
City of Cambridge

Community Development Dept

Town Gown

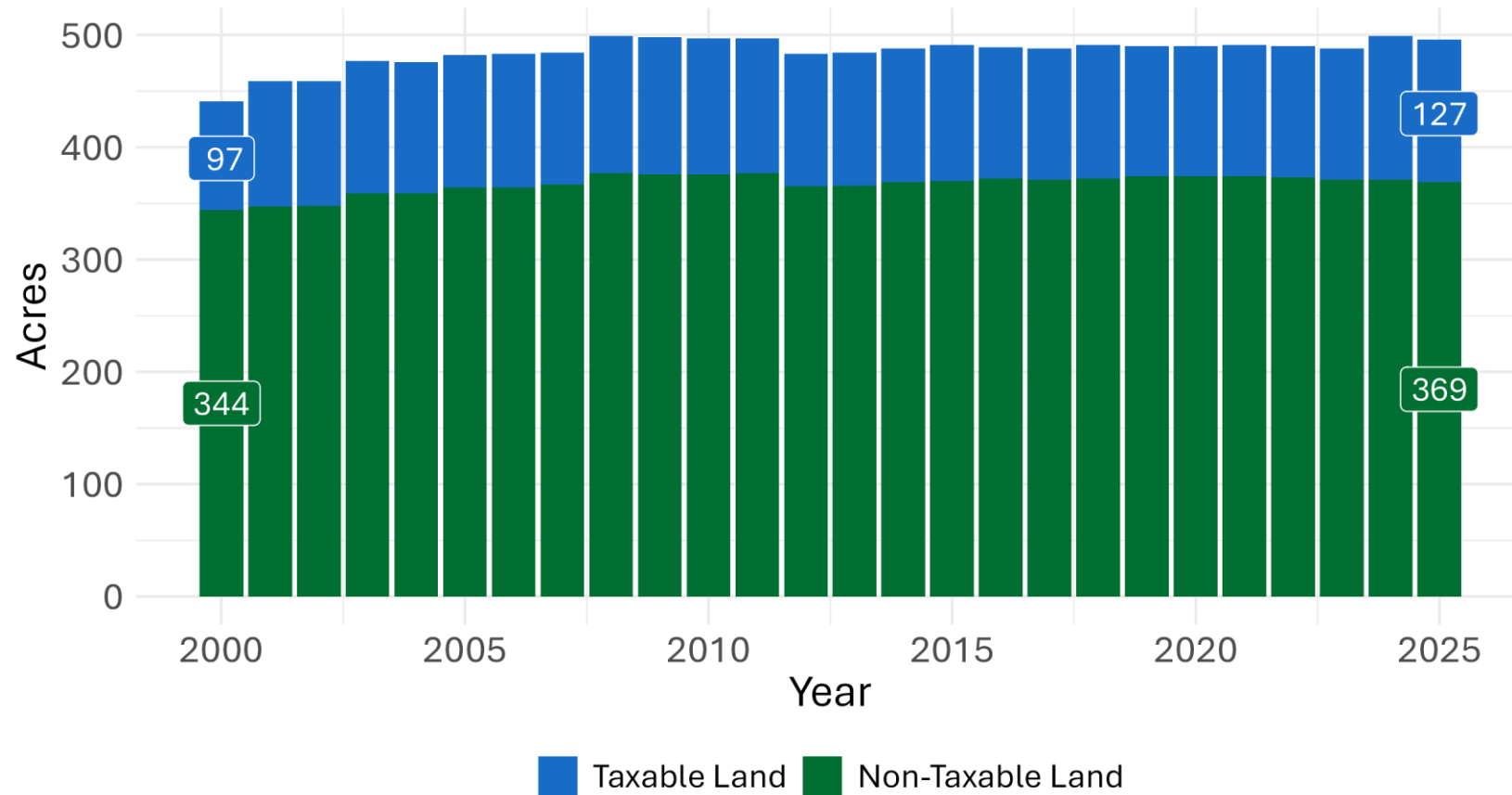
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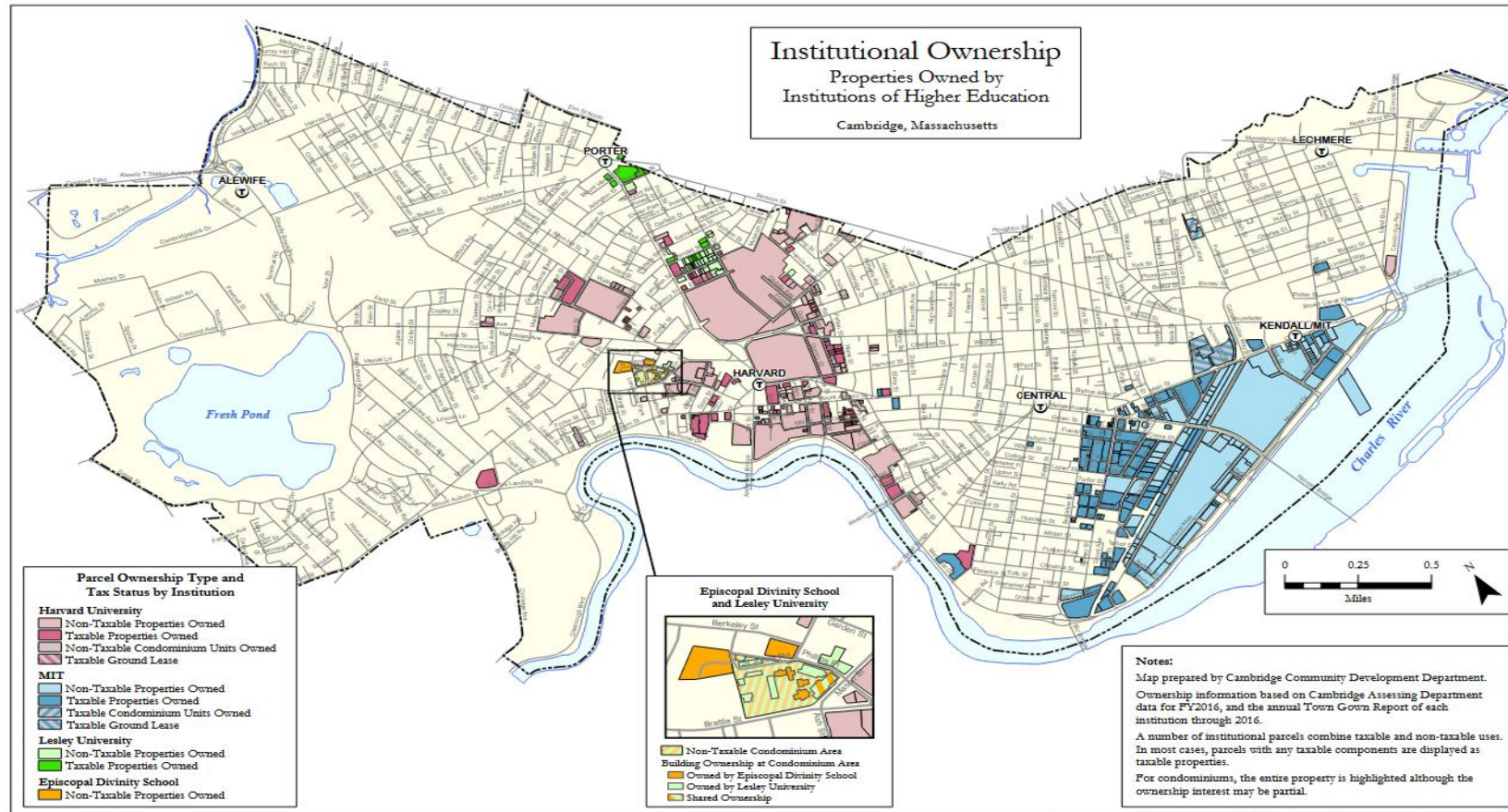
Town Gown Background

- 1991: Mayor's Report on University-Community Relationships
- 1997: First Annual Town Gown Reports filed by Cambridge College, Harvard University, Lesley College, and MIT
- 1998: Lesley merges with Art Institute of Boston
- 2001: Lesley College becomes Lesley University
- 2014: Hult International School of Business files first Town Gown Report
- 2016: Last Report filed by Cambridge College
- 2025: 29th annual report filed

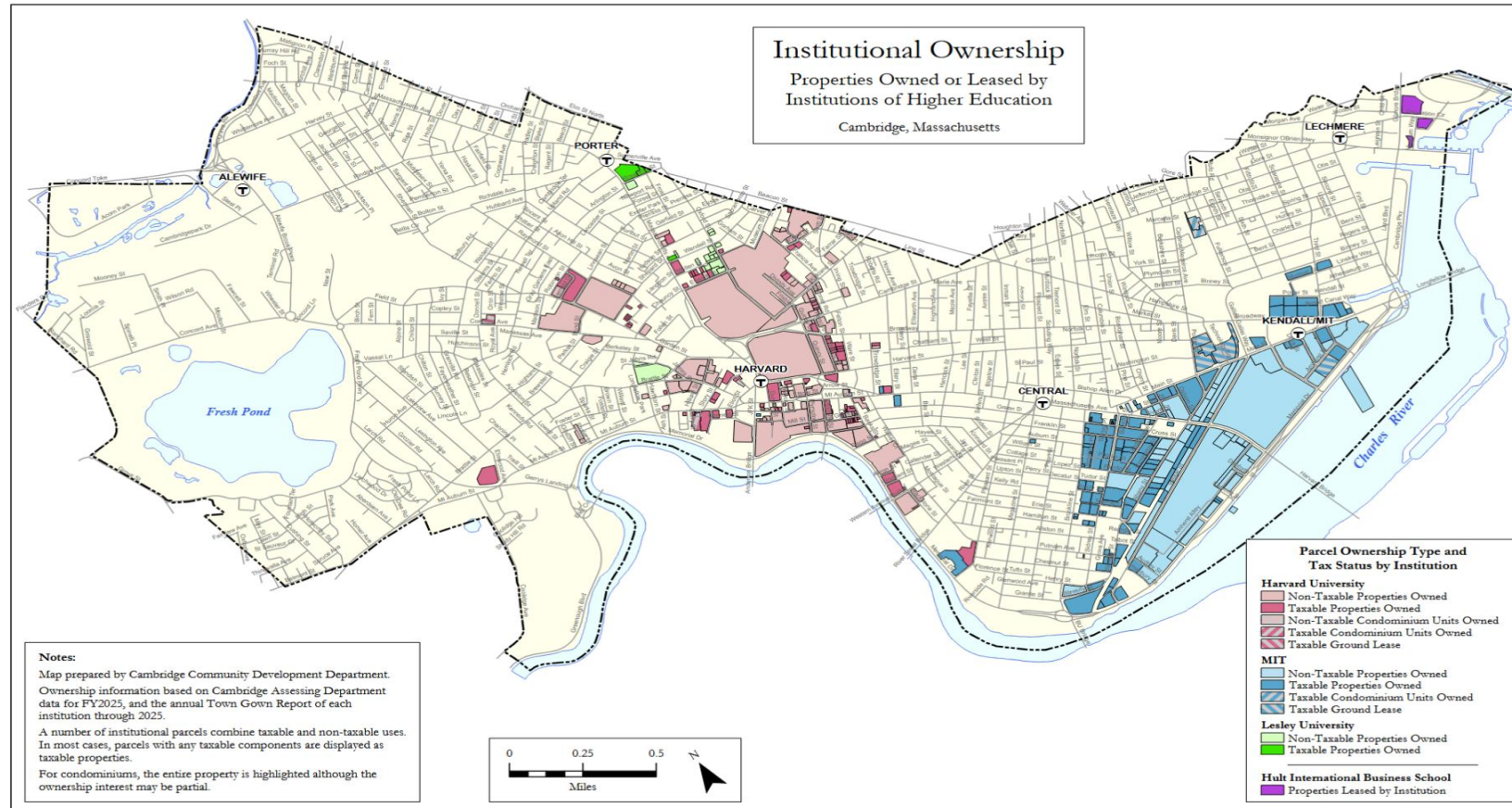
Land Owned by Educational Institutions

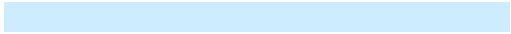


Institutional Property Ownership - 2016

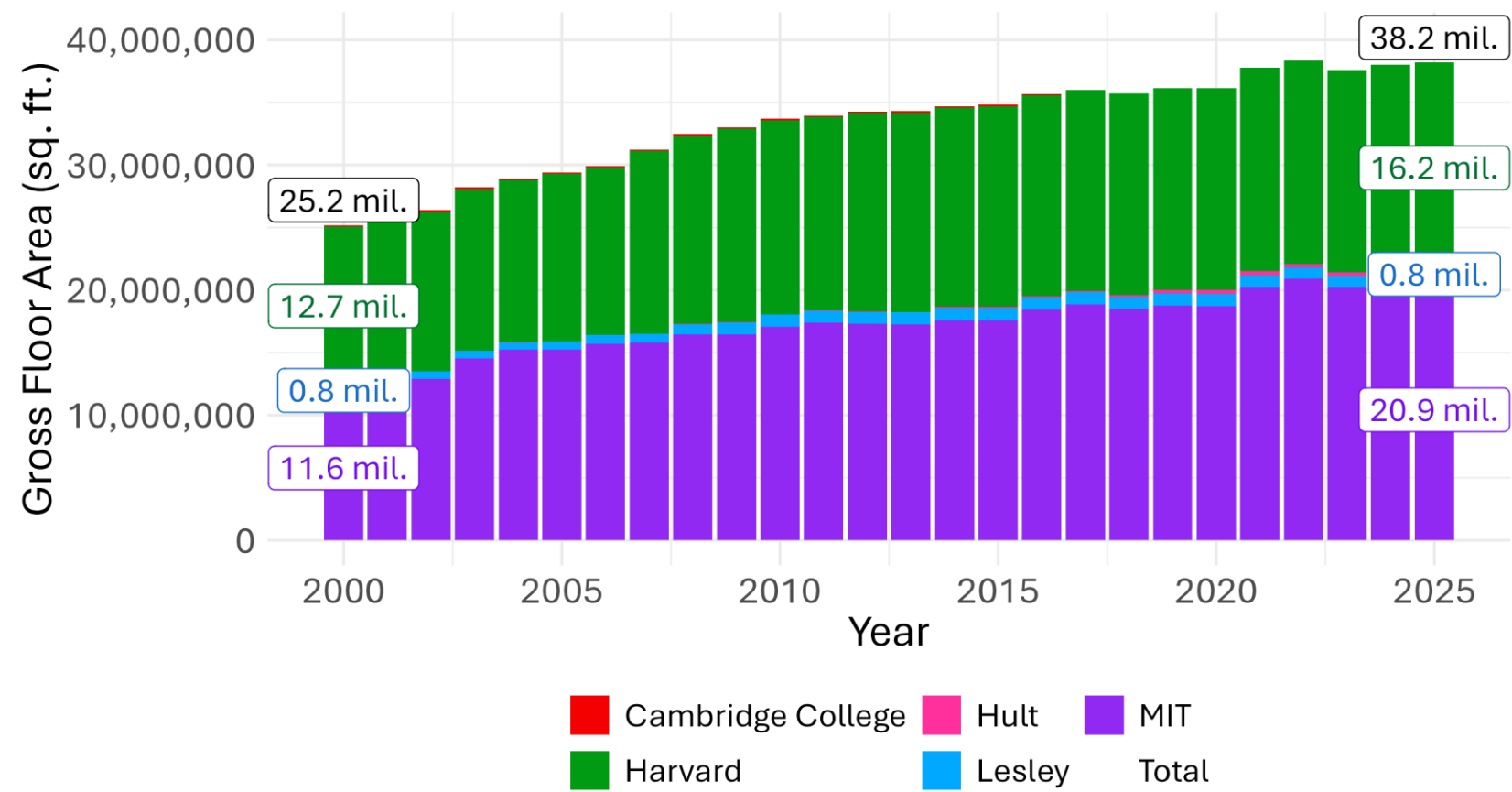


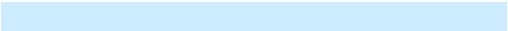
Institutional Property Ownership - 2025



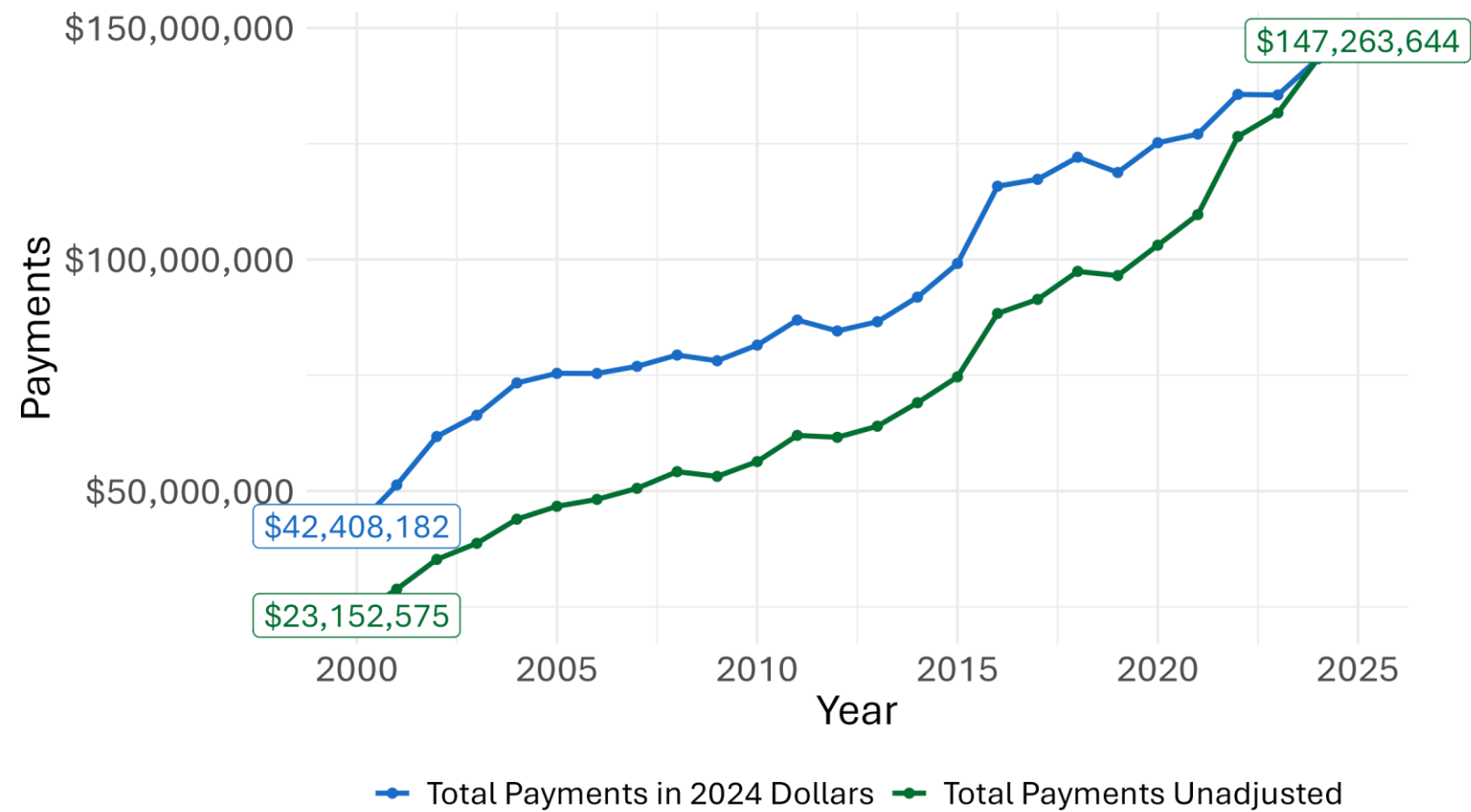


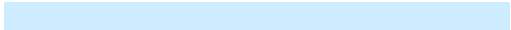
Gross Floor Area



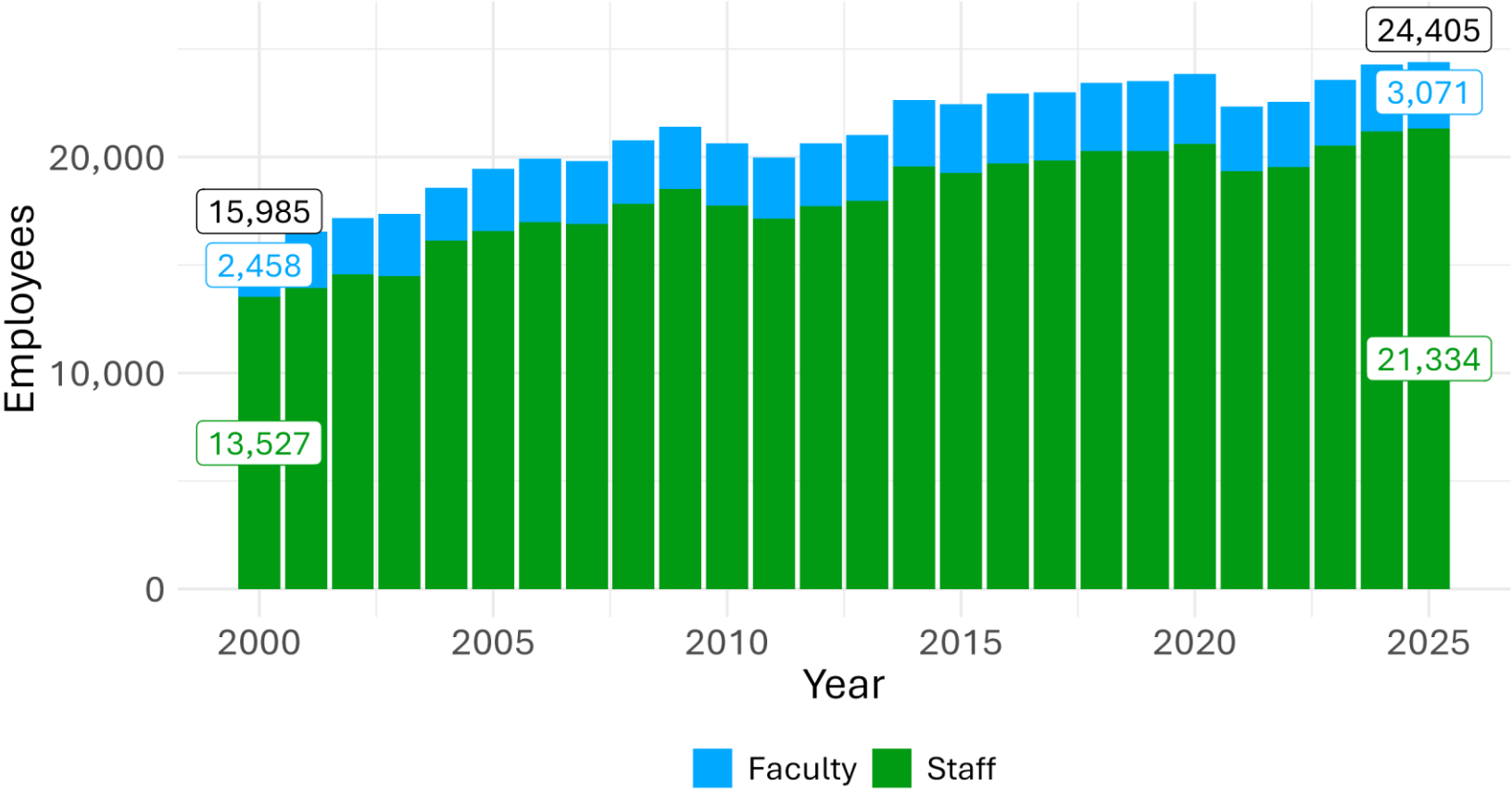


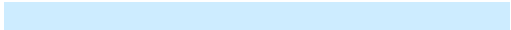
Payments to City of Cambridge



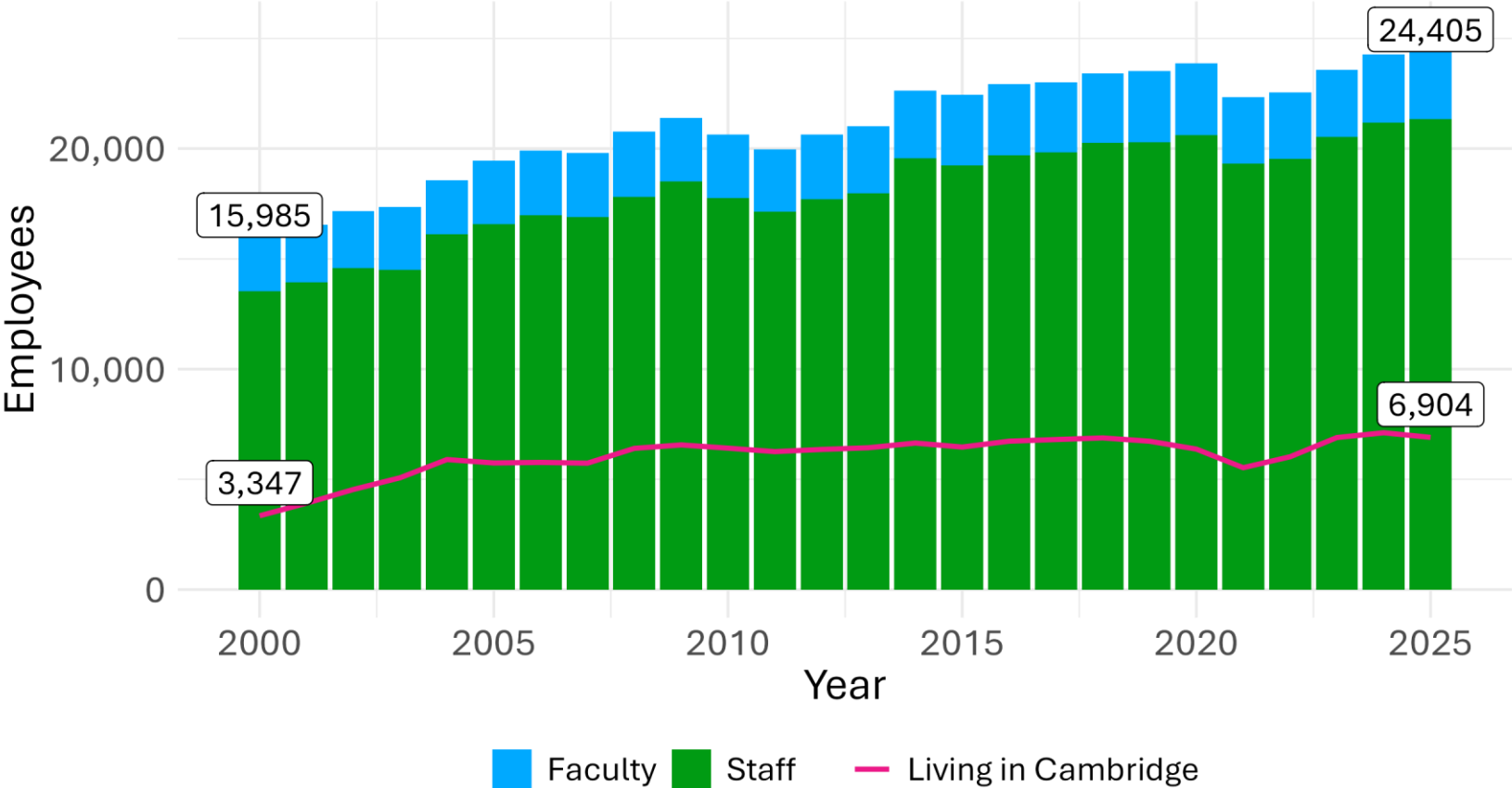


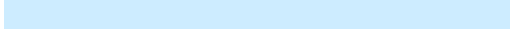
Staff and Faculty Employment



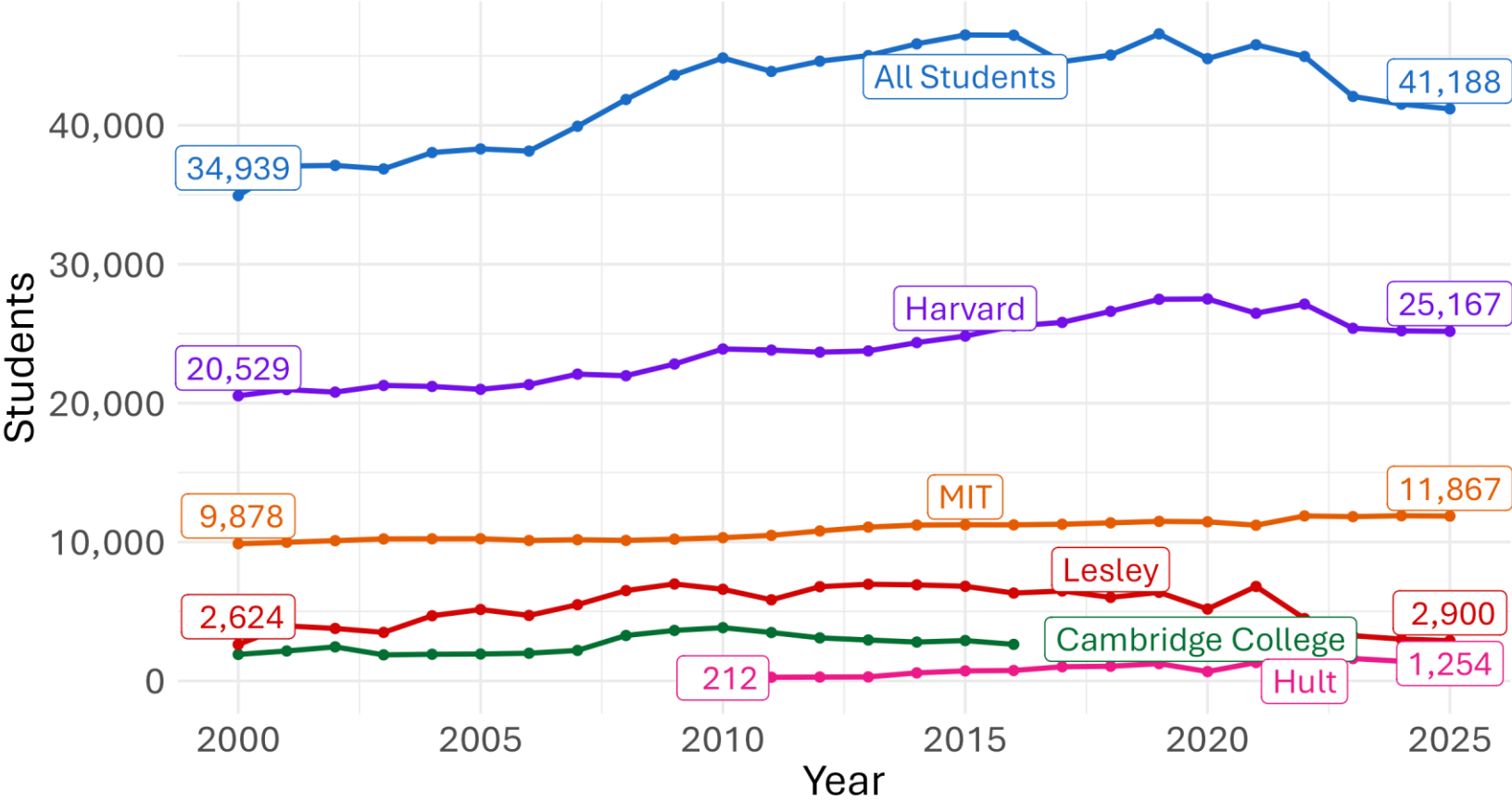


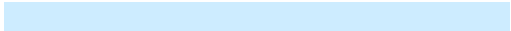
Staff and Faculty Residing in Cambridge



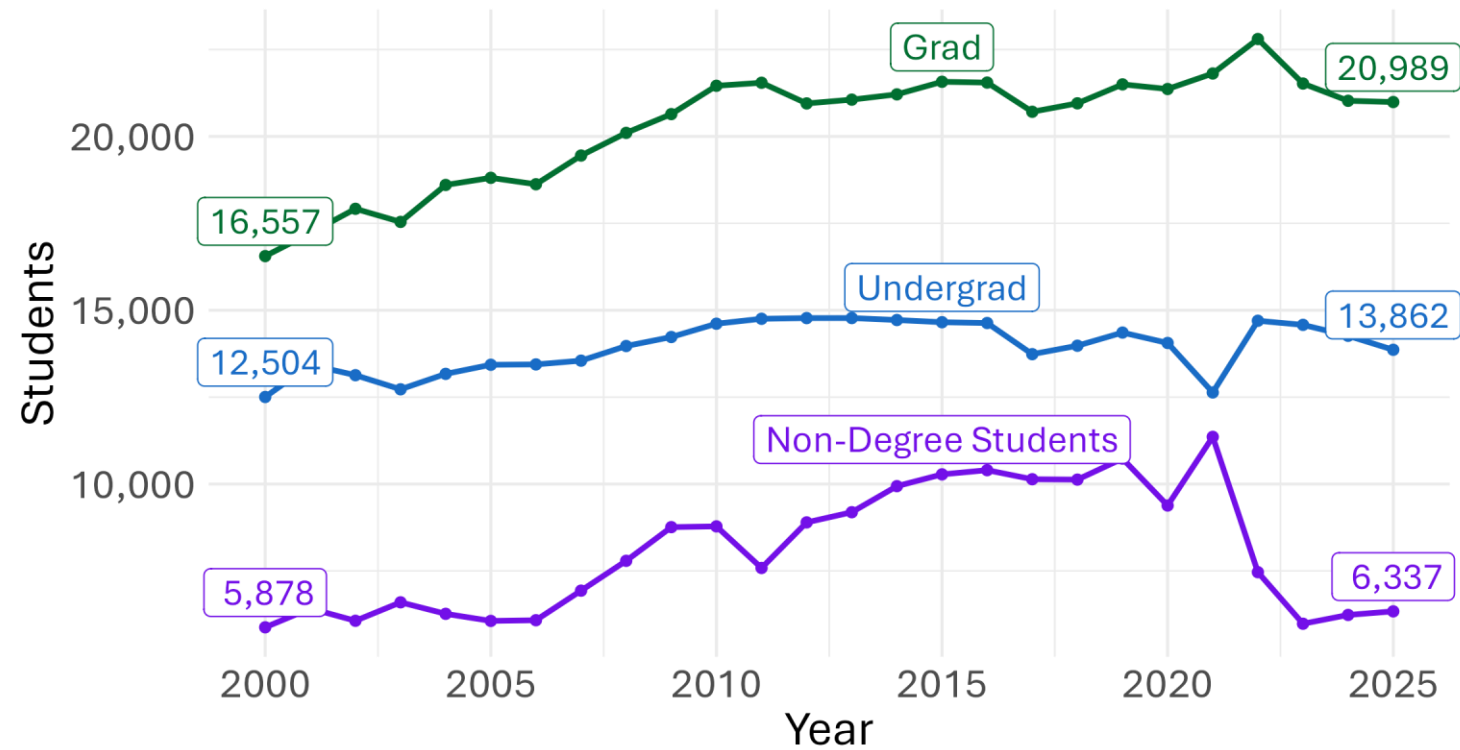


Students by School

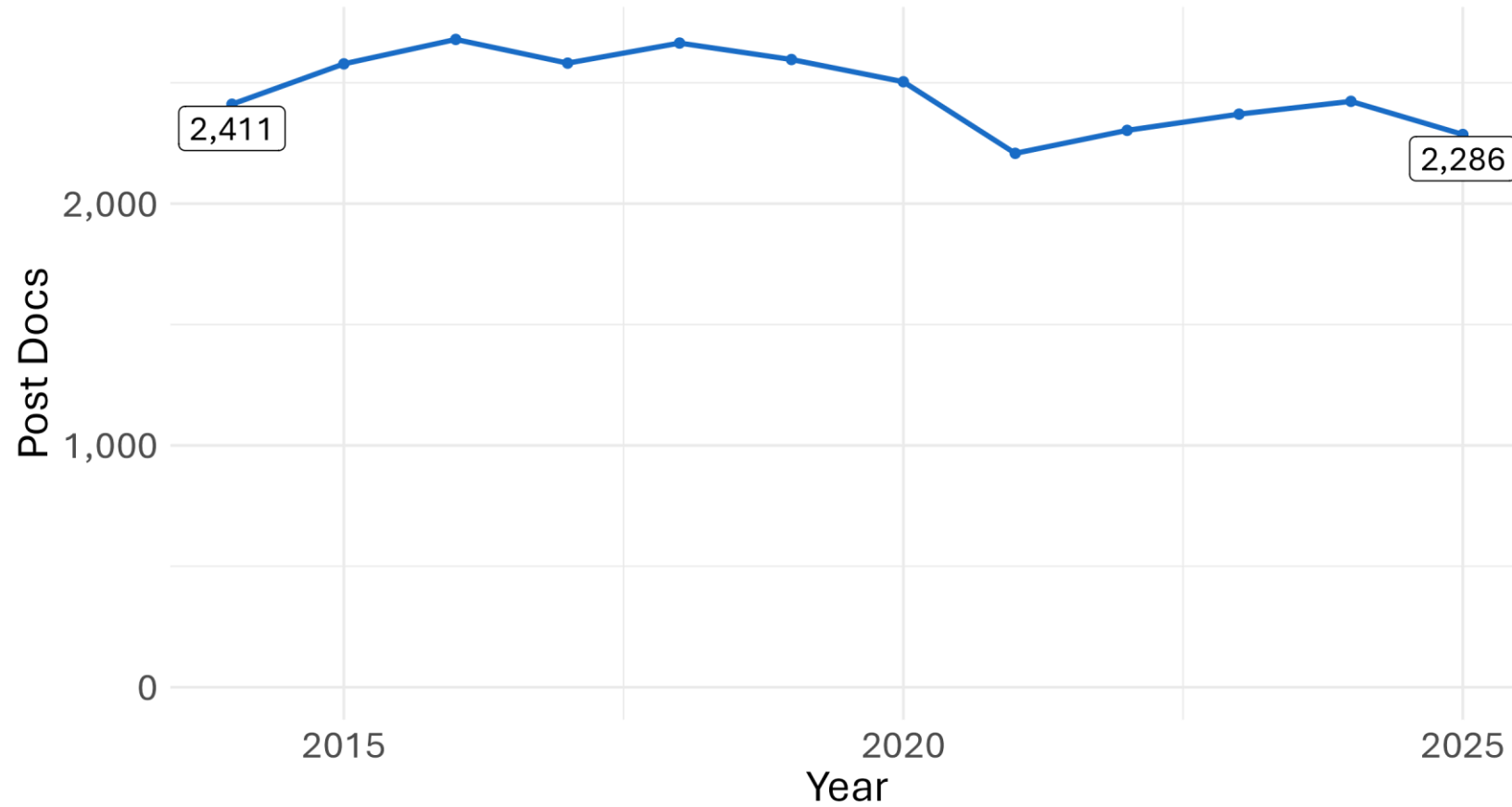


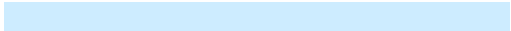


Students by Type

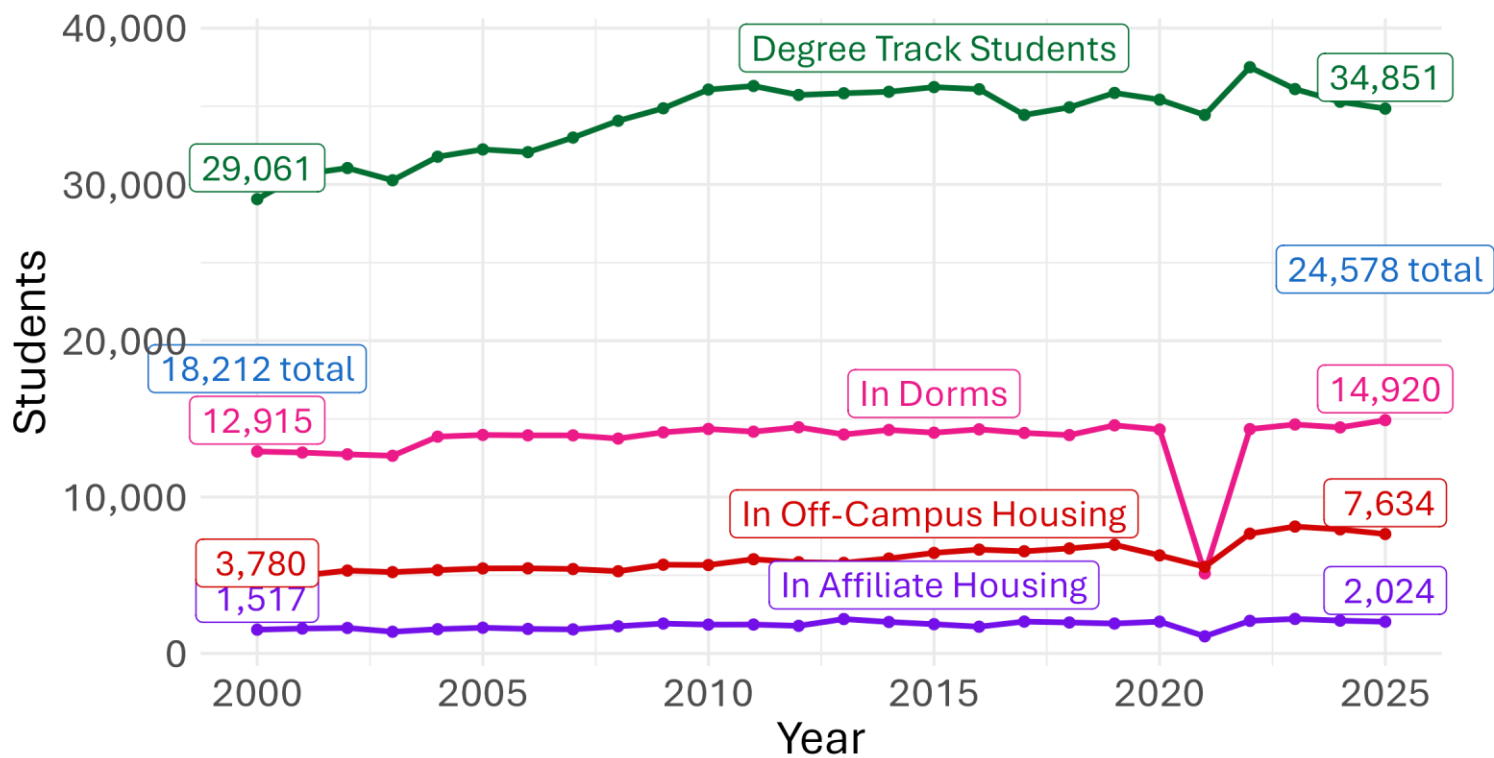


Post-Doctoral Fellows

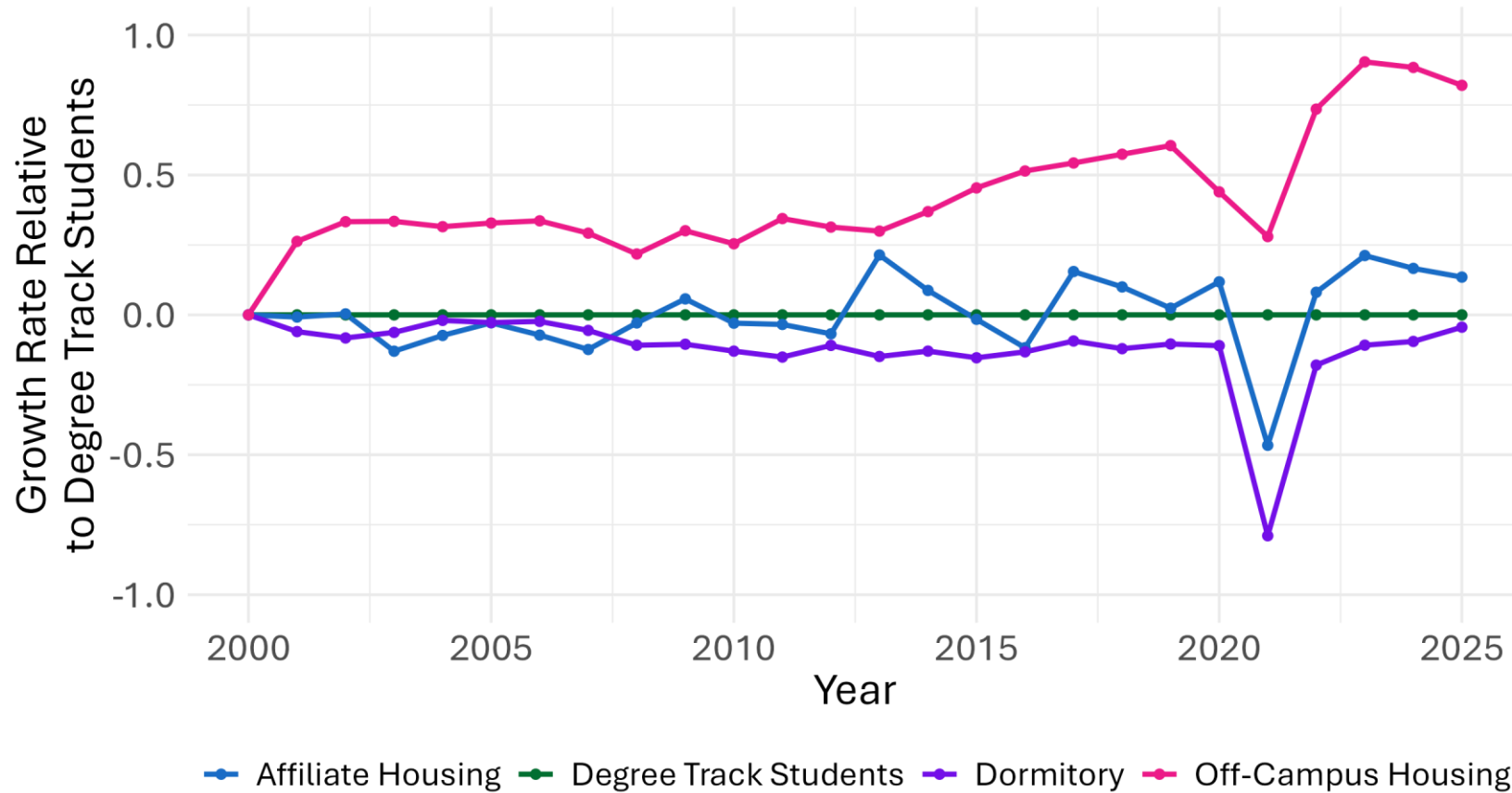


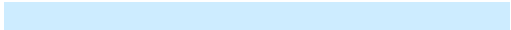


Degree Seeking Students Residing in Cambridge

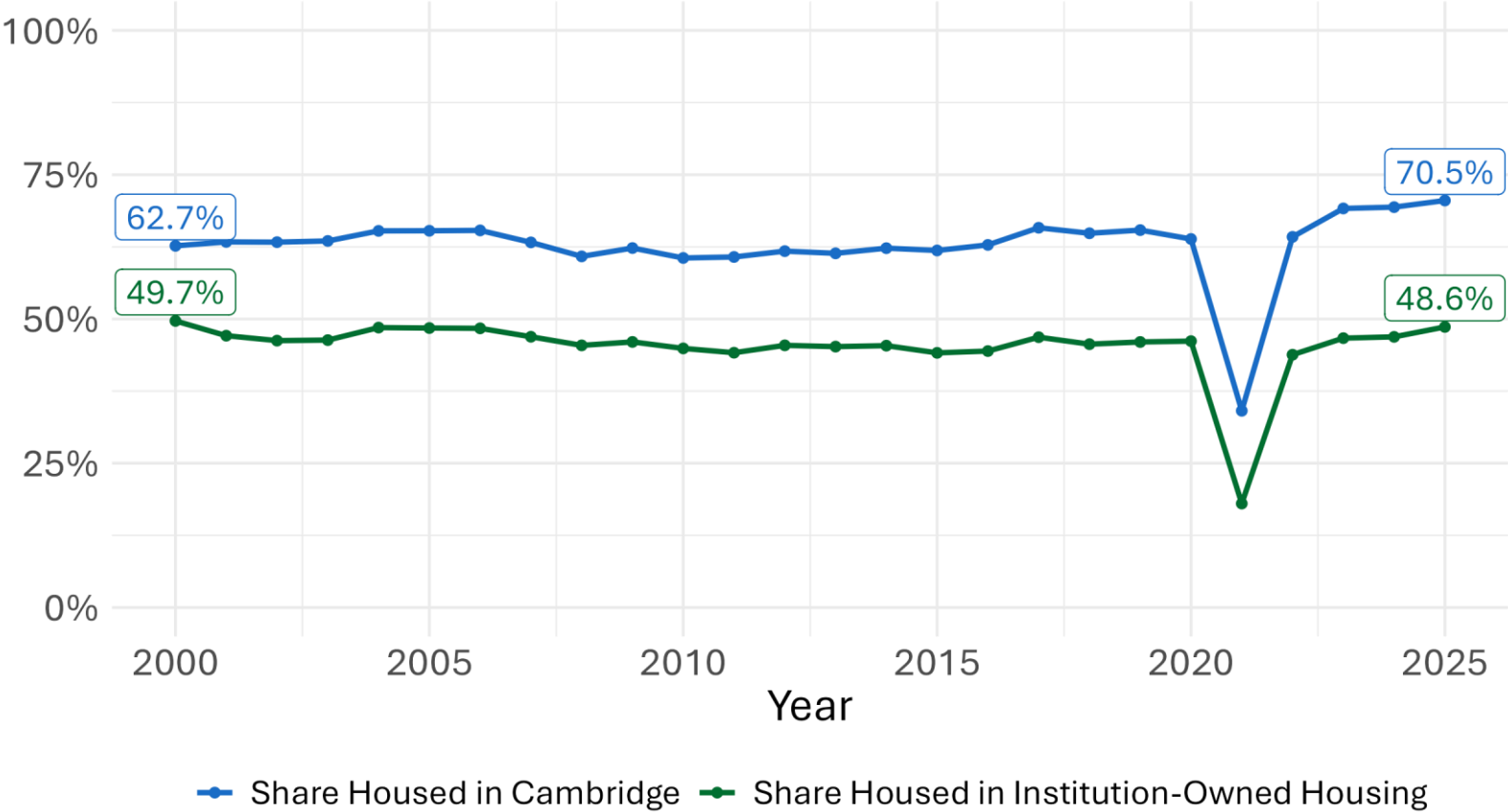


Rate of Growth of Student Residents vs. Degree Track Students





Share of Students Housed in Cambridge



Housing Comparison - NPSAS

National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS):

- Nationally representative cross-sectional study of undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in postsecondary education.
- Conducted every 3 to 4 years since 1987.
- Examines the characteristics of students in postsecondary education, with a special focus on how they finance their education.
- Connects multiple data sources including student surveys, institution records, government databases, and other administrative sources.
- Most recent study was conducted in 2024, but most recent data is from 2020.

Housing Comparison - NPSAS

NPSAS Undergraduates

Year	On Campus	Off Campus	Living w Parents	Attended >1 Inst.
2020	16.4%	45.5%	26.7%	11.4%
2016	14.1%	51.3%	24.8%	9.7%
2012	12.1%	46.1%	33.5%	8.3%
2008	13.5%	55.1%	23.8%	7.7%

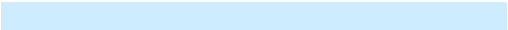
Town Gown: Degree-Seeking Students

Year	Dorms	Affiliate Housing	Off Campus in Cambridge	Outside Cambridge
2020	40.4%	5.7%	17.7%	36.1%
2016	39.7%	4.7%	18.4%	37.2%
2012	40.5%	4.9%	16.3%	38.2%
2008	40.3%	5.1%	15.4%	39.2%

Housing Comparison - Boston

Boston Student Housing Report

- The 2024 Student Housing Report is based on data collected in the Fall 2024 University Accountability Reports (UARs), which colleges and universities in Boston must file with the City each year.
- UARs summarize enrollment, where undergraduate and graduate students are housed, and student addresses.
- The UAR requirement excludes community colleges, satellite campuses, and students enrolled in exclusively or primarily online programs.



Housing Comparison - Boston

Boston Student Housing Report

Year	On-Campus or University-Provided Housing	Off-Campus Housing (living at home) or Study Abroad/Co-op	Off-Campus Housing (not at home)	Not Categorized/Discrepancy
2022	32.5%	25.7%	41.6%	0.2%
2023	32.5%	25.6%	41.7%	0.2%
2024	33.5%	25.8%	40.5%	0.2%

Town Gown: Degree-Seeking Students

Year	Dorms	Affiliate Housing	Off Campus in Cambridge	Outside Cambridge
2024	41%	5.9%	22.5%	30.6%
2023	40.6%	6.1%	22.5%	30.9%
2022	38.3%	5.5%	20.4%	35.8%

BEUDO

Reporter	Reports	Buildings	GFA	Emissions
Harvard	21.1%	21.3%	14.6%	13.4%
Lesley	0.8%	1.7%	0.7%	0.4%
MIT	13.1%	10.3%	16.8%	20.8%
Others	65.0%	66.8%	67.9%	65.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

- City Council adopted BEUDO in 2014 and the first full cycle of reporting was 2015. This first phase required annual reporting of energy and water use in covered properties.
- The Council adopted amendments to BEUDO in 2023 that require emissions reductions over time in non-residential buildings. These new regulations took effect on January 1st this year for 100k sq. ft. or larger. Requirements for buildings under 100k sq. ft. begin in 2030.
- The new regulations allow properties to report as a "campus" and apply emissions targets to a group of buildings instead of individually. Harvard and MIT are likely to pursue this option for many of their buildings.
- In future years we will have more data to report on compliance with performance standards for emissions reductions.