	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.7%

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Korean	1.9%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Vietnamese	0.2%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%
Other Asian ³	1.1%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ⁴	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
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Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.4%	6.0%	6.8%	12.5%
Mexican	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%	7.3%
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Other Hispanic or Latino	4.3%	3.7%	3.1%	3.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	92.6%	94.0%	93.2%	87.5%
Non-Hispanic White	64.6%	80.0%	81.9%	69.1%
RELATIONSHIP				
Total population	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Household Population ⁸	85.5%	96.4%	96.5%	97.2%
Householder	42.0%	38.8%	38.5%	37.5%
Spouse	12.2%	18.5%	18.9%	19.4%
Own Child	16.1%	28.1%	29.0%	29.6%
Own child under 18 years	12.1%	20.8%	21.8%	22.9%
Other relatives	3.3%	4.6%	4.5%	5.6%
Under 18 years	0.8%	1.3%	1.4%	2.1%
Nonrelatives	11.8%	6.3%	5.6%	5.2%
Unmarried partner	2.6%	1.9%	2.1%	1.9%

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HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE				
Total Households	42,615	1,319,761	2,443,580	105,480,101
Family households	41.3%	62.3%	64.5%	68.1%
With own children under 18 years	17.6%	29.2%	30.6%	32.8%
Married-couple family	29.1%	47.7%	49.0%	51.7%
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Households with individual(s) under 18 years	18.9%	31.3%	32.9%	36.0%
Households with individuals 65 years and over	16.9%	23.8%	24.7%	23.4%
Average household size	2.03	2.48	2.51	2.59
Average family size	2.83	3.12	3.11	3.14
HOUSING OCCUPANCY¹²				
Total housing units	44,725	1,373,332	2,621,989	115,904,641
Occupied housing units	95.3%	96.1%	93.2%	91.0%
Vacant housing units	4.7%	3.9%	6.8%	9.0%
For seasonal, recreational or occasional use	1.3%	1.2%	3.6%	3.1%
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	1.7%
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	2.6%	2.7%	3.5%	6.8%
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	42,615	1,319,761	2,443,580	105,480,101
Owner-occupied housing units	32.3%	59.0%	61.7%	66.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	67.7%	41.0%	38.3%	33.8%
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.16	2.73	2.72	2.69
Average household size of renter-occupied units	1.97	2.12	2.17	2.40

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Footnotes

1. *Census 2000 was the first census to allow respondents to report more than one race for an individual. Hence, Census 2000 data indicates whether a respondent selected a single race category "alone" or two or more race categories. Due to this change in methodology, racial statistics reported from Census 2000 lack a one-to-one comparison with those reported by any previous Census.*
2. *The 1980 and 1990 Censuses grouped Asians and Pacific Islanders into a single category. The 2000 Census split the two groups into separate categories. To compare 2000 Census results to previous Census results compare the total of 2000 "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander" to the prior figures for Asian.*
3. *Total of "Other Asian" alone and two or more Asian categories. See Footnote 1 for more information.*
4. *The 2000 U. S. Census first treated "Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander" as a separate category. Previously, this category was treated as a subgroup of "Asian & Pacific Islander". To compare 2000 Census results to previous Census results compare the total of 2000 "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander" to the prior figures for "Asian".*
5. *The category "Some Other Race" indicates that the respondent wrote in a race category not included elsewhere by the Census Bureau. Examples of responses coded as "Some Other Race" include various Hispanic groups, multiracial, mixed, Cajun, Cape Verdean and Creole.*
6. *The table labeled "alone or in combination" assigns each 2000 Census respondent to every race category he or she selected on the Census form. Thus, a person selecting both the "White" and "Black or African American" categories is counted twice in this table. As a consequence, the total of 2000 Census results sums to more than 100% of the corresponding population. 1980 and 1990 results are identical to those found in the preceding table.*
7. *Hispanic status is independent of race and reflects whether a respondent has origins in either Spain or the Spanish speaking countries of the western hemisphere.*
8. *Households consist of all persons who do not reside in group quarters, such as dormitories. Family Households consist of all households composed of more than one person whose members are related by birth, marriage or adoption.*
9. *Residents of Group Quarters include residents of dormitories, hospitals, nursing homes, group homes and jails. All persons who do not reside in Group Quarters reside in Households.*
10. *The Institutionalized Group Quarters population includes people under formally authorized, supervised care or custody in institutions such as correctional institutions, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions.*
11. *The Noninstitutionalized Group Quarters population includes all people who live in group quarters other than those in formally authorized, supervised care and includes settings such as college dormitories, military quarters, and group homes.*
12. *Due to differences in methodology and purpose, the housing units counts conducted by the U. S. Census are not comparable to those conducted by other sources, such as the City of Cambridge Assessing Department.*
13. *The Boston Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) includes all of Suffolk County and parts of Middlesex, Essex, Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol Counties. The figures here include only the Massachusetts portion of the Boston PMSA.*

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Sources:

All information provided in this table was collected using the U. S. Census short form survey instrument answered by all household and group quarters residents. All figures taken from from Table DP-1: Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000, Geographic Area: Massachusetts, 2001.