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Cambridge Demographics
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Population Trend

Population by Age x Sex

Youths by Census Tract

Elders by Census Tract

Race & Hispanic Origin
Total Population and Under 18

Black Ancestry
Household Population

- **African-American** - 25.8%
- **Haitian** - 16.2%
- **Ethiopian** - 15.5%
- **Not Reported** - 10.4%
- **African - Other Country** - 8.0%
- **Jamaican** - 5.6%
- **Hispanic** - 4.9%
- **West Indian - Other Country** - 4.0%
- **American Indian** - 2.8%
- **Nigerian** - 2.5%
- **Barbadian** - 1.2%
- **Ugandan** - 1.1%
- **Others** - 2.1%

* Includes estimated 250 to 300 persons of Somali ancestry.

Asian Population by Ethnicity

Chinese - 40%
Asian Indian - 21%
Korean - 11%
Japanese - 5%
Bengali - 5%
Pakistani - 2%
Vietnamese - 2%
Filipino - 2%
Other - 13%

Hispanic Population by Origin

Household Population

- Puerto Rican - 21%
- Mexican - 16%
- Dominican - 10%
- Salvadoran - 7%
- Spanish - 7%
- Colombian - 6%
- Hispanic - 6%
- Guatemalan - 5%
- Latin American - 3%
- Mexican American - 2%
- Venezuelan - 2%
- Argentinean - 2%
- Bolivian - 2%
- Peruvian - 2%
- Cuban - 2%
- Uruguayan - 2%
- Other Countries - 6%

Neighborhood Diversity

Diversity Index

Source: U. S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020; Cambridge Community Development Department, 2021.
Foreign Born Region of Birth

- Asia & Oceania: 14,900
- Europe: 7,800
- Latin America: 3,500
- Africa: 3,100
- Caribbean: 2,900
- Canada: 1,500

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
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<td>Foreign Born</td>
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<td>As % Total Population</td>
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<td>Entered Since 2000</td>
<td>69.7%</td>
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<td>Entered Since 2010</td>
<td>47.3%</td>
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<td>Naturalized Citizen</td>
<td>36.7%</td>
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Foreign Born Residents

Language Spoken at Home

Speak Another Language at Home 33.7%
Speak English less than Very Well 7.8%
Linguistically Isolated Households 5.1%

Linguistic Isolation

While a third of Cambridge residents speak a language other than English at home, their ability to speak English varies widely.

Persons who do not speak English “very well” are categorized as Linguistically Isolated.

A Linguistically Isolated person is one who speaks English less than “very well”.

A Linguistically Isolated Household is one where no one 14 or older speaks English very well.
Language Spoken at Home
Population 5 and Older

Linguistically Isolated Persons

Disability Status of Residents

Household & Family Types

*Excludes 300 households with children included in Single Parent category

Families with Children

Resident Turnover

Year Household Occupied Unit

Educational Attainment

Persons 25 and Older

Resident Employment by Industry

- Education
- Professional, Technical & Scientific
- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Finance and Real Estate
- Manufacturing
- Retail Trade
- Other Services
- Hotels and Food Services
- Information
- Administration and Waste Mgmt.
- Public Administration
- Arts & Entertainment
- Transportation and Warehousing
- Construction
- Wholesale Trade

Median Income

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<td>$77,033</td>
<td>$64,639</td>
<td>$77,263</td>
<td>$62,843</td>
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<td>Massachusetts</td>
<td>$94,916</td>
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<td>$103,126</td>
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<td>Cambridge</td>
<td>$91,467</td>
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<td>$103,154</td>
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## Household Income Quintiles

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<th>Quintile</th>
<th>Proportion of Households</th>
<th>Upper Income Limit</th>
<th>Mean Income</th>
<th>Share of Income</th>
<th>Children Ages 0 to 17</th>
<th>% Children 0 to 17</th>
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<td>Lowest</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>$32,319</td>
<td>$15,012</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>2,100</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Second</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>$79,271</td>
<td>$56,497</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>2,700</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>Middle</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>$128,229</td>
<td>$103,173</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>1,900</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Fourth</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>$205,948</td>
<td>$162,780</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>2,700</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>Upper</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>$362,494</td>
<td>52%</td>
<td>4,900</td>
<td>34%</td>
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**Lower Limit**

| Top 5%     | 5%                       | 250000+            | $628,790    | 22%             | --                    | --                |

Family Income by Race

Household Income & Median Earnings by Education

Persons 25 and Older

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<th>Education Level</th>
<th>Median Earnings</th>
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<td>No HS Diploma</td>
<td>$31,305</td>
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<td>HS Diploma/GED</td>
<td>$27,210</td>
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<td>Some College/Associates</td>
<td>$35,601</td>
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<td>Bachelor Degree</td>
<td>$59,888</td>
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<td>Graduate Degree</td>
<td>$76,174</td>
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Households and Living Wage

The Living Wage is the income needed to attain a modest yet adequate standard of living.

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<th>Household Type</th>
<th>% Below Threshold</th>
<th>% Above Threshold</th>
<th>Annual Living Wage</th>
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<td>One Adult/One Preschool Child (3-4)</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>$98,079</td>
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<td>One Adult/One School Age Child (5-13)</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>$90,671</td>
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<td>One Adult</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>$61,205</td>
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<td>Married Couple/One School Age Child (5-13)/</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>$134,641</td>
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<td>Married Couple/No Children</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>$74,219</td>
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<td>Married Couple/One School Age Child (5-13)</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>$100,860</td>
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Note: Proportions for two parent families are for married couple households; unmarried couples are excluded.

Sources: Economic Policy Institute, Family Budget Calculator, May 2021; Community Development Department, Median Rents, May 2021; Childcare Aware, Massachusetts 2020 Fact Sheet; IPUMS USA, University of Minnesota, http://usa.ipums.org/usa/index.shtml, 2015 – 2019 5-Year ACS.
What do we mean by “Poverty”?

Persons in poverty live in a household earning less than the following amount during the year:

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<th>Household Size</th>
<th>2021 Poverty Guidelines</th>
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<td>1 person</td>
<td>$12,880</td>
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<td>2 persons</td>
<td>$17,420</td>
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<td>3 persons</td>
<td>$21,960</td>
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<td>4 persons</td>
<td>$26,500</td>
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<td>5 persons</td>
<td>$31,040</td>
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By definition, dormitory and other group quarters residents do not fall under poverty thresholds.

Family Poverty by Race and Ethnicity

Families under Poverty Level

Proportion of Census Tract Families in Poverty

- 0%
- 1% - 4%
- 4.1% - 9%
- 9.1% - 15%
- > 15%

Median Rent for Market Rate Apartments

The 2020 Census Update

The Concerns:
• New Privacy Protections
• Lower Self Response Rate
• Non-Response Follow-Up (NORFU) Operations Cut Short
• First Time Administrative Records Used
• Higher Rate of Data Imputation

• First delivery of small area data received on August 12 – the Redistricting Data
• Results could be subject to legal challenge

A Question for the Audience...

What data is missing?

What else would you like to learn about?

More material is available at:
https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/factsandmaps