

East Bridgewater Community Profile

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Introduction

The community profile summarizes the existing conditions in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. It guides the development, content, and implementation of the long-range planning process that will update the Comprehensive Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Housing Production Plan, and Open Space and Recreation Plan. At a high level, this profile reviews current and historical population, socioeconomic, housing, transportation, and economic development patterns. ***While this data provides a baseline understanding of who the East Bridgewater community is today and the historical changes that have shaped it, the data presented within this profile doesn't represent all data that may be collected and analyzed through the planning process.*** More information will be collected, reviewed, and analyzed to inform the planning process.

The data utilized in this analysis comes from various sources and is the most updated version when writing this profile. Data sources include the American Community Survey (2021), the United States Census (2020), the US Census Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program (2019), the Town of East Bridgewater (2022), the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (2023).

Community profile note: Initial 2020 Census information was released sporadically in the early phases of the planning process (including total population). The data referenced within this document includes the most applicable and relevant data available now.



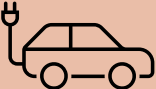





This analysis examines data through counts, estimates, and projections to understand changes within East Bridgewater. All three data types will be used to infer scenarios about our community's future and craft a document that accurately responds to our population in 2050. For the sake of this document, data is organized into the following categories:

Count	Estimate	Projection
A count is representative of historical data developed from a verified study. A typical example of count data is the decennial US Census.	An estimate is data developed on numerical analysis, which can be current or historic. Typically estimates are created using historical count data and factors to arrive at an estimated total. A typical example of an estimate is the American Community Survey.	A projection is a calculated inference of data for the future, such as a population projection. Like estimates, these values are usually calculated using count and estimate totals to infer a future value.



Community Profile by Plan Element

Many data sources and systems can be reviewed and explored to develop a foundational understanding of a community's current conditions. When combined, a sense of who the community is today can be established, creating a baseline for the plan analysis to draw from. The following table identified the existing conditions explored for specific Comprehensive Plan elements.

<p>Issues and Opportunities</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population and Projections • Age, Race, People with Disabilities 	<p>Housing</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Characteristics • Housing Affordability
<p>Transportation</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Facilities • Roadway Jurisdiction • Commuting Patterns 	<p>Utilities and Community Facilities</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater Management • Inventory of Community Facilities • Educational Facilities
<p>Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Resources • Natural Resources • National Register Properties 	<p>Economic Development</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income and Poverty • Unemployment • Employment
<p>Intergovernmental Cooperation</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional and Statewide Partners 	<p>Land Use</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning • TIF • BID



East Bridgewater – At a Glance

The Town of East Bridgewater is located within the “Greater Brockton” area of the Old Colony Planning Council region and is approximately 27 miles southeast of Boston. It borders Brockton and Whitman to the north, Halifax and Hanson to the east, Bridgewater to the south, and West Bridgewater to the west.

Age

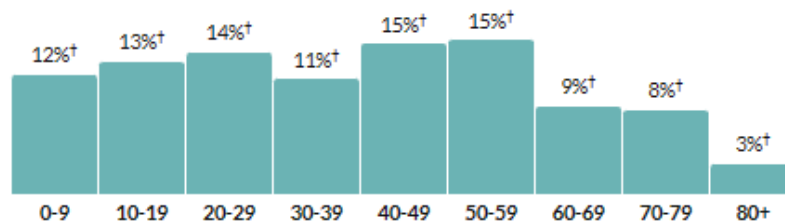
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Median age

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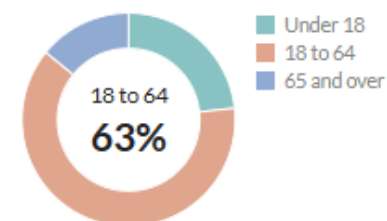
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Population by age range



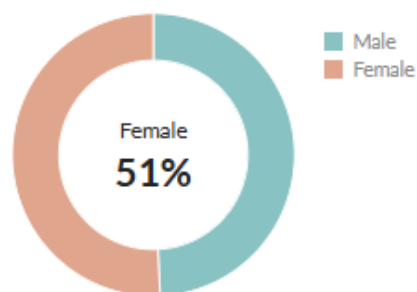
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Population by age category



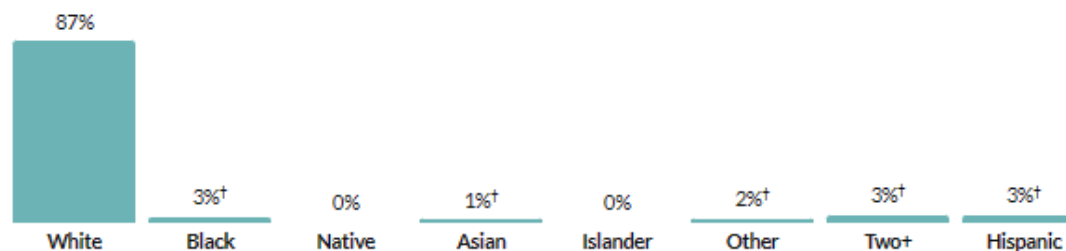
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Sex



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Race & Ethnicity



* Hispanic includes respondents of any race. Other categories are non-Hispanic.

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Intergovernmental Cooperation

The Town of East Bridgewater collaborates with local, regional, and state partners. Proximity to the “Greater Brockton” area creates an economic and social partnership between it and East Bridgewater. Residents commonly work and shop in other regional cities and towns and travel between them for recreation, education, and entertainment.

The Town of East Bridgewater is a member of the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) regional planning agency (RPA). OCPC serves 17 cities and towns in the southeastern region of Massachusetts and provides planning services and assistance at a regional level to ensure coordination of large-scale transportation and comprehensive economic development planning.

Various partners contribute to East Bridgewater's vitality, which impacts all plan elements. The table below displays current partners and the Comprehensive Plan elements they can support and influence.

Issues and Opportunities

Understanding the current and projected population trends within East Bridgewater will help estimate development trends over the next twenty years. These translate directly to existing issues and future opportunities within the town. This analysis will also guide the plan in ensuring the proper facilities, services, and policies are in place to serve the community.





Demographic Profile

The Federal Government and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts conducts population and demographic updates every ten years to comply with the national census updates. The most recent up to date Census was conducted in 2020. More detailed current information from the American Community Survey ACS and the Population Estimate Program (PEP) provides population estimates for 2020.

Key Findings

The following are the significant findings based on an analysis of East Bridgewater's demographic trends:

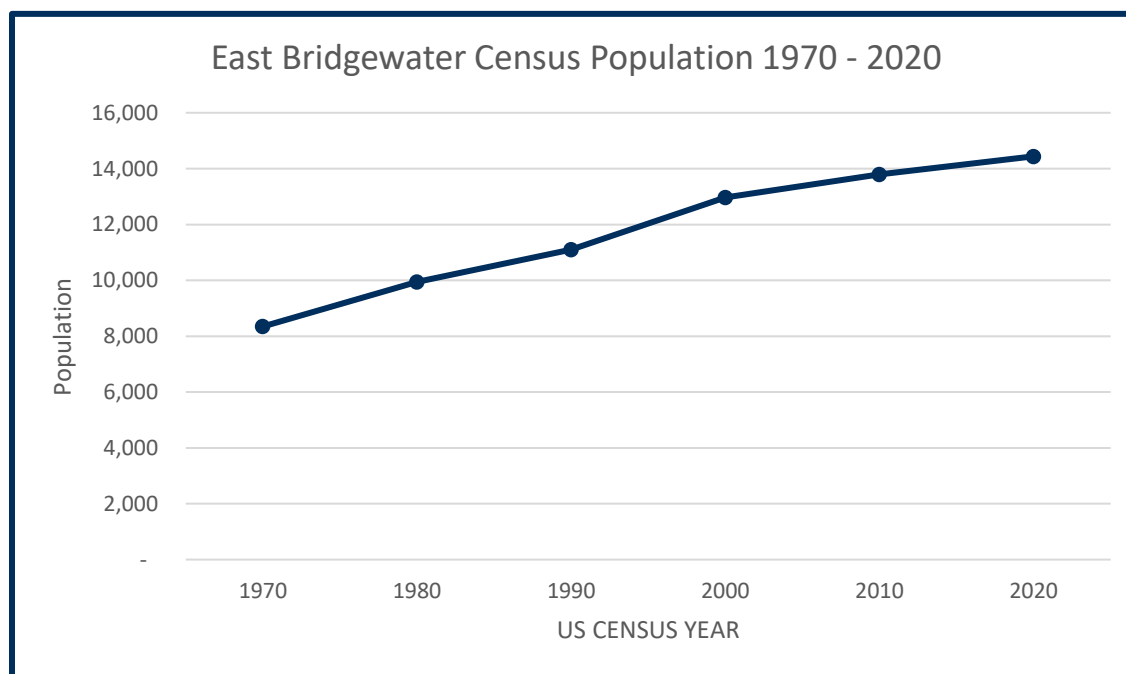
- High income, low unemployment. East Bridgewater is economically diverse, but households have high incomes compared to most other Massachusetts towns but average versus communities in the region. High income correlates with a high percentage of married-couple families, high education levels, and low unemployment, all of which are present in East Bridgewater.
- A steady increase in population over the past three decades. As the population grows, so do the housing needs. The projection of 14,466 people in East Bridgewater by 2050 implies an annual increase of 0.86 persons per year.
- Unlike other towns across the Commonwealth, East Bridgewater has managed to maintain a median age of around 40 years. According to the 2021 ACS, the median age of East Bridgewater residents is 39.9 years, which is a slight decrease from 40.5 years in 2010 but an increase of 4 years from 2000. In comparison, the median age for residents of the OCPC region is 42.1 years, showing an increase from 41.2 years in 2010 and 37 years in 2000.
- Increasing diversity. While most East Bridgewater residents that still self-identify as White remains below just below 90%. The Town has seen consistent growth in most other racial groups tracked by the Census Bureau. East Bridgewater's White population has been shrinking in percentage and absolute numbers for several decades.
- East Bridgewater's population has been growing but has been slowing down over the course of the past two decades. Understanding these broader trends can provide context for the town's demographic shifts.



Population Change

The Town of East Bridgewater gained approximately 3,336 residents since 1990 (30.04%), with growth slowing in recent years. Between 1990 and 2000, the town grew by 1,870 people, an increase of 16.84%. Between 2000 and 2010, the town population increased by 820 residents (6.32%). In the decade 2010 through the 2020 Census, the town gained 646 residents, a 4.68% increase according to the 2020 Census. The growth trend for the OCPC region shows 8.44% population growth during the 1990 – 2000 decade, decreasing significantly during the 2000 to 2010 decade to 3.86%, then increasing again from 2010 to 2020 by 8.51% percent with 30,843 new residents. Plymouth County’s population growth mirrors the state trend, with 8.63% population growth during the 1990-to-2000-decade, 4.67% growth in the 2000-to-2010-decade, and 7.25% growth in the 2010-to-2020-decade. The state experienced 5.53% growth during the 1990-2000 decade, 3.13% in the 2000 to 2010 decade, and 7.37% in the 2010 – 2020 decade.

Figure 1: East Bridgewater Census Population, 1970 - 2020



Source: US Census Bureau



Table 1: OCPC Region Population Change 1990 - 2020

	Decennial Census Population				Change 1990-2000		Change 2000-2010		Change 2010-2020	
	1990	2000	2010	2020	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Abington	13,817	14,605	15,985	17,062	788	5.70%	1,380	9.45%	1,077	6.74%
Avon	4,558	4,443	4,356	4,777	-115	-2.52%	-87	-1.96%	421	9.66%
Bridgewater	21,249	25,185	26,563	28,633	3,936	18.52%	1,378	5.47%	2,070	7.79%
Brockton	92,788	94,304	93,810	105,643	1,516	1.63%	-494	-0.52%	11,833	12.61%
Duxbury	13,985	14,248	15,059	16,090	263	1.88%	811	5.69%	1,031	6.85%
East Bridgewater	11,104	12,974	13,794	14,440	1,870	16.84%	820	6.32%	646	4.68%
Easton	19,807	22,299	23,122	25,058	2,492	12.58%	813	3.65%	1,946	8.42%
Halifax	6,526	7,500	7,518	7,749	974	14.92%	18	0.24%	231	3.07%
Hanover	11,912	13,164	13,879	14,833	1,252	10.51%	715	5.43%	954	6.87%
Hanson	9,028	9,495	10,209	10,639	467	5.17%	714	7.52%	430	4.21%
Kingston	9,045	11,780	12,629	13,708	2,735	30.24%	849	7.21%	1,079	8.54%
Pembroke	14,544	16,927	17,837	18,361	2,383	16.38%	910	5.38%	524	2.94%
Plymouth	45,608	51,701	56,468	61,217	6,093	13.36%	4,767	9.22%	4,749	8.41%
Plympton	2,384	2,637	2,820	2,930	253	10.61%	183	6.94%	110	3.90%
Stoughton	26,777	27,149	26,962	29,281	372	1.39%	-187	-0.69%	2,319	8.60%
West Bridgewater	6,389	6,634	6,916	7,707	245	3.83%	282	4.25%	791	11.44%
Whitman	12,240	13,882	14,489	15,121	1,642	13.42%	607	4.37%	632	4.36%
OCPC Region	321,761	348,927	362,416	393,249	27,166	8.44%	13,479	3.86%	30,843	8.51%
Plymouth County	435,276	472,822	494,919	530,819	37,546	8.63%	22,097	4.67%	35,900	7.25%
Massachusetts	6,016,425	6,349,097	6,547,629	7,029,917	332,672	5.53%	198,532	3.13%	482,288	7.37%

Source: US Census 1990 - 2020



Figure 2: Population Growth 1990 - 2020

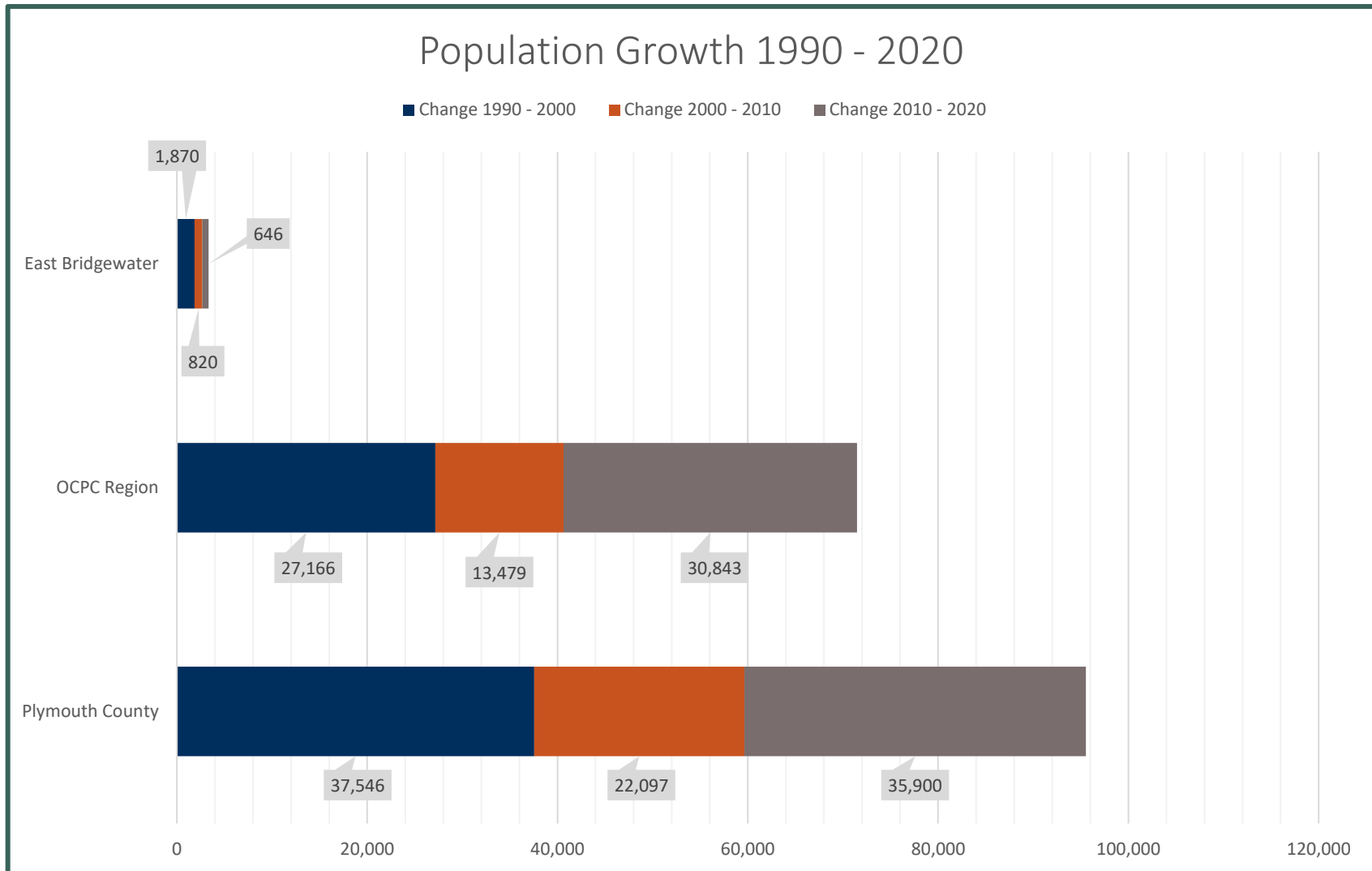
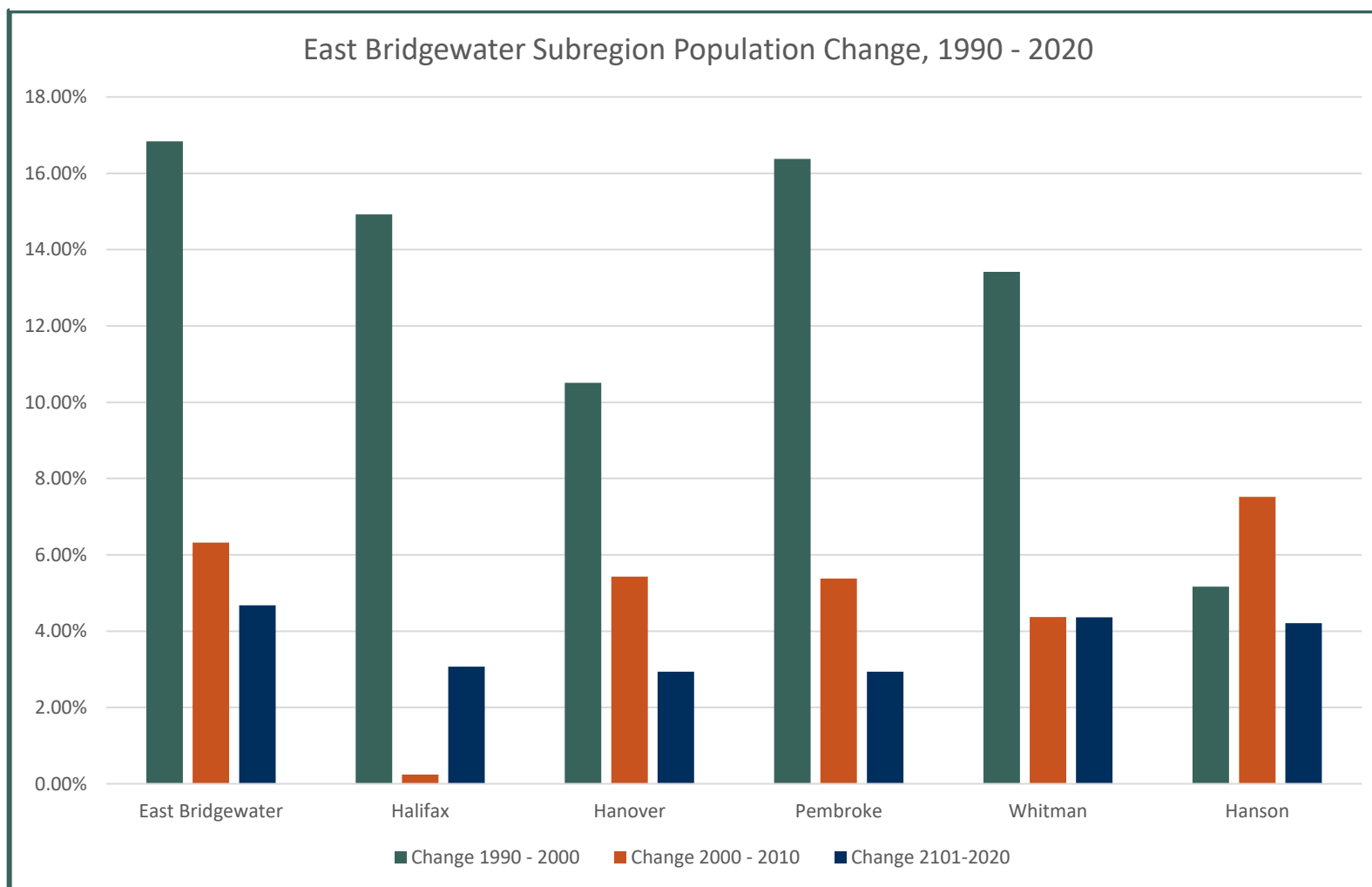




Figure 3: East Bridgewater Subregion Population Change, 1990 - 2020





Population Projections

Population projections are a planning tool to understand our community's needs in the following decades. Projections are based on historical growth, regional factors, and expected change but are only an estimation. These values can be derived from historic city, county, or state population counts. From 2021 to 2023, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) led an effort to update population, household, and employment projections for Massachusetts and its metropolitan planning regions.

Working closely with an advisory committee of regional and state agencies and other interested stakeholders, the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute (UMDI) and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) – both under contract to MassDOT – developed, tested, and refined models incorporating the components of socio-economic changes throughout Massachusetts occurring now and projecting more than two decades into the future. UMDI's work focused on population change (including birth, death, and migration rates), employment trends, and projections. MAPC's work focused on household growth, changes to the labor force, development, land use availability, and development capacities allowed by local zoning.

State and regional entities have used these projections to inform various planning activities. The last update of forecasts from the Socioeconomic Planning Committee (SPC) occurred in 2023 utilizing the 2020 Census data; the applicability of the data must be analyzed for each municipality.

The SPC projected that the Town of East Bridgewater will reach over 14,000 residents by no later than 2020 and will remain above that level until 2050. The existing projection continues to represent growth over the next thirty years using varied five-year growth rates representing slowing growth over time.

Table 2: MADOT Socioeconomic Population Projections

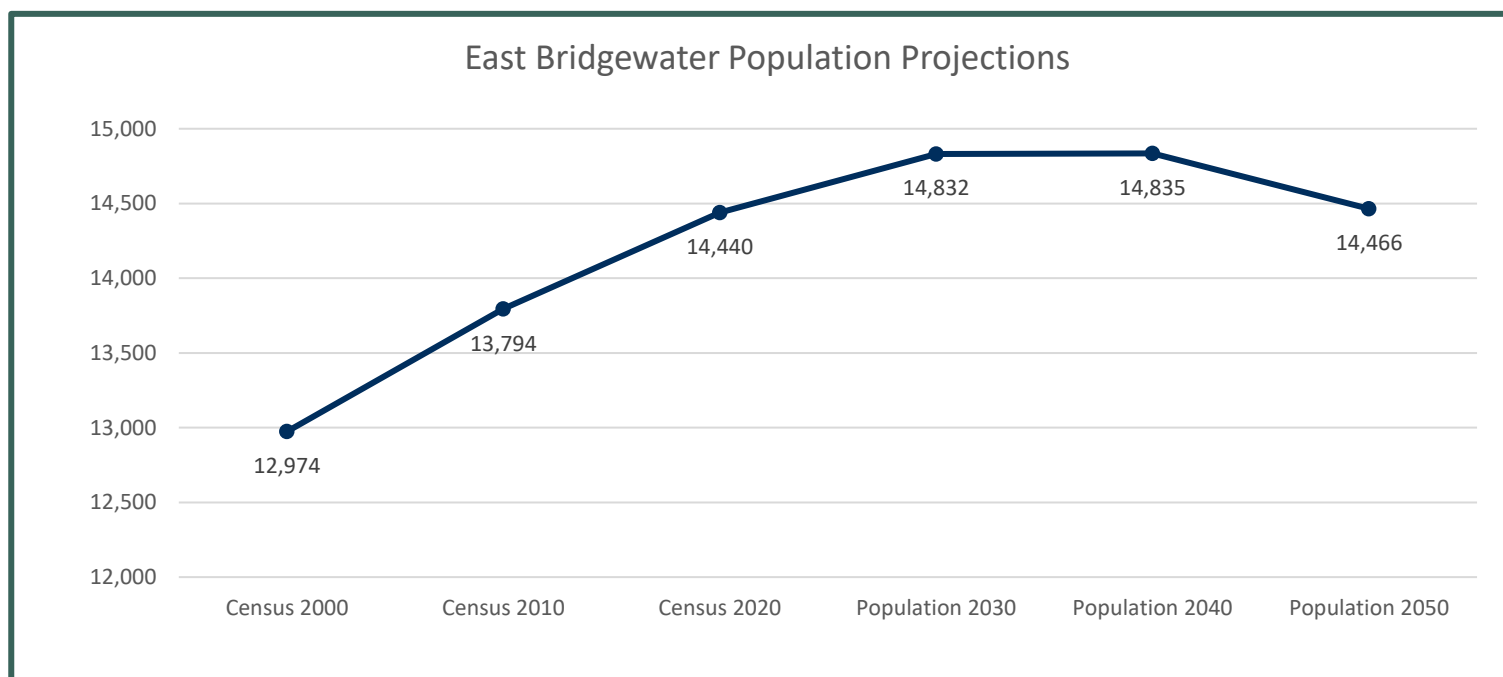
	Census 2000	Census 2010	Census 2020	Population 2030	Population 2040	Population 2050
East Bridgewater	12,974	13,794	14,440	14,832	14,835	14,466

Various state and regional agencies utilize the SPC projections as a planning tool to inform planning exercises and analyses. For example, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation uses these projections to inform future travel demand modeling. To further analyze the growth potential for East Bridgewater, historical trends and other forecasts completed for East Bridgewater were explored. This analysis began by applying the recent growth rates experienced between Census counts to develop additional 2050 projections to be considered.



Population growth is influenced by two factors: migration and birth rates. Projecting future population change requires assumptions to be made about both factors. Reviewing historical trends and the external factors influencing these growth rates can help inform future growth potential. For example, the 5-year average growth rate experienced between 2000 and 2010 includes population growth before and during the great recession, while the 2010 to 2020 rate is likely impacted by the recovery or rebuilding from that time. Using these historical rates, population projections from 2020 to 2050 indicate a percent increase of 0.18% (26 new residents) over the next almost 30 years.

Figure 4: East Bridgewater Population Projections



Population projections serve as a planning tool that will be used to inform recommendations and strategies within the Comprehensive Plan and companion plans. In practice, the future land use plan will guide enough development in each land use type to support the projection population. When using the projections, it is essential to consider enough growth to provide a beneficial tool and not over-project to over-plan resources and tools.



The resulting housing needs to support this growing population can be analyzed to help understand the impact of these projections. For example, the projection of 14,466 people in 2050 represents an annual increase of 0.86 persons per year. Based on the current household size of 2.89 people per household, one additional housing unit would be needed annually to support this growth. Continued housing production at the more recent rate would exceed housing needs based on population growth; however, the number of new multi-family units varied drastically from year to year, while single-family development was much more consistent. The owner-occupied housing rate was 81%, according to the 2021 ACS. In addition to projections to consider is the potential legislation that could impact current trends to address the housing crisis in Massachusetts.

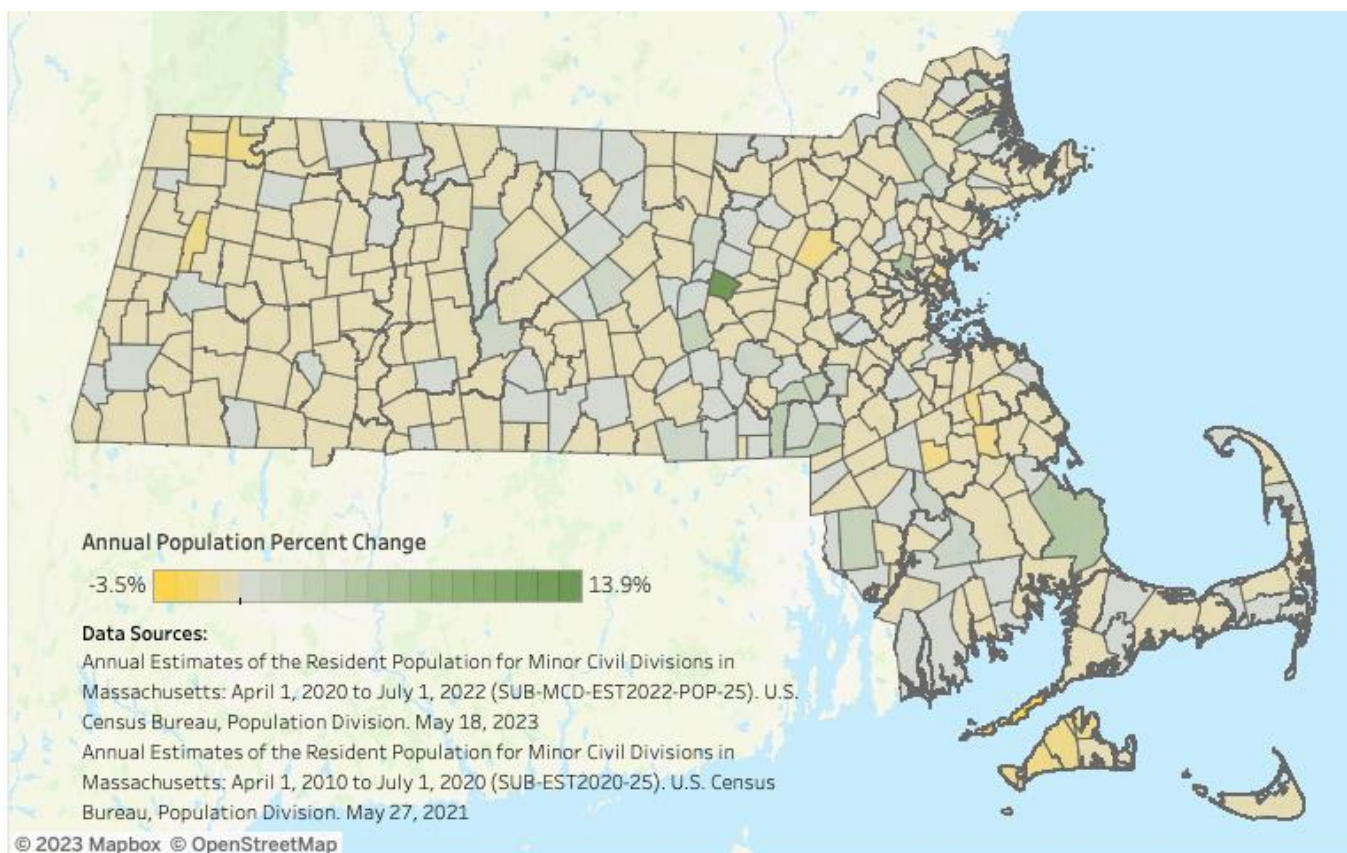


Figure 5: Massachusetts Annual Population Percent Change from UMass Donahue Institute: 2020-2022



Population Change by Age

The population of East Bridgewater has increased by 5.6% over the last decade, compared to the 5.10% growth experienced in the 2000 – 2010 decade. Adults aged 55 to 59 experienced an 89.6% increase in that population class, followed by 25 to 34 years with a 73.7% increase and 75 to 84 years with a 56.7% increase. Population decreases were among those aged 10 to 24 and adults aged 35 to 54. Populations cohorts with the largest decrease include those 15 to 19 years of age, which decreased by **-29.6%**; 85 years and over decreased by **-21.5%**; and 35 to 44 years which decreased by **-21.3%**.

Table 3: Population Change by Age Cohort 2000 - 2021

POPULATION CHANGE BY AGE COHORT 2000 - 2021								
Age	2000 Census SF1		2010 ACS DP05		2021 ACS DP05		Change 2010 - 2021	
	Estimate	Percent of Population	Estimate	Percent of Population	Estimate	Percent of Population	Estimate	Percent of Population
Total Population	12,974	100%	13,636	100%	14,393	100%	757	5.6%
Under five years	918	7.1	586	4.30%	804	5.60%	218	37.2%
5 to 9 years	1,042	8.0	819	6.00%	894	6.20%	75	9.2%
10 to 14 years	1,025	7.9	1,119	8.20%	1,049	7.30%	-70	-6.3%
15 to 19 years	910	7.0	1,174	8.60%	827	5.70%	-347	-29.6%
20 to 24 years	633	4.9	980	7.20%	857	6.00%	-123	-12.6%
25 to 34 years	1,752	13.5	1,201	8.80%	2,086	14.50%	885	73.7%
35 to 44 years	2,421	18.7	1,971	14.50%	1,551	10.80%	-420	-21.3%
45 to 54 years	1,839	14.2	2,588	19.00%	2,192	15.20%	-396	-15.3%
55 to 59 years	689	5.3	679	5.00%	1,269	8.80%	590	86.9%
60 to 64 years	434	3.3	850	6.20%	831	5.80%	-19	-2.2%
65 to 74 years	682	5.3	970	7.10%	1,134	7.90%	164	16.9%
75 to 84 years	464	3.6	448	3.30%	702	4.90%	254	56.7%
85 years+	165	1.3	251	1.80%	197	1.40%	-54	-21.5%

Source: 2000 Census SF1, 2010 ACS DP05, 2021 ACS DP05



Median Age

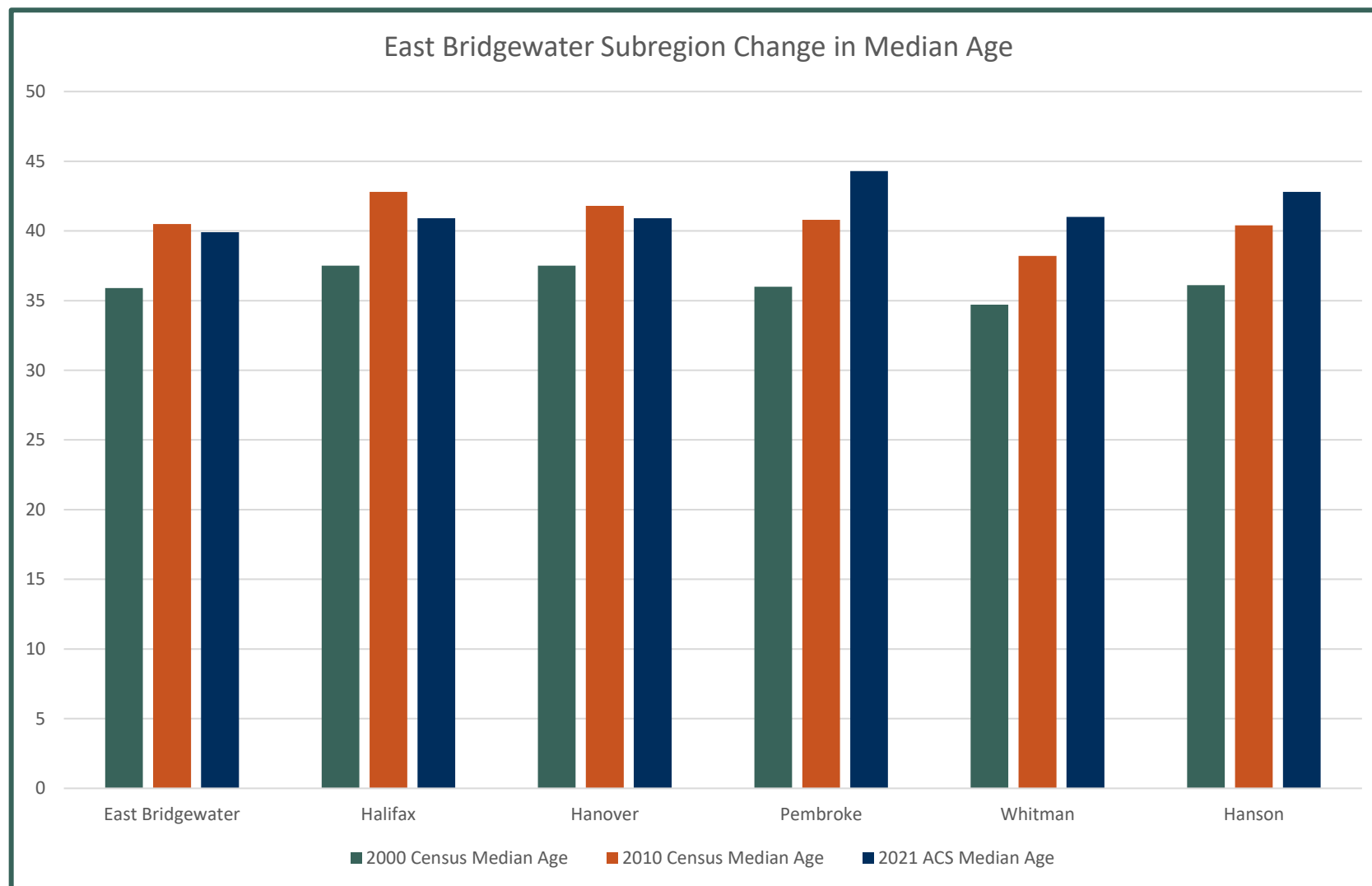
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Table 4: Change in Median Age 2000 - 2021

CHANGE IN MEDIAN AGE 2000 - 2021						
2000, 2010 Census SF1, 2021 ACS	2000 Median Age	2010 Median Age	2021 ACS Median Age	Change in Median Age 2000 - 2010	Change in Median Age 2010 -2021	Change in Median Age 2000 -2021
Abington	36.7	39.5	39.9	2.80	0.4	3.2
Avon	40.2	44	36.9	3.80	-7.1	-3.3
Bridgewater	33.6	36.7	35.8	3.10	-0.9	2.2
Brockton	34	35.9	39.4	1.90	3.5	5.4
Duxbury	40.3	44.8	47.6	4.50	2.8	7.3
East Bridgewater	35.9	40.5	39.9	4.60	-0.6	4
Easton	35.5	39.5	41.9	4.00	2.4	6.4
Halifax	37.5	42.8	40.9	5.30	-1.9	3.4
Hanover	37.5	41.8	40.9	4.30	-0.9	3.4
Hanson	36.1	40.4	42.8	4.30	2.4	6.7
Kingston	37.2	42.3	44.7	5.10	2.4	7.5
Pembroke	36	40.8	44.3	4.80	3.5	8.3
Plymouth	36.5	41.4	47.9	4.90	6.5	11.4
Plympton	37.7	44.4	45.5	6.70	1.1	7.8
Stoughton	39.2	42.9	45.7	3.70	2.8	6.5
West Bridgewater	40.1	43.9	39.8	3.80	-4.1	-0.3
Whitman	34.7	38.2	41	3.50	2.8	6.3
OCPC Region	37.0	41.2	42.1	4.18	0.9	5.1



Figure 6: East Bridgewater Subregion Change in Median Age



Source: ACS B01002



Veteran Status

Veteran status

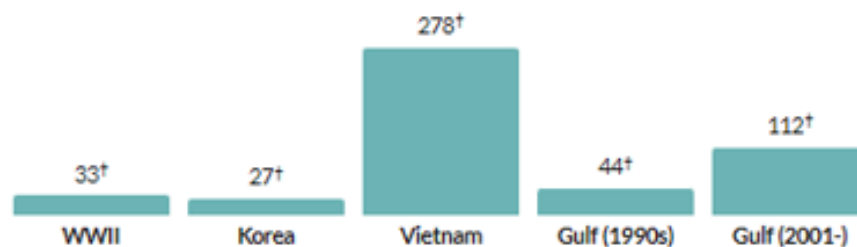
6.8%

Population with veteran status

a little higher than the rate in
Plymouth County: 6.4%

about 1.4 times the rate in
Massachusetts: 5%

Veterans by wartime service



* Civilian veterans who served during wartime only

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747 Total veterans

719 Male

28 Female

East Bridgewater has 747 war time veterans comprising of 719 males and 28 females, representing 6.8% of the total population, slightly higher than Plymouth County representation at 6.4% and 1.4 times higher than the State of Massachusetts' at 5%. Vietnam was the highest severing group of veterans with 278 individuals. There are 33 veterans from WWII, 27 from Korea, 44 Veterans who served in the 1990s Gulf War and 112 who served in the 2000s Gulf War.

The Town of East Bridgewater has a Veteran's Department with the mission of providing eligible veterans who live in the town and their family with financial assistance and medical care. East Bridgewater has a full-time Veteran's Agent which is notable as not all surrounding communities has a full time agent. For more information about services offered by this office please contact the Veteran Service Officer at 508-378-1610.



Fertility

East Bridgewater's fertility rate of 62 per 1,000 women ages 15 to 50 is higher than Plymouth County at 54 per 1,000 and the Commonwealth averages at 45 per 1,000. Fertility varies considerably among the communities and the subregion, where the average was 50 per 1,000 women. Hanover had the lowest fertility rate, 39 per 1,000 and Whitman had the highest 79 per 1,000 women. There were 179 births to women 15-19 years in the subregion and all births in Hanover and Pembroke were to married women.

Table 5: East Bridgewater Subregion Fertility Rates

EAST BRIDGEWATER SUBREGION FERTILITY RATES 2021					
	Total Women	WOMEN WITH BIRTHS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS			
		Estimate	Percent	Rate Per 1000 Women	Percent of Women who had a birth in the past 12 months who were unmarried.
East Bridgewater					
Women 15 to 50 years	3,668	228	100%	62	34.20%
15 to 19 years	455	0	0.00%	0	-
20 to 34 years	1,518	179	78.50%	118	43.60%
35 to 50 years	1,695	49	21.50%	29	0.00%
Hanson					
Women 15 to 50 years	2,178	138	100%	63	18.80%
15 to 19 years	232	0	0.00%	0	-
20 to 34 years	1,015	93	67.40%	92	28.00%
35 to 50 years	931	45	32.60%	48	0.00%
Whitman					
Women 15 to 50 years	3,649	287	100%	79	43.90%
15 to 19 years	533	0	0.00%	0	-
20 to 34 years	1,426	195	67.90%	137	48.20%



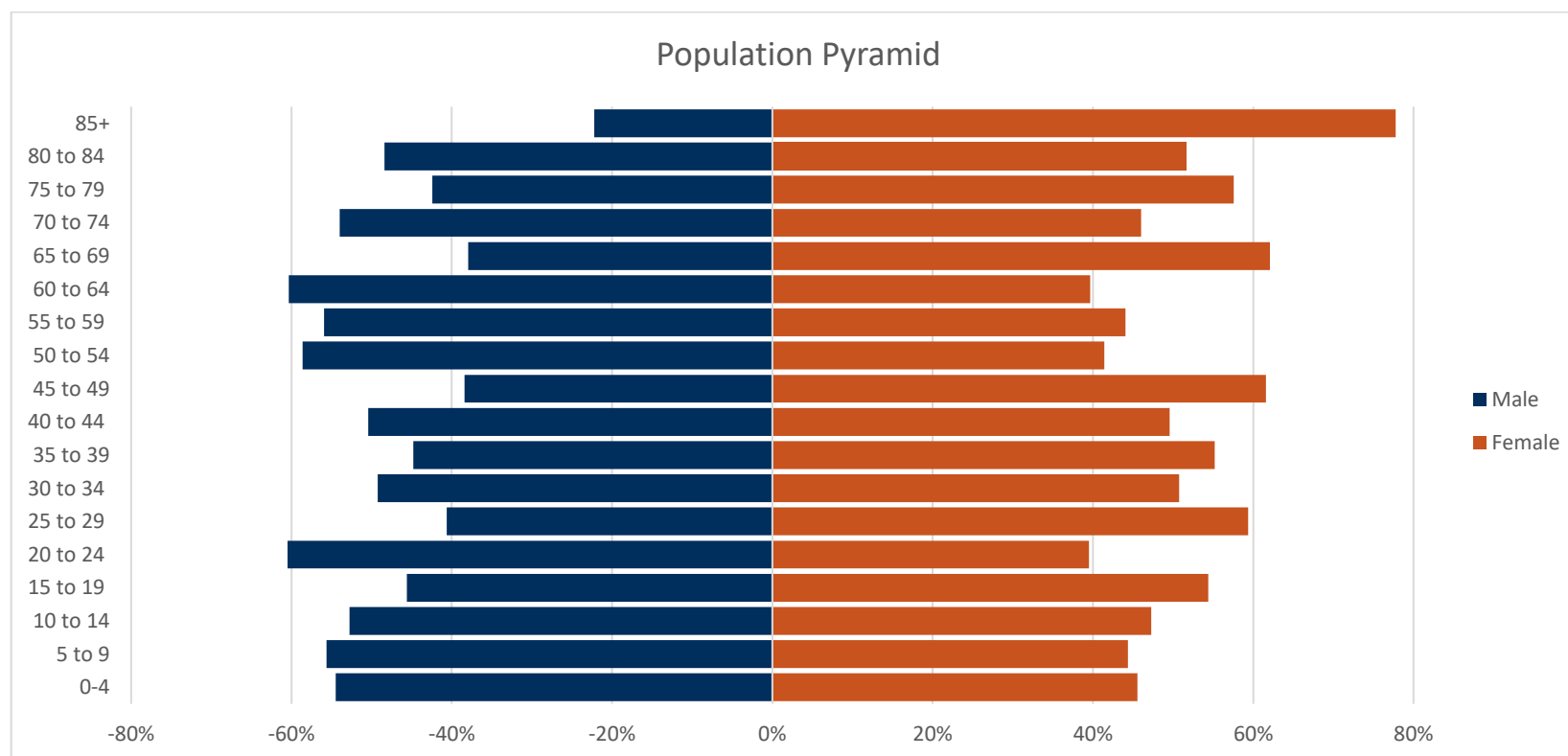
<i>2021 ACS B13002</i>	Total Women	Estimate	Percent	Rate Per 1000 Women	Percent of Women who had a birth in the past 12 months who were unmarried.
Hanover					
Women 15 to 50 years	3,341	129	100%	39	0.00%
15 to 19 years	636	0	0.00%	0	-
20 to 34 years	1,024	55	42.60%	54	0.00%
35 to 50 years	1,681	74	57.40%	44	0.00%
Pembroke					
Women 15 to 50 years	4,051	230	(X)	57	0.00%
15 to 19 years	714	0	0.00%	0	-
20 to 34 years	1,424	90	39.10%	63	0.00%
35 to 50 years	1,913	140	60.90%	73	0.00%
Halifax					
Women 15 to 50 years	1,490	92	(X)	62	23.90%
15 to 19 years	118	0	0.00%	0	-
20 to 34 years	644	64	69.60%	99	34.40%
35 to 50 years	728	28	30.40%	38	0.00%
Plymouth County					
Women 15 to 50 years	114,618	6,142	(X)	54	26.00%
15 to 19 years	17,148	86	1.40%	5	61.60%
20 to 34 years	44,824	3,423	55.70%	76	33.60%
35 to 50 years	52,646	2,633	42.90%	50	14.90%
Massachusetts					
Women 15 to 50 years	1,686,029	75,648	(X)	45	28.60%
15 to 19 years	232,432	868	1.10%	4	83.90%
20 to 34 years	739,641	49,003	64.80%	66	34.90%
35 to 50 years	713,956	25,777	34.10%	36	14.90%



Population Pyramid

Accessing the population through age cohorts is helpful, as services and needs vary by age. One primary method of doing this is with a population pyramid, which analyses the breakdown of residents by gender and age group (generally in groups of five years). Population pyramids with a broad base suggest a growing population, with most residents being younger. Conversely, a pyramid with a wide top indicates an aging population. These trends can help us create goals and recommendations in each plan that respond to the specific needs of these age groups, such as providing transit, pedestrian facilities, youth services, or healthcare.

Figure 7: Population Pyramid



Source: American Community Survey, 2021 B01001



Educational Attainment

Educational attainment

95.7%

High school grad or higher

a little higher than the rate in
Plymouth County: 93%

a little higher than the rate in
Massachusetts: 91.2%

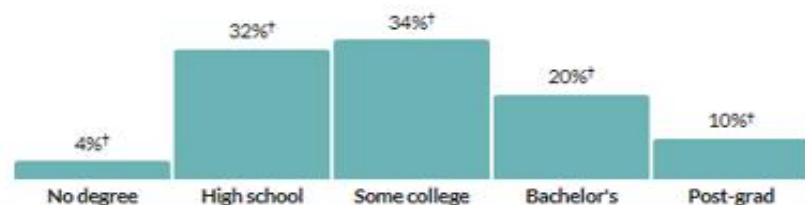
30.2%

Bachelor's degree or higher

about three-quarters of the rate in
Plymouth County: 39.3%

about two-thirds of the rate in
Massachusetts: 45.2%

Population by highest level of education



* Universe: Population 25 years and over

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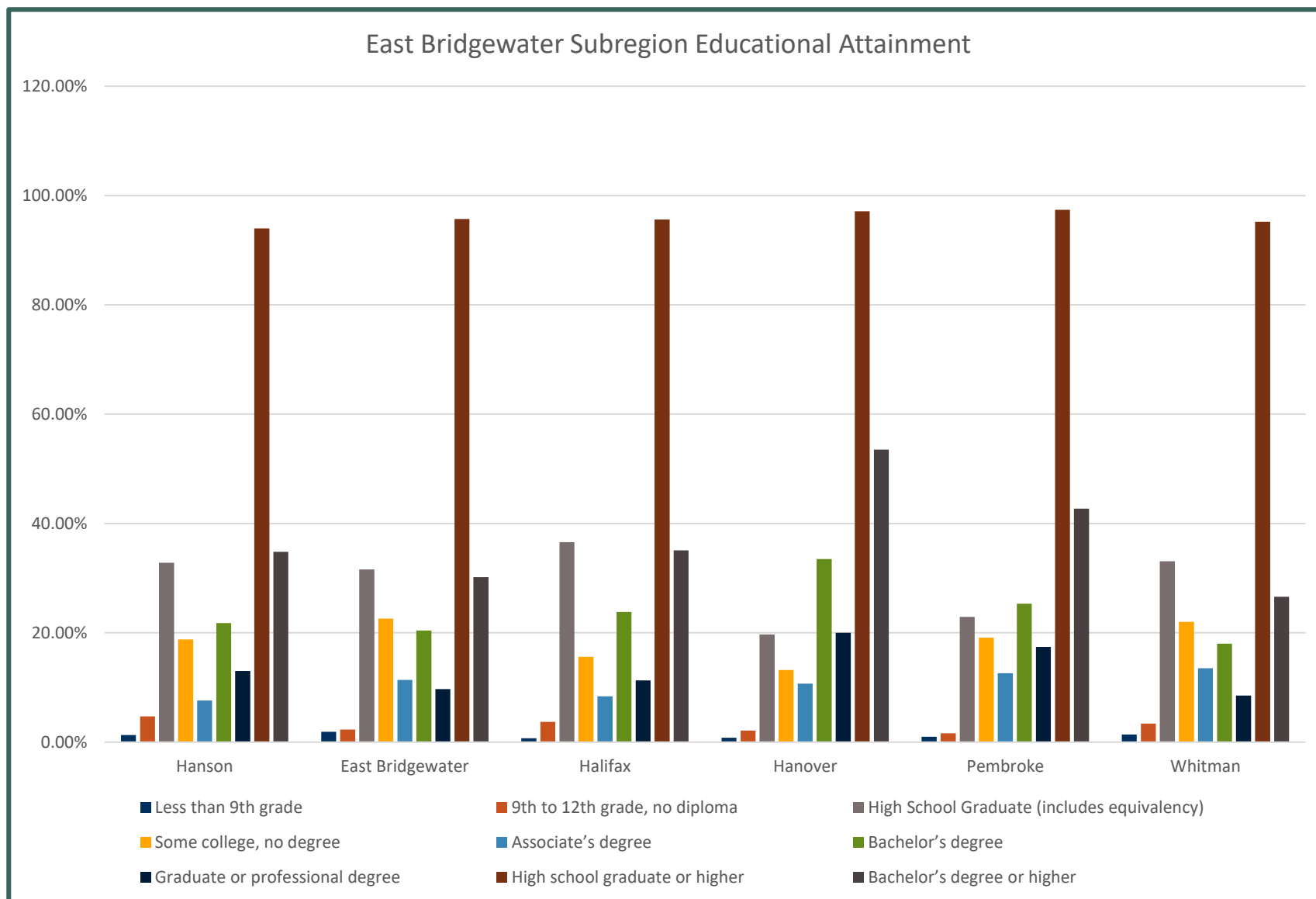
Table 6: Educational Attainment 25 Years and Over

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF POPULATION 25+ YEARS								
2021 ACS S1501	East Bridgewater		OCPC Region		Plymouth County		Massachusetts	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Population 25 years and over	9,962	69.2%	271,044		369,871		4,934,755	
Less than 9 th grade	194	1.90%	8,938	3.3%	11,267	3.00%	222,572	4.50%
9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma	233	2.30%	12,365	4.6%	14,605	3.90%	216,620	4.40%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	3,147	31.60%	74,576	27.5%	98,953	26.80%	1,124,134	22.80%
Some college, no degree	2,249	22.60%	44,957	16.6%	63,857	17.30%	694,438	14.10%
Associate's degree	1,132	11.40%	26,685	9.8%	35,733	9.70%	376,568	7.60%
Bachelor's degree	2,037	20.40%	65,235	24.1%	90,832	24.60%	1,250,748	25.30%
Graduate or professional degree	970	9.70%	38,288	14.1%	54,624	14.80%	1,049,675	21.30%
High school graduate or higher	9,535	95.70%	246,740	91.0%	343,999	93.00%	4,495,563	91.10%
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,007	30.20%	103,523	38.2%	145,456	39.30%	2,300,423	46.60%

Massachusetts residents are highly educated, with 46.6% having a bachelor's degree or higher. East Bridgewater residents fare well, with 30.2% earning a bachelor's degree or higher; 95.7% graduate high school, higher than the OCPC region, Plymouth County, and the Commonwealth.



Figure 8: East Bridgewater Subregion Educational Attainment

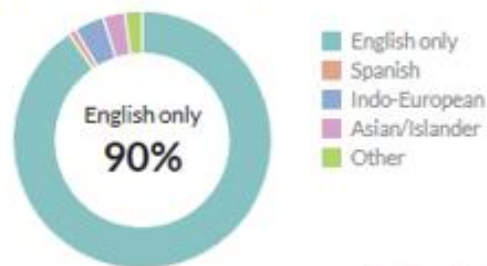




Language Spoken at Home

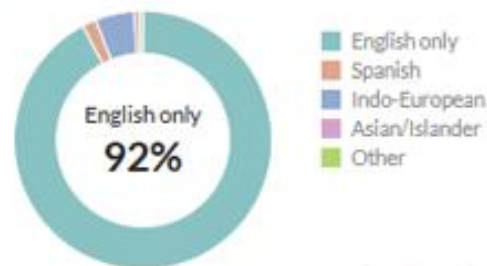
According to the 2021 ACS, 91.9% of the population in East Bridgewater speaks only English, while 8.1% speaks another language other than English. Children aged 5-17 speak English 90% of the time while they are at home. Of those that speak a language other than English 65.5% speak English very well, 34.3% speak English less than very well, 1.6% speak Spanish, 4.7% speak other Indo-European languages, 1% speaks Asian and Pacific Island Languages.

Language at home, children 5-17



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Language at home, adults 18+



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Within this group, the majority (47.5%) primarily speak other Indo-European languages, followed by 24.2% who speak Spanish, and 18.2% who speak Asian and Pacific Island Languages. Specifically, among individuals aged 5 to 17, there are 24 individuals, primarily Spanish speakers, who have limited English proficiency. In the 18 to 64 age group, 220 individuals speak English less than very well, and among those aged 65 and older, 101 individuals, primarily speakers of Asian and Pacific Island Languages, have limited English proficiency.

In summary, this data highlights the importance of recognizing and addressing language diversity within our community. Tailored language support programs and initiatives can help improve communication, integration, and opportunities for all residents, regardless of their language background.



Table 7: Language Spoken at Home

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME						
			Speak English only or Speak English “very well”		Speak English less than “very well”	
	Estimate	Percent of Population	Estimate	Percent of Population	Estimate	Percent of Population
Population 5 years and over	13,607	(X)	13,212	97.2%	377	2.8%
Speak only English	12,510	91.9%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English.	1,097	8.1%	720	65.6%	377	34.4%
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH						
Spanish	215	1.6%	97	45.1%	118	54.9%
5 to 17 years old	24	0.20%	0	0.00%	24	100.00%
18 to 64 years old	185	1.4%	97	52.4%	88	47.6%
65 years old and over	6	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	100.0%
Other Indo-European languages	636	4.7%	472	74.20%	164	25.8%
5 to 17 years old	95	0.7%	95	100.0%	0	0.0%
18 to 64 years old	407	3.0%	338	83.0%	69	17.0%
65 years old and over	134	1.0%	39	29.1%	95	70.9%
Asian and Pacific Island languages	142	1.0%	79	55.6%	63	44.4%
5 to 17 years old	70	0.5%	70	100.0%	0	0.0%
18 to 64 years old	72	0.5%	9	12.5%	63	87.5%
65 years old and over	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%



Race

East Bridgewater, like most Massachusetts towns, is a majority-White community. Almost 90% of East Bridgewater residents are White alone, with most of the non-white population identifying as two or more races (5.6%), or African American (2.7%), with a small percentage identifying as Asian (0.9%).

Table 8: East Bridgewater Racial Composition, 2021

East Bridgewater Racial Composition					
Race	Estimate	Percent	Race	Estimate	Percent
White alone	12,880	89.2%	Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islanders Alone	3	0.0%
Black or African American alone	397	2.7%	Some Other Race alone	207	1.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	21	0.2%	Population of Two or More Races	804	5.6%
Asian alone	128	0.9%			

The Table below shows the changing racial makeup of East Bridgewater over the past three decades. While White residents still make up a significant majority of the Town's population, this Table reveals that most minority groups have been growing consistently since at least 2000. Not only has the proportion of White residents fallen over the years, but the three most recent decennial censuses reported a net loss in the total number of White residents.

Table 9: Race/Ethnicity Change in East Bridgewater, 2000 - 2020

RACE/ETHNICITY CHANGE IN EAST BRIDGEWATER, 2000 – 2020						
2000 SF1, 2010, 2020 Decennial Census P2	2000 CENSUS		2010 CENSUS		2020 CENSUS	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	0.1%	25	0.2%	20	.2
Asian	92	0.6%	117	0.8%	126	0.9%
Black	91	0.6%	209	1.5%	382	2.6%
Hispanic or Latino	102	0.7%	204	1.5%	367	2.5%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0.0	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
White	13,934	97.8%	13,004	94.3%	12,777	88.5%
Two or More Races	79	0.6%	173	1.3%	640	4.4%
Other	73	0.5%	62	0.4%	125	0.9%
Total Not Hispanic or Latino	14,146	99.3%	13,590	98.5%	14,073	97.5%
Total Population	14,248	100%	13,794	100%	14,440	100%



Therefore, it is fair to say that East Bridgewater’s modest population growth in recent years has been due to the arrival of individuals and families from a diverse set of racial and ethnic backgrounds. The groups with the biggest growth in the past 20 years are individuals with two or more races from 79 in 2000 to 640 in 2020. Hispanic or Latino has a similar growth pattern as Black as they went from 1.5% of the population to 2.5% for Hispanic or Latino and 2.6% for Black in 2020.

Place of Birth

According to the 2021 ACS, there are 680 foreign-born residents of East Bridgewater. Their origin of birth and naturalization is depicted in the tables below.

Table 10: Foreign-Born Populations

FOREIGN-BORN POPULATIONS							
Place of Birth of Foreign-Born		Period of Naturalization		Sex by Age for Foreign-Born Population			
Total Foreign-Born	680	Total Foreign-Born	680	Total Foreign-Born	680	Total Foreign-Born	680
Europe	96	Not a U.S. citizen	208	Male	351	Female	329
Asia	82	Naturalized citizens:	472	10 to 14 years	15	10 to 14 years	0
Africa	95	Naturalized 2015 or later	59	15 to 19 years	0	15 to 19 years	0
Latin America	180	Naturalized 2010 to 2014	53	20 to 24 years	0	20 to 24 years	0
Northern America	19	Naturalized 2005 to 2009	90	25 to 29 years	17	25 to 29 years	71
		Naturalized 2000 to 2004	78	30 to 34 years	17	30 to 34 years	10
		Naturalized 1995 to 1999	49	35 to 39 years	64	35 to 39 years	57
		Naturalized 1990 to 1994	27	40 to 44 years	56	40 to 44 years	24
		Naturalized before 1990	116	45 to 49 years	37	45 to 49 years	41
				50 to 54 years	17	50 to 54 years	33
				55 to 59 years	66	55 to 59 years	0
				60 to 64 years	14	60 to 64 years	18
				65 to 69 years	11	65 to 69 years	11
				70 to 74 years	24	70 to 74 years	31
				75 to 79 years	6	75 to 79 years	13



				80 to 84 years	0	80 to 84 years	20
				85 years and over	7	85 years and over	0

Place of birth

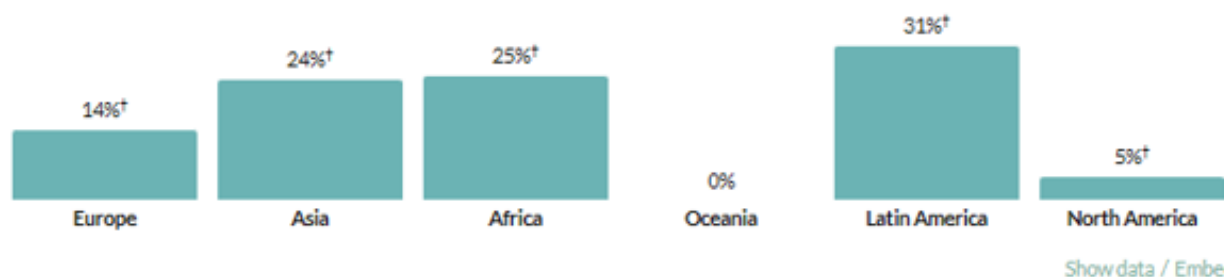
4.7%

Foreign-born population

about half the rate in Plymouth County: 10.2%

about one-quarter of the rate in Massachusetts: 17.3%

Place of birth for foreign-born population



The table breaks down the foreign-born population of East Bridgewater, which accounts for 4.7% of the total population. Among this group, there are 208 individuals who have not yet become naturalized U.S. citizens, while 472 have already completed the naturalization process.

The data reveals that the peak in naturalization occurred between the years 2005 and 2009, with 90 individuals becoming U.S. citizens during this period. In terms of their regions of origin, the majority were born in Latin America (180 individuals), followed by 96 individuals from Europe, 95 from Africa, and 82 from Asia.

When considering the gender distribution within this foreign-born population, it appears relatively even, with 351 males and 329 females.

While the gender distribution is relatively even, the age groups are not as equal. For example, there are 10 males between the ages 10 and 24 years old and 0 females. The age group of 35- 39 is the largest segment with 64 males and 57 females, suggesting a significant presence of individuals in their late thirties.

Overall, this data provides insights into the gender and age composition of the foreign-born population, revealing variations in different age groups and highlighting areas where further analysis may be beneficial.



People with Disabilities

The American Community Survey, the source of disability data in this section, defines a “disability” as when a physical, sensory, cognitive, or mental health issue causes an individual difficulty carrying out basic life activities such as work or school.

Residents with disabilities may have unique needs for town services such as transportation, healthcare, or mobility. The Comprehensive Plan and its related implementation actions must ensure proper employment, healthcare, and social services access for these populations. The incidence of disability in East Bridgewater is lower than the state and region averages, as shown in the Table below. According to the 2021 ACS, 1,363 residents of East Bridgewater (9.5%) identify as having a disability; the most identified disability was Ambulatory Difficulty (4.9%). Followed by Independent Living difficulty at 4.4% higher than the rest of the OCPC Region but under the Commonwealth’s Average at 5.3%.

While some services will benefit, many residents with disabilities have specific needs depending on the type of disability. Most identified disabilities are ambulatory, hearing, cognitive, and independent living.

Table 11: Populations with Disabilities

POPULATIONS WITH DISABILITIES									
2021 ACS S1810	East Bridgewater			OCPC Region			Massachusetts		
	Total Population	With a Disability	Percent with a Disability	Total Population	With a Disability	Percent with a Disability	Total Population	With a Disability	Percent with a Disability
Total Population	14,306	1,363	9.5%	381,550	72,171	18.92%	6,916,106	810,146	11.70%
With a Hearing Difficulty		538	3.8%		12,538	3.29%		211,255	3.10%
With a Vision Difficulty		197	1.4%		7,051	1.85%		137,197	2.00%
With Cognitive Difficulty		368	2.7%		14,672	3.85%		329,929	5.00%
With Ambulatory Difficulty		660	4.9%		17,472	4.58%		366,711	5.60%
With Self-Care Difficulty		235	1.7%		6,640	1.74%		154,293	2.30%
With Independent Living Difficulty		481	4.4%		13,798	3.62%		292,824	5.30%

Source: 2021 ACS S1810



Households

Key household characteristics for East Bridgewater:

- The number of households was estimated to be 4,949 in 2021, an increase of 6.59% between 2010 and 2021.
- East Bridgewater's estimated homeownership rate was 96.7% in 2021, compared to 77.5% for Plymouth County and 62.4% for the Commonwealth.
- Married-couple families constituted 61.4% of East Bridgewater households in 2021 versus 52.3% for Plymouth County and 46% for the Commonwealth.
- The number of East Bridgewater households led by married couples with children has decreased by **-15%** during the past decade, while those without children have increased by 20.70%. In comparison, for Plymouth County, the number of married couples with children decreased by **-5%**, and **-3.10%** for the Commonwealth.
- For households with at least one person over the age of 65, East Bridgewater was estimated to be at 28.3% of households, with Plymouth County at 35.7% of households, and 31.7% for the Commonwealth.
- East Bridgewater's estimated median household income in 2021 was \$110,842. The estimated household income for owner-occupied housing was \$127,989 and for renter-occupied housing it was \$43,852 annually.
- 23% of East Bridgewater Families have an income of \$200,000 annually, slightly higher than the county average of 21.9% and the state average of 21.7%.

More than population, the number and type of households and their spending power within a community correlate with housing demand. A **household** is a single person or two or more people who occupy the same housing units, which can be a house, apartment, mobile home, group home, or a single room occupied as separate living quarters. According to the US Census Bureau, a household comprises everyone occupying a housing unit (e.g., house, apartment, single room). A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers or foster children who share the housing unit or a group of unrelated people sharing a housing unit, also called a household. The household count excludes group quarters.

According to the US Census Bureau, the number of households in East Bridgewater has increased steadily over the past twenty years. East Bridgewater had an estimated 4,949 households in 2021, an increase of 6.59% between 2010 and 2021. The 2000 – 2010 years experienced the most significant percentage increase (29.22%) with the addition of 1,050 new households, which is larger than the average for the OCPC Region, which increased the number of households by 11.66% during the same time. East Bridgewater experienced a 6.59% increase in households between 2010 and 2021, near average for the entire region at 6.01%.



East Bridgewater’s households have a slightly higher Median Household Income (\$ 110,842) than residents of the OCPC region (\$ 110,704), higher than in Plymouth County (\$ 98,190), the Commonwealth (\$ 89,645), and significantly higher than the United States (\$ 69,021).

Table 12: Households 1990 - 2021, 30-Year Change

HOUSEHOLDS 1990 – 2021, 30-YEAR CHANGE										
	1990 Census SF1	2000 Census SF1	2010 DP02	2021 DP02	Change 1990 - 2000		Change 2000-2010		Change 2010-2021	
					Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Abington	4,955	5,263	5,984	6,083	308	6.2%	1,167	24.23%	99	1.65%
Avon	1,666	1,705	1,689	1,653	39	2.3%	98	6.16%	-36	-2.13%
Bridgewater	6,230	7,526	7,472	8,690	1,296	20.8%	1,525	25.64%	1,218	16.30%
Brockton	35,376	33,675	33,781	37,554	-1,701	-4.8%	931	2.83%	3,773	11.17%
Duxbury	5,141	4,946	5,302	6,092	-195	-3.8%	677	14.64%	790	14.90%
East Bridgewater	3,700	4,344	4,643	4,949	644	17.4%	1,050	29.22%	306	6.59%
Easton	6,708	7,489	7,768	8,993	781	11.6%	1,332	20.70%	1,225	15.77%
Halifax	2,453	2,758	2,795	2,930	305	12.4%	433	18.33%	135	4.83%
Hanover	3,738	4,349	4,808	4,744	611	16.3%	1,066	28.49%	-64	-1.33%
Hanson	2,985	3,123	3,435	3,920	138	4.6%	597	21.04%	485	14.12%
Kingston	3,496	4,248	4,597	5,321	752	21.5%	1,373	42.59%	724	15.75%
Pembroke	4,881	5,750	6,279	6,861	869	17.8%	1,613	34.57%	582	9.27%
Plymouth	19,658	18,423	21,177	24,985	-1,235	-6.3%	5,302	33.40%	3,808	17.98%
Plympton	794	854	927	989	60	7.6%	161	21.02%	62	6.69%
Stoughton	9,754	10,254	10,117	11,277	500	5.1%	723	7.70%	1,160	11.47%
West Bridgewater	2,302	2,444	2,480	2,726	142	6.2%	248	11.11%	246	9.92%
Whitman	4,596	4,999	5,175	5,684	403	8.8%	740	16.69%	509	9.84%
OCPC Region	118,433	122,150	122,150	129,490	3,717	3.1%	12,757	11.66%	7,340	6.01%
Plymouth County	168,555	168,361	2,512,552	2,759,018	-194	-0.1%	68,972	2.8%	246,466	9.8%
Massachusetts	2,472,711	2,621,989	180,028	202,084	149,278	6.0%	11,667	6.9%	22,056	12.3%



East Bridgewater has a larger proportion of homeowners (80.99%) than Plymouth County (77.5%) and the Commonwealth (62.4%). East Bridgewater has an average number of family households living below the poverty level (6.9%) than Plymouth County (5.3%) and the Commonwealth (7.10%). East Bridgewater families with children under 18 living below the poverty level were estimated at 13.90%, while Plymouth County estimates were 8.2% and 10.7% for the Commonwealth.

From 2000 to 2010, the communities in the OCPC region that experienced the most significant percentage growth in households were Kingston at 42.59%, Pembroke at 34.57%, and Plymouth with 33.40% growth in households. The following decade, 2010 to 2021, saw significant decreases in household growth, with Plymouth experiencing the highest level of growth at 17.98%, Bridgewater at 16.30%, and Easton at 15.77%. The communities of Avon and Hanover experienced a decline in the number of households. The number of households in Plymouth County and the Commonwealth increased by 9.8% and 12.3%, respectively, between 2010 and 2021.

The table shows a 30-year change in households from 1990 to 2021 in various Plymouth County, Massachusetts towns. Focusing specifically on East Bridgewater, the number of households has consistently grown over these three decades. In 1990, there were 3,700 households in East Bridgewater. This number grew to 4,344 by 2000, marking a 17.4% increase. By 2010, the number had risen to 4,643 households, indicating a further 29.22% growth from the original 1990 figures. The most recent data from 2021 shows there are now 4,949 households, which is a 6.59% increase since 2010. Overall, East Bridgewater has experienced significant and steady growth in the number of households over the 30-year period.

A large percentage of East Bridgewater residents are married (61.43%). Of the unmarried male residents in East Bridgewater, 34% never married, 6% divorced and 3% widowed. Of the unmarried female residents 30% never married, 8% divorced, and 6% widowed. Approximately 6.2% of women gave birth during the past year, about 20% higher than the rate in Plymouth County (5.4%) and about 1.4 times the rate in Massachusetts (4.5%).



Households by Type and Size

Most East Bridgewater households consist of families and most families are married couples. The Census defines a family household as individuals related by blood, marriage, or adoption. Conversely, a nonfamily household is classified as a single person or a group of two or more unrelated people living together. The average household size in East Bridgewater is 2.8, and the average family size is 3.26.

Table 13: Households by Type

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE						
2021 ACS DP02	EAST BRIDGEWATER		PLYMOUTH COUNTY		MASSACHUSETTS	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Total households	4,949	4,949	205,217	205,217	2,797,776	2,797,776
Married-couple household	3,040	61.43%	112,441	54.79%	1,263,224	45.15%
With children of the householder under 18 years	1,163	23.50%	40,556	19.76%	483,645	17.29%
Cohabiting couple household	242	4.89%	13,591	6.62%	225,784	8.07%
With children of the householder under 18 years	71	1.43%	3,806	1.85%	56,634	2.02%
Male householder, no spouse/partner present	663	13.40%	27,987	13.64%	500,261	17.88%
With children of the householder under 18 years	102	2.06%	2,174	1.06%	31,490	1.13%
Householder living alone	386	7.80%	18,503	9.02%	345,978	12.37%
65 years and over	166	3.35%	6,832	3.33%	110,939	3.97%
Female householder, no spouse/partner present	1007	20.35%	51,198	24.95%	808,507	28.90%
With children of the householder under 18 years	289	5.84%	9,551	4.65%	128,466	4.59%
Householder living alone	398	8.04%	28,739	14.00%	469,279	16.77%
65 years and over	242	4.89%	17,235	8.40%	239,597	8.56%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	1,837	37.12%	62,861	30.63%	767,192	27.42%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	1,402	28.33%	73,150	35.65%	908,281	32.46%
Average household size	2.89	(X)	2.55	(X)	2.41	(X)
Average family size	3.26	(X)	3.02	(X)	3.02	(X)



The Town's breakdown of married couples is higher in East Bridgewater (61.4%) than in Plymouth County (52.3%) and the Commonwealth (46.0%). In comparison, the number of cohabitating couples is less in East Bridgewater (4.9%) than in Plymouth County (7.8%) and the Commonwealth (7.70%). The number of female households with no spouse or partner present (20.3%) is also much less in East Bridgewater than in the County (25.4%) and the Commonwealth (28.8%).

Statewide in Massachusetts, of the 2,797,776 total households, 45.15% are married-couple households. Female householders with no spouse or partner make up a substantial 28.90% of households, notably higher than in East Bridgewater or Plymouth County. Households with one or more people under 18 years represent 27.42%, and households with one or more people 65 years and over are at 32.46%. Average household and family sizes are also larger in East Bridgewater at 2.89 and 3.26 respectively, compared to 2.55 and 3.02 in Plymouth County, and 2.41 and 3.02 in Massachusetts. Overall, East Bridgewater has a higher percentage of married-couple households and households with children under 18, compared to both Plymouth County and Massachusetts. It also has larger average household and family sizes.

Table 14: Household Relationship

HOUSEHOLD RELATIONSHIP						
2021 ACS DP02	East Bridgewater		Plymouth County		Massachusetts	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Population in households	14,311	14,311	520,797	100%	6,738,001	100%
Householder	4,952	34.6%	202,084	38.80%	2,759,018	40.90%
Spouse	3,031	21.2%	105,610	20.30%	1,266,740	18.80%
Unmarried partner	235	1.6%	15,733	3.00%	215,154	3.20%
Child	4,875	34.1%	160,629	30.80%	1,864,378	27.70%
Other relatives	899	6.3%	26,933	5.20%	381,435	5.70%
Other nonrelatives	319	2.2%	9,808	1.90%	251,276	3.70%



In East Bridgewater, the total population in households is 14,311. Among these, 34.6% are householders, 21.2% are spouses, 1.6% are unmarried partners, 34.1% are children, 6.3% are other relatives, and 2.2% are other non-relatives.

Comparatively, in Plymouth County, the numbers differ slightly. Out of a total population in households of 520,797, 38.8% are householders, 20.3% are spouses, 3.0% are unmarried partners, 30.8% are children, 5.2% are other relatives, and 1.9% are other non-relatives. Statewide in Massachusetts, with a total household population of 6,738,001, 40.9% are householders, 18.8% are spouses, 3.2% are unmarried partners, 27.7% are children, 5.7% are other relatives, and 3.7% are other non-relatives.

The data indicates that East Bridgewater has a higher proportion of children and other relatives in households compared to both Plymouth County and the state of Massachusetts. On the other hand, it has a lower proportion of unmarried partners and other non-relatives.



Household Wealth

Income and Poverty

East Bridgewater is a wealthy town, although the community has significant economic diversity. While East Bridgewater has households at many different income levels, its median household income (MHI) is about average to the OCPC Region.

The financial health of a community is generally examined using median household income and per capita income. Median household income is calculated by combining the income of everyone living in a single housing unit. Per Capita income is calculated by taking the income of an entire area and dividing it by all people living there (including those not earning income, such as children).

The median household income in East Bridgewater is \$ 110,842, about 10% higher than the median income for Plymouth County (\$ 98,190), and about 25% higher than Massachusetts (\$89,026).

East Bridgewater has a higher median and per capita income than the average for the OCPC region, Plymouth County, the Commonwealth, and the US. The median income for East Bridgewater during the 2010 – 2021 decade increased by 41.2%, while the per capita income increased by 59.7%, more than increases observed in the county, OCPC region, the state, and the US. The median income for the OCPC region increased by 36.7%, and the per capita income increased by 43.9%.

Table 15: Median Household Income

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME					
2010, 2021 ACS S1901, S19301	East Bridgewater	Plymouth County	OCPC Region	Massachusetts	United States
2021 Median Household Income	\$ 110,842	\$ 98,190	\$ 110,704	\$ 89,645	\$ 69,021
2021 Per Capita Income	\$ 49,445	\$ 48,785	\$ 48,411	\$ 49,746	\$ 37,638
2010 Median Household Income	\$ 78,492	\$ 73,131	\$ 80,970	\$ 64,509	\$ 51,914
2010 Per Capita Income	\$ 30,965	\$ 33,333	\$ 33,633	\$ 33,633	\$ 27,334
Median Income % Change 2010 – 2021	41.2%	34.3%	36.7%	39.0%	33.0%
Per Capita Income % Change 2010 – 2021	59.7%	43.4%	43.9%	46.5%	37.7%



Population Below Poverty Level

Poverty is determined by the thresholds set by the US Department of Health and Human Services and varies by the number of people in a household, age, and pre-tax income. Services provided by the town are generally used more frequently by those residents who fall under the poverty threshold – such as public transit. It should be noted that the income thresholds are based on national trends and may not reflect unique factors at the city level. Another method of determining poverty is utilizing the Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) affordable housing guidelines. This is discussed more in the housing section, but it is a specific value set for each municipality based on their median income and housing values.

Of the East Bridgewater population for whom poverty status is determined, 983 live below the poverty level (6.9%). The racial composition of those below the poverty level is either Some Other Race alone (76.1%) or Two or more races (11.1%). Approximately 5.6% of the white population lives below the poverty level. Proportionally, most East Bridgewater identifies as white, and this value reflects that population disbursement.

The table below presents data on households receiving Food Stamps/SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) in 2021. Of the total 4,952 households, 11.2% (or 553 households) received Food Stamps/SNAP, while 88.8% did not.

Breaking it down by age, 40.4% of households had one or more persons aged 60 or over, and among them, 56.2% received Food Stamps/SNAP. Conversely, 59.6% of households had no persons 60 or over, with 43.8% of them receiving Food Stamps/SNAP.

In terms of household types, married-couple families made up 61.4% of the total and only 32.0% of them received assistance. Female householders without a spouse were more likely to receive Food Stamps/SNAP at a rate of 32.5%, despite making up just 12.1% of total households. Nonfamily households accounted for 21.3% of the total, with 34.7% of them receiving assistance.

Regarding households with children under 18, 37.1% of all households fell into this category, and a considerable 50.6% of them received Food Stamps/SNAP. For households without children under 18, they made up 62.9% of the total, and only 49.4% received assistance.

Overall, female householders without a spouse and households with children under 18 are more likely to receive Food Stamps/SNAP. Married-couple families and households with older adults are less likely to receive this assistance.



Table 16: Food Stamps/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

FOOD STAMPS/SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)						
2021 ACS S2201	Total	Percent	HHs receiving Food Stamps/ SNAP	Percent HHs receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	HHs not receiving food stamps/SNAP	Percent HHs Not receiving Food Stamps/SNAP
Households	4,952	(X)	553	11.2%	4,399	88.8%
With one or more people in the household 60 years and over	1,999	40.4%	311	56.2%	1,688	38.4%
No people in the household 60 years and over	2,953	59.6%	242	43.8%	2,711	61.6%
HOUSEHOLD TYPE						
Married-couple family	3,040	61.4%	177	32.0%	2,863	65.1%
Other family:	859	17.3%	184	33.3%	675	15.3%
Male householder, no spouse present	261	5.3%	4	0.7%	257	5.8%
Female householder, no spouse present	598	12.1%	180	32.5%	418	9.5%
Nonfamily households	1,053	21.3%	192	34.7%	861	19.6%
With children under 18 years	1,837	37.1%	280	50.6%	1,557	35.4%
Married-couple family	1,251	25.3%	139	25.1%	1,112	25.3%
Other family:	586	11.8%	141	25.5%	445	10.1%
Male householder, no spouse present	159	3.2%	0	0.0%	159	3.6%
Female householder, no spouse present	427	8.6%	141	25.5%	286	6.5%
Nonfamily households	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
No children under 18 years	3,115	62.9%	273	49.4%	2,842	64.6%
Married-couple family	1,789	36.1%	38	6.9%	1,751	39.8%
Other family:	273	5.5%	43	7.8%	230	5.2%
Male householder, no spouse present	102	2.1%	4	0.7%	98	2.2%
Female householder, no spouse present	171	3.5%	39	7.1%	132	3.0%
Nonfamily households	1,053	21.3%	192	34.7%	861	19.6%



Table 17: Race/Ethnicity Below Poverty Level

RACE/ETHNICITY BELOW POVERTY LEVEL			
2021 ACS S1701	Total	Below Poverty Level	Percent of Poverty Level
Population for whom poverty status is determined	14,292	983	6.90%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN			
White alone	12,851	719	5.60%
Black or African American alone	438	1	0.20%
American Indians and Alaska Natives alone	0	0	-
Asian alone	202	0	0.00%
Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders alone	0	0	-
Some other races alone	268	204	76.10%
Two or more races	533	59	11.10%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	484	13	2.70%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	12,442	712	5.70%

Source: 2021 ACS S1701

Of the total population of 14,292 for whom poverty status is determined, 983 individuals (or 6.9%) are below the poverty level.

When analyzed by race and ethnicity, the White alone population has a below-poverty rate of 5.6%, with 719 individuals out of 12,851 falling below the poverty line. The Black or African American population has a remarkably low below-poverty rate of just 0.2%, with only one individual out of 438. The Asian alone population has zero individuals below the poverty level, making their poverty rate 0.00%.

Interestingly, the "Some other races alone" category shows a strikingly high poverty rate of 76.1%, with 204 out of 268 individuals below the poverty line. Those identifying with two or more races also have a higher-than-average poverty rate of 11.1%, comprising 59 out of 533 individuals. According to the Census, "Some other races alone" could be all other responses not included in the "White" "Black" or "African American," "American Indian or Alaska Native" "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander" racer categories described above. Respondents reporting entries such as multiracial, mixed, interracial, or a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish group (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or Spanish) in response to the race question are included in this category.



In terms of Hispanic or Latino origin, the poverty rate stands at 2.7%, with 13 individuals out of 484 below the poverty level. When considering only the White population that is not of Hispanic or Latino origin, the poverty rate is slightly higher at 5.7%, comprising 712 out of 12,442 individuals.

Overall, the data reveals significant disparities in poverty levels across different racial and ethnic groups, with the "Some other races alone" category facing particularly high rates of poverty.

According to the 2021 ACS, about 6.9 percent of East Bridgewater residents live below the poverty level. In East Bridgewater, the poverty rate for children under 18 is higher than that of older adults aged 65 or older. Children account for many of those living below the poverty level. Of the 983 residents below poverty levels in 2021, 13.9 percent were under 18, 21 percent were under 5, and 4.9% were aged 65 and over.

Table 18: Age Groups Below Poverty Level

AGE GROUPS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL			
2021 ACS S1701	Total	Below Poverty Level	Percent of Poverty Level
Population for whom poverty status is determined	14,292	983	6.90%
AGE			
Under 18 years	3,337	465	13.90%
Under 5 years	790	168	21.30%
5 to 17 years	2,547	297	11.70%
Related children of householders under 18 years	3,337	465	13.90%
18 to 64 years	9,004	422	4.70%
18 to 34 years	3,166	172	5.40%
35 to 64 years	5,838	250	4.30%
60 years and over	2,777	131	4.70%
65 years and over	1,951	96	4.90%

Source: 2021 ACS S1701

According to the ACS, of all East Bridgewater families, 4.1% live below the poverty line. Female households with no spouse present account for 12.9% of families living below the poverty line; 18% of those female-headed families have children under 18 years, 32.4% have children under five years, and 76.3% have children under five and children 5 under 17 years old.



Table 19: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Families

POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS OF FAMILIES						
2021 ACS S1702	All Families		Married Couple Families		Female Householder, no spouse present	
	Total	% Below Poverty	Total	% Below Poverty	Total	% Below Poverty
Families	3,896	4.10%	3,037	2.70%	598	12.90%
With related children of householders under 18 years	1,831	6.90%	1,245	4.00%	427	18.00%
With related children of householders under 5 years	256	4.70%	199	0.00%	37	32.40%
With related children of householders under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	343	23.30%	241	14.50%	59	76.30%
With related children of householders 5 to 17 years	1,232	2.80%	805	1.90%	331	6.00%

The table presents data on the poverty status of families in East Bridgewater for the year 2021, categorized by family type and the presence of related children in different age groups:

- **Overall Poverty Rates:** The data shows that there were 3,896 families in total, and 4.10% of them were living below the poverty line.
- **Married Couple Families:** Among the total families, 3,037 were married couple families, and their poverty rate was relatively lower at 2.70%.
- **Female Householder, no spouse present:** The table also highlights families headed by females without a spouse present, and they had a higher poverty rate of 12.90%.
- **Families with Related Children Under 18:** Of the total families, 1,831 had related children under 18 years old, and their poverty rate was higher at 6.90%.
- **Age-Specific Poverty Rates:** The data further breaks down families with related children by the age of those children. Notably, families with related children under 5 years had a poverty rate of 4.70%, while those with related children under 5 years and 5 to 17 years had a significantly higher poverty rate of 23.30%.
- **Families with Children Aged 5 to 17:** Families with children aged 5 to 17 years had a lower poverty rate of 2.80%.

This data provides insights into the economic well-being of families in East Bridgewater, highlighting variations in poverty rates based on family type and the age of related children. It underscores the challenges faced by families, particularly those with younger children, in terms of economic stability.



Table 20: Place of Birth by Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months

PLACE OF BIRTH BY POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS	
ACS B06012	Estimate
TOTAL:	14,302
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	983
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	770
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	12,549
BORN IN STATE OF RESIDENCE:	12,080
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	834
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	654
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	10,592
BORN IN ANOTHER STATE IN THE UNITED STATES:	1,397
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	55
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	53
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	1,289
NATIVE; BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES:	150
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	6
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	0
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	144
FOREIGN BORN:	675
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	88
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	63
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	524

Table 21: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months

This table provides data on the "Place of Birth by Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months". The table is divided into four major categories based on the place of birth and further classified by poverty status. It categorizes the population into different groups based on their place of birth and their poverty status in the past 12 months:

- "Below 100 percent of the poverty level" includes 983 individuals.
- "100 to 149 percent of the poverty level" includes 770 individuals.
- "At or above 150 percent of the poverty level" includes 12,549 individuals.



Table 22: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months

POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS						
2021 ACS S1702	All Families		Married Couple Families		Female Householder, no spouse present	
	Total	% Below Poverty	Total	% Below Poverty	Total	% Below Poverty
Families	3,899	4.10%	3,040	2.70%	598	12.90%
With related children of householders under 18 years	1,821	7.00%	1235	4.00%	427	18.00%
With related children of householders under 5 years	256	4.70%	199	0.00%	37	32.40%
With related children of householders under 5 years and 5 to 17 years	333	24.00%	231	15.20%	59	76.30%
With related children of householders 5 to 17 years	1232	2.80%	805	1.90%	331	6.00%

In general, 4.1% of all families fall below the poverty line, with married-couple families having a notably lower rate of 2.7%. Female householders with no spouse present face a significantly higher poverty rate of 12.9%. When it comes to families with related children under 18 years old, the poverty rate is 7.0% for all families. Married-couple families in this category experience a lower poverty rate of 4.0%, while female householders see an elevated rate of 18.0%. In families with children under 5 years of age, the poverty rate for all families is 4.7%. Remarkably, married-couple families in this category reported a 0% poverty rate, contrasting sharply with the staggering 32.4% poverty rate for female householders. An alarming poverty rate of 24.0% is observed for families with children both under 5 and between 5 to 17 years. Married couples in this group have a rate of 15.2%, whereas female householders face an exceptionally high poverty rate of 76.3%. For families with children aged 5 to 17 years, the poverty rate is relatively lower at 2.8% for all families. Married-couple families report a poverty rate of 1.9%, and female householders report a rate of 6.0%.



Table 23: POVERTY AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

POVERTY AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT						
2021 ACS S1702	All Families	Percent Below Poverty Level	Married-couple families	Percent Below Poverty Level	Female householder, no spouse present	Percent Below Poverty Level
Less than a high school graduate	93	0.00%	89	0.00%	0	-
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1183	3.70%	829	2.80%	193	10.90%
Some college, Associate's degree	1287	8.40%	985	5.30%	293	19.10%
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,336	0.50%	1,137	0.60%	112	0.00%

The table provides insights into the relationship between poverty levels and educational attainment for families in East Bridgewater in the year 2021. East Bridgewater is unique when comparing poverty levels and educational attainment. There are no families with less than a high school education living below poverty, where the State average is 19.6%. The families with a high school graduate education are also below the State Average of 11.8%.

Some college, Associate's degree: Families where the householder has completed some college or holds an Associate's degree experience a higher poverty rate, with 8.40%, higher than the state average of 7.6%. 19.10% of female householder families with some college/ Associate's degrees are living below the poverty level.

Bachelor's degree or higher: Families with a householder holding a Bachelor's degree or higher exhibit the lowest poverty rates. Only 0.50% of married-couple families and 0.60% of female householder families with this level of education are below the poverty level. This underscores the positive impact of higher education on economic stability. Below the state average.

It's evident that educational attainment plays a pivotal role in determining the economic well-being of families in East Bridgewater. Those with higher levels of education tend to experience significantly lower poverty rates. However, it's essential to address the higher poverty rates among families headed by female householders with lower educational attainment, emphasizing the need for targeted support and policies to uplift these households.



Household and Family Income Distribution.

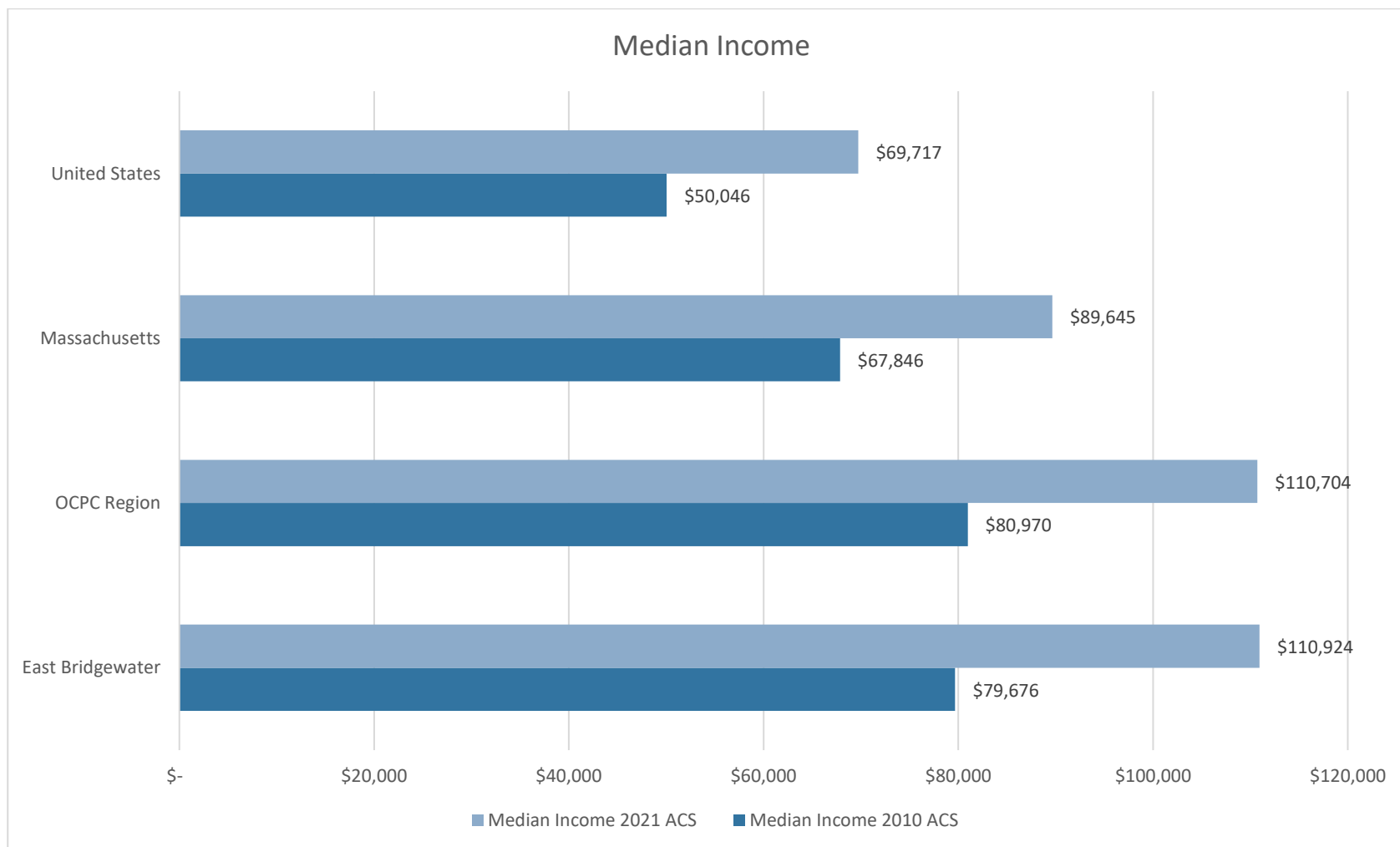
The chart below shows the average household and family income distribution for East Bridgewater. East Bridgewater is a prosperous community, with 34% of households and 38% of families making over \$100,000 and 19% of households and 23% families making over \$200,000 annually. Approximately 8.7% of households and 4.9% of families earn less than \$25,000 annually. East Bridgewater also has a higher level of children living below the poverty level at 13.9% when compared to Plymouth County 8.2% and the State (10.7%).

Table 24: East Bridgewater Household and Family Income Distribution

EAST BRIDGEWATER HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY INCOME DISTRIBUTION				
2021 ACS S1901	Households	Families	Married-couple Families	Nonfamily Households
Total	4,949	3,896	3,037	1,053
Less than \$10,000	1.50%	1.00%	0.60%	4.50%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1.20%	0.00%	0.00%	5.40%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	6.00%	3.90%	1.20%	21.00%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	3.50%	4.30%	2.40%	2.40%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	10.40%	7.60%	5.80%	13.90%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	12.70%	11.00%	11.00%	20.30%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	11.60%	11.10%	7.50%	11.00%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	21.50%	23.00%	26.40%	18.70%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	12.60%	15.10%	18.60%	2.80%
\$200,000 or more	19.10%	23.00%	26.60%	0.00%
Median income (dollars)	\$110,842	\$128,039	\$139,989	\$53,199
Mean Income	\$143,320	\$161,521	N	\$61,579
Percent Allocated				
Household income in the past 12 months	40.30%	(X)	(X)	(X)
Family income in the past 12 months	(X)	41.90%	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily income in the past 12 months	(X)		(X)	34.20%



Figure 9: Median Income



The graphic above provides a breakdown of the National Trends in median income from the 2021 and 2010 American Community Survey into three levels: National, State, and OCPC Region. East Bridgewater's median income is comparable to that of its surrounding communities and is above both the state and national averages.



The following Table compares the median household income (HMI) of owner-occupied and renter-occupied households. Owner MHI is higher, and renter MHI is lower than overall MHI in every comparison community, the OCPC region, Plymouth County, and the state. East Bridgewater has the seventh-highest owner MHI in the OCPC region at \$ 127,989 and the sixth-lowest renter MHI at \$ 43,852. While household size partially explains these two figures' differences, Table 25 points to a wealth disparity between owners and renters in East Bridgewater. A likely explanation for this gap is that East Bridgewater has few market-rate rental units.

Table 25: Median Income by Housing Type

MEDIAN INCOME BY HOUSING TYPE			
2021 ACS S2503	Occupied Housing Units	Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Renter-Occupied Housing Units
Abington	\$ 113,155	\$ 144,088	\$ 40,223
Avon	\$ 127,953	\$ 137,614	\$ 50,507
Bridgewater	\$ 107,757	\$ 122,798	\$ 61,796
Brockton	\$ 68,581	\$ 92,179	\$ 42,319
Duxbury	\$ 130,260	\$ 138,607	\$ 77,132
East Bridgewater	\$ 110,842	\$ 127,989	\$ 43,852
Easton	\$ 112,116	\$ 129,594	\$ 57,083
Halifax	\$ 98,264	\$ 101,500	\$ 61,250
Hanover	\$ 149,048	\$ 160,964	\$ 18,591
Hanson	\$ 112,315	\$ 117,413	\$ 39,082
Kingston	\$ 103,945	\$ 118,827	\$ 50,872
Pembroke	\$ 130,015	\$ 141,184	\$ 61,929
Plymouth	\$ 97,956	\$ 110,834	\$ 53,090
Plympton	\$ 118,098	\$ 122,083	\$ 17,130
Stoughton	\$ 94,823	\$ 113,489	\$ 50,362
West Bridgewater	\$ 111,964	\$ 116,563	\$ 78,317
Whitman	\$ 94,919	\$ 121,055	\$ 45,417
OCPC Region	\$ 110,707	\$ 124,517	\$ 49,938
Plymouth County	\$ 50,644	\$ 117,280	\$ 45,123
Massachusetts	\$ 89,026	\$ 117,036	\$ 50,644



Table 26: Median Household Income Ranked Lowest to Highest, OCPC Region

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME RANKED LOWEST TO HIGHEST			
Community	Owner-Occupied Median Household Income (MHI)	Community	Renter-Occupied Median Household Income
Brockton	\$92,179	Plympton	\$17,130
Halifax	\$101,500	Hanover	\$18,591
Plymouth	\$110,834	Hanson	\$39,082
Stoughton	\$113,489	Abington	\$40,223
West Bridgewater	\$116,563	Brockton	\$42,319
Massachusetts	\$117,036	East Bridgewater	\$43,852
Plymouth County	\$117,280	Plymouth County	\$45,123
Hanson	\$117,413	Whitman	\$45,417
Kingston	\$118,827	OCPC Region	\$49,938
Whitman	\$121,055	Stoughton	\$50,362
Plympton	\$122,083	Avon	\$50,507
Bridgewater	\$122,798	Massachusetts	\$50,644
OCPC Region	\$124,517	Kingston	\$50,872
East Bridgewater	\$127,989	Plymouth	\$53,090
Easton	\$129,594	Easton	\$57,083
Avon	\$137,614	Halifax	\$61,250
Duxbury	\$138,607	Bridgewater	\$61,796
Pembroke	\$141,184	Pembroke	\$61,929
Abington	\$144,088	Duxbury	\$77,132
Hanover	\$160,964	West Bridgewater	\$78,317

Source: 2021 ACS S2503



Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI)

Chapter 40B is a state statute that enables local Zoning Boards of Appeals to approve affordable housing development under flexible rules if at least 20-25% of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. The Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) measures a community's stock of low-moderate-income housing for MGL Ch. 40B, the Comprehensive Permit Law. While housing developed under Chapter 40B is eligible for inclusion in the inventory, many other housing types qualify to count toward a community's affordable housing stock.

In Massachusetts, housing units eligible for the Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) must be affordable to households with incomes not exceeding 80 percent of AMI for the HUD region in which the units will be located. Housing units generally qualify for listing in the SHI if they are subsidized under an eligible subsidy program, subject to an affordable housing restriction that controls sale prices or rents and limits occupancy of the units to income-eligible people on a fair, open basis.

Chapter 40B gives the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) authority to adjudicate appeals arising from the ZBA's denial or conditional approval of comprehensive permits. However, the HAC's discretion to overturn local decisions applies only to cases involving a city or town that has not met its regional fair share obligations under the statute. If the town meets one of the statutory minima, the HAC must uphold the decision as "consistent with local needs." The statutory minima include:

- If the number of low- or moderate-income housing units in the community exceeds 10 percent of the total number of housing units reported in the most recent federal (decennial) census or
- If low or moderate-income housing has been developed on sites comprising 1.5 percent or more of the total land area in the community zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use or
- If the comprehensive permit application before the ZBA would lead to the construction of low or moderate-income housing on sites comprising more than 0.3 of 1 percent of the total land area in the community zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use or ten acres, whichever is larger, in the calendar year.

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities releases a Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) to account for the number of affordable housing units available per community. ***The most recent release identifies East Bridgewater as having 5,186 2020 Census housing units (as of 06/29/2023). The SHI identified 230 total development units, 176 SHI units resulting in an SHI of 3.39%.*** The Town of East Bridgewater does not meet the statutory tests described above. Therefore "consistent with local needs" means balancing the regional need for affordable housing against local health, safety, open space, and site and building design concerns.



Unemployment

Unemployment data is tracked and monitored by several organizations at varying geographic levels. For example, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development monthly records unemployment numbers and trends at the county and metropolitan area levels.

Table 27: OCPC Region and Massachusetts Labor Force & Unemployment

OCPC REGION AND MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE & UNEMPLOYMENT												
Location	Labor Force	Labor Force	Labor Force	Employment	Employment	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment	Unemployment	Rate	Rate	Rate
	May-23	Apr-23	May-22	May-23	Apr-23	May-22	May-23	Apr-23	May-22	May-23	Apr-23	May-22
Massachusetts	3,682,046	3,709,917	3,726,911	3,597,802	3,619,471	3,592,766	84,244	90,446	134,145	2.3	2.4	3.6
Abington	9,345	9,478	9,420	9,117	9,211	9,054	228	267	366	2.4	2.8	3.9
Avon	2,700	2,741	2,731	2,622	2,650	2,634	78	91	97	2.9	3.3	3.6
Bridgewater	14,786	14,944	15,005	14,390	14,546	14,457	396	398	548	2.7	2.7	3.7
Brockton	46,711	47,390	47,658	45,161	45,649	45,370	1,550	1,741	2,288	3.3	3.7	4.8
Duxbury	7,708	7,803	7,757	7,547	7,625	7,494	161	178	263	2.1	2.3	3.4
East Bridgewater	8,609	8,726	8,759	8,422	8,513	8,461	187	213	298	2.2	2.4	3.4
Easton	14,194	14,353	14,429	13,878	14,028	13,942	316	325	487	2.2	2.3	3.4
Halifax	4,391	4,437	4,427	4,289	4,334	4,259	102	103	168	2.3	2.3	3.8
Hanover	7,810	7,886	7,850	7,646	7,726	7,593	164	160	257	2.1	2	3.3
Hanson	6,339	6,409	6,476	6,202	6,269	6,231	137	140	245	2.2	2.2	3.8
Kingston	7,590	7,672	7,638	7,417	7,494	7,365	173	178	273	2.3	2.3	3.6
Pembroke	10,712	10,860	10,775	10,481	10,590	10,409	231	270	366	2.2	2.5	3.4
Plymouth	33,516	33,911	33,698	32,741	33,081	32,514	775	830	1,184	2.3	2.4	3.5
Plympton	1,674	1,696	1,695	1,633	1,650	1,622	41	46	73	2.4	2.7	4.3
Stoughton	16,486	16,693	16,576	16,055	16,222	15,944	431	471	632	2.6	2.8	3.8
West Bridgewater	3,881	3,931	3,939	3,786	3,827	3,803	95	104	136	2.4	2.6	3.5
Whitman	9,224	9,348	9,382	9,012	9,109	9,053	212	239	329	2.3	2.6	3.5

Source: <https://lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/lmi/LaborForceAndUnemployment/TownComparison>



In April and May of 2023, East Bridgewater had an average monthly unemployment rate of 2.3 percent, with an average of 233 unemployed residents each month, down from an unemployment rate of 3.4 percent in May 2022. Similarly, the Commonwealth had an average unemployment rate of 2.77, with 84,244 residents unemployed each month on average.

Unemployment increased significantly across the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but rates are currently closer to pre-pandemic levels. East Bridgewater has one of the lowest unemployment rates among the OCPC region, with Duxbury and Hanover being the lowest, and remains close to the state average.

Table 28: East Bridgewater Labor and Unemployment Data

EAST BRIDGEWATER LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA							
Area	Month	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Area Rate	Massachusetts Rate
East Bridgewater	May	2023	8,609	8,422	187	2.2	2.3
East Bridgewater	April	2023	8,726	8,513	213	2.4	2.4
East Bridgewater	March	2023	8,821	8,472	349	4	3.9
East Bridgewater	February	2023	8,908	8,536	372	4.2	4.2
East Bridgewater	January	2023	8,881	8,537	344	3.9	4.1
East Bridgewater	December	2022	8,814	8,532	282	3.2	3.3
East Bridgewater	November	2022	8,804	8,529	275	3.1	3.3
East Bridgewater	October	2022	8,760	8,500	260	3	3.4
East Bridgewater	September	2022	8,714	8,433	281	3.2	3.5
East Bridgewater	August	2022	8,823	8,520	303	3.4	3.9
East Bridgewater	July	2022	8,818	8,485	333	3.8	3.9
East Bridgewater	June	2022	8,836	8,497	339	3.8	3.9
East Bridgewater	May	2022	8,759	8,461	298	3.4	3.6

Source: <https://lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/LaborForceAndUnemployment#>



Employment by Industry

7,842 East Bridgewater residents were employed (including part-time), according to the 2021 ACS estimates, most of which were in educational services, health care and social assistance, and construction. Of the workforce, 52.3 percent were male, and 47.7 percent were female. Approximately 23% of the workforce was employed in educational services and 14% in construction. Large portions of the workforce were engaged in retail trade (11.3%) and professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services (10%).





Table 29: East Bridgewater Employment by Industry

EAST BRIDGEWATER EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
2021 ACS S2403	Total	Male	% Male	Female	% Female
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	7,842	4,102	52.30%	3,740	47.70%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining:	61	31	50.80%	30	49.20%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	61	31	50.80%	30	49.20%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0	0	-	0	-
Construction	1,118	878	78.50%	240	21.50%
Manufacturing	566	437	77.20%	129	22.80%
Wholesale trade	281	246	87.50%	35	12.50%
Retail trade	888	461	51.90%	427	48.10%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities:	398	337	84.70%	61	15.30%
Transportation and warehousing	357	296	82.90%	61	17.10%
Utilities	41	41	100.00%	0	0.00%
Information	112	68	60.70%	44	39.30%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing:	629	276	43.90%	353	56.10%
Finance and insurance	496	172	34.70%	324	65.30%
Real estate and rental and leasing	133	104	78.20%	29	21.80%
Professional, scientific, management, and administrative and waste management services:	787	528	67.10%	259	32.90%
Professional, scientific, and technical services	272	183	67.30%	89	32.70%
Management of companies and enterprises	7	0	0.00%	7	100.00%
Administrative and support and waste management services	508	345	67.90%	163	32.10%
Educational services, health care, and social assistance:	1,807	255	14.10%	1,552	85.90%
Educational services	497	86	17.30%	411	82.70%
Health care and social assistance	1,310	169	12.90%	1,141	87.10%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, and accommodation and food services:	447	197	44.10%	250	55.90%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	97	79	81.40%	18	18.60%
Accommodation and food services	350	118	33.70%	232	66.30%
Other services, except public administration	460	184	40.00%	276	60.00%
Public administration	288	204	70.80%	84	29.20%



Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings

A community's labor force includes all its residents 16 years and over who have a job or are looking for work. The Table below breaks down East Bridgewater's labor force occupations by sex and median earnings.

Computer and mathematical occupations had the highest median earnings (\$115,640), followed by management occupations (\$108,482) and management, business, and financial occupations (\$99,539). Of those occupations, the median earnings are then classified by sex, with the median earnings for male and female employees depicted below.

Table 30: Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings

OCCUPATION BY SEX AND MEDIAN EARNINGS				
2021 ACS S2403	Median earnings (dollars)	Median earnings (dollars) for males	Median earnings (dollars) for females	Women's earnings as a percentage of men's earning
Civilian employed population 16 years and over with earnings	48,801	64,886	38,818	59.80%
Management, business, science, and arts occupations:	79,603	98,309	64,214	65.30%
Management, business, and financial occupations:	99,539	112,563	80,313	71.30%
Management occupations	108,482	132,292	69,306	52.40%
Business and financial operations occupations	89,063	100,417	83,889	83.50%
Computer, engineering, and science occupations:	90,045	90,972	81,250	89.30%
Computer and mathematical occupations	115,640	124,196	79,732	64.20%
Architecture and engineering occupations	82,813	83,984	-	-
Life, physical, and social science occupations	90,724	86,688	-	-
Education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations:	38,073	51,625	32,028	62.00%
Community and social service occupations	51,125	43,750	61,250	140.00%
Legal occupations	-	-	-	-
Educational instruction and library occupations	27,063	51,875	25,083	48.40%
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	31,328	103,015	31,125	30.20%
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	82,135	84,148	80,625	95.80%
Health diagnosing and treating practitioners and other technical occupations	85,833	98,558	82,031	83.20%
Health technologists and technicians	81,328	83,523	69,875	83.70%
Service occupations:	24,050	26,875	23,400	87.10%



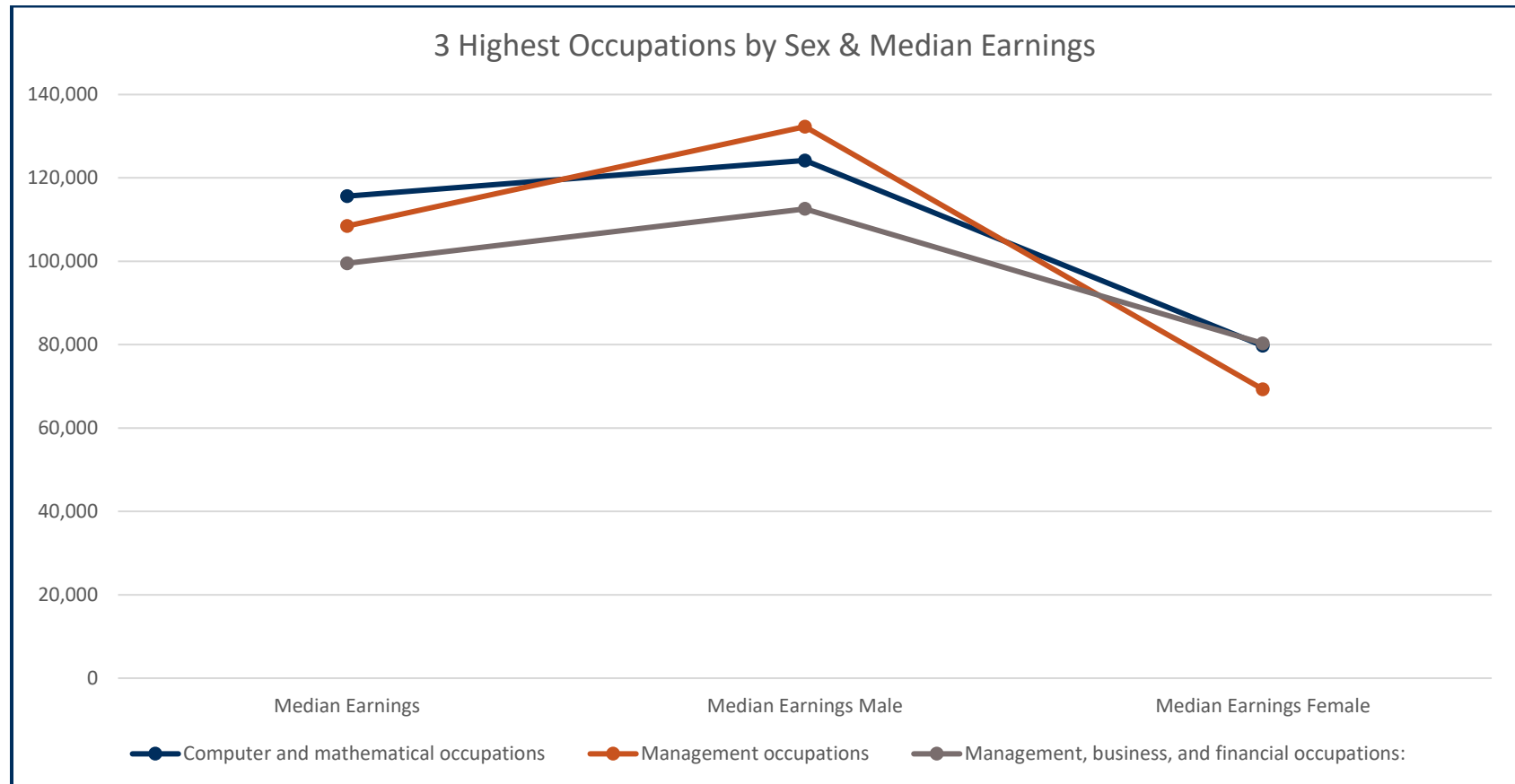
	Median earnings (dollars)	Median earnings (dollars) for males	Median earnings (dollars) for females	Women's earnings as a percentage of men's earning
Protective service occupations:	66,713	66,806	34,500	51.60%
Firefighting and prevention and other protective service workers, including supervisors	14,063	-	-	-
Law enforcement workers, including supervisors	84,659	83,523	-	-
Food preparation and serving-related occupations	20,931	23,536	12,205	51.90%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	35,256	36,296	33,864	93.30%
Personal care and service occupations	16,486	-	16,875	-
Sales and related occupations	58,889	82,500	38,000	46.10%
Office and administrative support occupations	39,506	44,792	39,381	87.90%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations:	72,344	73,103	-	-
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	37,670	-	-	-
Construction and extraction occupations	80,256	80,256	-	-
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	56,607	56,607	-	-
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	27,188	28,245	7,276	25.80%
Production occupations	22,258	21,824	32,500	148.90%
Transportation occupations	43,370	43,451	-	-
Material moving occupations	11,563	18,140	-	-

The graph below illustrates the gender pay gap in East Bridgewater of the highest 3 occupations. Much like the national average, women in this region face significant disparities in pay for the same job. According to data from the Economic Policy Institute, the current national pay gap stands at 22.2%. However, East Bridgewater's pay gap is even wider, at 37.3%.

The gender pay gap is widespread across different occupational categories, such as Computer and Mathematical, Management, and Business and Financial roles, with women consistently earning less than their male counterparts. On the left side, closer to the y-axis, you can see the median earnings of both male and female workers. The middle data points represent male workers with the highest incomes, while the data points on the right depict the salaries of female workers performing the same jobs as their male counterparts.



Table 31: 3 Highest Occupations by Sex & Median Earnings





Commuting

Almost everyone in East Bridgewater commutes by personal vehicle or by carpool.

The employment trends and patterns within the Town are a crucial indicator of East Bridgewater's overall economic health. Employment patterns impact the town's tax base, transportation, housing needs, and land use. Based on the 2021 ACS, almost sixty percent of the residents worked outside Plymouth County, and 1.3 percent were employed outside the state.

Table 32: Place of Work

PLACE OF WORK			
2021 ACS S0801	Total Workers	Males	Females
Worked in state of residence	98.70%	98.50%	98.90%
Worked in the county of residence	59.60%	58.10%	61.30%
Worked outside the county of residence	39.10%	40.40%	37.70%
Worked outside the state of residence	1.30%	1.50%	1.10%

Source: 2021 ACS S0801

Based on 2021 data from the ACS, the average travel time to work is Less than 5 minutes (6,946 residents), followed by 90 or more minutes (1,143) and 35 to 39 minutes (1,116 residents). East Bridgewater is in the Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Area Estimates. The mean travel time to work for East Bridgewater is 33.3 minutes, but when classified by sex, the mean travel time for males is 35.3 minutes, and for females, the mean travel time is 31 minutes. The average time of departure for work is between 9 am and noon (19.7%), followed by 7 am to 7:30 (14.3%) and 8 am to 8:30 (11.2%).



The means of transportation for most of the workers in East Bridgewater was a car, truck, or van, which they drove alone (78.6%), and 6% carpooled, about 4.1% used public transportation and 9.5% worked from home.

Table 33: Commuting Characteristics by Sex

COMMUTING CHARACTERISTICS BY SEX			
	Total	Male	Female
Label	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Workers 16 years and over	7,673	4,054	3,619
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK			
Car, truck, or van	84.6%	83.4%	85.9%
Drove alone	78.6%	77.5%	79.8%
Carpooled	6.0%	5.9%	6.1%
In 2-person carpool	3.7%	4.9%	2.3%
In 3-person carpool	1.8%	1.0%	2.6%
In 4-or-more person carpool	0.5%	0.0%	1.1%
Workers per car, truck, or van	1.04	1.04	1.05
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	4.1%	4.8%	3.3%
Walked	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%
Bicycle	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means	1.8%	2.2%	1.2%
Worked from home	9.5%	9.5%	9.4%

The table above breaks down the time of departure to go to work by sex. 29.8% of men are on the road prior between the hours of 12:00am and 6:00am compared to 8.1% of women who depart at in the same time period. 53.3% of women leave their house between 6:30am and 8:29am.



Table 34: Travel Time to Work by Sex

TIME OF DEPARTURE TO GO TO WORK BY SEX			
2021 ACS S0801	Total	Males	Females
12:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.	6.30%	10.90%	1.30%
5:00 a.m. to 5:29 a.m.	6.20%	10.20%	1.80%
5:30 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	7.00%	8.70%	5.00%
6:00 a.m. to 6:29 a.m.	10.00%	12.90%	6.80%
6:30 a.m. to 6:59 a.m.	9.70%	9.20%	10.30%
7:00 a.m. to 7:29 a.m.	14.30%	9.30%	19.90%
7:30 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.	10.00%	8.60%	11.50%
8:00 a.m. to 8:29 a.m.	11.20%	10.90%	11.60%
8:30 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.	5.40%	2.50%	8.50%
9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.	19.80%	16.80%	23.20%

Table 35: Travel Time to Work

Travel Time to Work	
2021 ACS B08303	Estimate
Less than 5 minutes	6,946
5 to 9 minutes	74
10 to 14 minutes	473
15 to 19 minutes	794
20 to 24 minutes	679
25 to 29 minutes	665
30 to 34 minutes	531
35 to 39 minutes	1,116
40 to 44 minutes	134
45 to 59 minutes	472
60 to 89 minutes	639
90 or more minutes	1,143



Housing

Key Findings

- Limited housing diversity. The housing stock is overwhelmingly comprised of owner-occupied single-family detached dwellings, indicating that East Bridgewater lacks housing diversity in size and tenure.
- High and rising home prices. East Bridgewater is an expensive place to buy a house, and home prices are becoming less affordable.
- Major cost burdens at lower income levels. While most of East Bridgewater's moderate-to-high-income households do not struggle to pay their monthly housing costs, lower-income households are facing affordability problems. Almost a third of owners and 48 percent of renters pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing.
- About 80.99 percent of residences in East Bridgewater are owner-occupied, a decrease of 7.35 percent from 2010, when owner-occupied housing units were estimated at 88.34 percent (2,480 units). Renter-occupied housing units increased to 19.01 percent in 2021, up from 11.65 percent in 2010 (289 units).
- According to the 2021 ACS, the current median housing price in East Bridgewater is \$397,400, an increase of \$48,600 from the median housing value in 2010 (\$348,800). The current median housing price in Plymouth County (\$268,800) was slightly lower than in East Bridgewater and higher in Massachusetts (\$431,100).





Types of Units

Table 36: Housing Units 2010 - 2021

EAST BRIDGEWATER HOUSING UNITS 2010 - 2021				
2010 & 2021 ACS DP04	2010 ACS DP04		2021 ACS DP04	
Units in Structure	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Total housing units	4,787	100%	5,119	100%
Occupied housing units	4,643	97.00%	4,949	96.70%
Vacant housing units	144	3.00%	167	3.30%
Homeowner vacancy rate	1	(X)	1.5	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	0	(X)	0	(X)

Table 37 East Bridgewater Housing Units in Structure

EAST BRIDGEWATER HOUSING UNITS IN STRUCTURE						
	2011 ACS DP04		2021 ACS DP04		Change 2010 - 2021	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	4,828	100%	5,119	100%	291	10.30%
Occupied Housing Units	4,682	96.98%	4,952	96.74%	270	5.27%
Vacant Housing Units	146	3.02%	167	3.26%	21	0.41%
1-unit, detached	3,873	80.22%	4,188	81.81%	315	6.15%
1-unit, attached	129	2.67%	217	4.24%	88	1.72%
2-units	177	3.67%	191	3.73%	14	0.27%
3 or 4 units	126	2.61%	257	5.02%	131	2.56%
5 to 9 units	473	9.80%	148	2.89%	-325	-6.35%
10 or more units	50	1.04%	105	2.05%	55	1.07%
Mobile Home	0	0.00%	13	0.25%	13	0.25%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

According to the 2021 ACS, 5,116 housing units are in East Bridgewater, an increase of 329 units from 2010 estimates. Most homes in East Bridgewater are detached single-family dwellings (80.7%), followed by 5-to-9-unit developments (8.6%) and three or 4-unit East Bridgewater Community Profile



developments (3.6%). It was estimated that there was a 1.5 vacancy rate for homeowner units, an increase of half a percent from 2010, and a 0 percent vacancy rate for rental units. According to the 2021 ACS, a quarter of the housing in East Bridgewater was constructed in 1939 or earlier (25.17%). Most housing units were built from 2000 to 2009 (14.7%).

Owner-occupied and renter-occupied units include many different housing types, from detached single-family to apartments or condos. While renter-occupied housing can be assumed to be multi-family housing, all units can be renter occupied. For example, more than 37 percent of renter-occupied housing was in single-family detached dwellings, while 18 percent lived in structures containing 3 or 4 units.

Table 38: Units in Structure

UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
2021 ACS S2504	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
1-unit, detached	3,760	90.06%	352	37.40%
1-unit, attached	154	3.69%	63	6.70%
2-units	28	0.67%	104	11.10%
3 or 4 units	49	1.17%	173	18.40%
5 to 9 units	17	0.41%	131	13.90%
Ten or more units	0	0.00%	105	11.20%
Mobile Home	0	0.00%	13	1.40%
Occupied Housing Units	4,008	80.98%	941	19.01%

Based on the 2021 ACS S2504 table, the housing structure for owner-occupied and renter-occupied units varies significantly. For owner-occupied units, the majority (90.06%) are 1-unit detached houses. Other types of structures like 1-unit attached, 2-units, and 3 or 4 units are not as common, accounting for 3.69%, 0.67%, and 1.17%, respectively. Almost no owner-occupied units are in structures with 5 to 9 units (0.41%) or mobile homes (0%).

On the other hand, the distribution for renter-occupied units is more varied. The largest share still belongs to 1-unit detached houses at 37.4%, but other types of structures are well-represented. For example, 18.4% of renter-occupied units are in 3- or 4-unit structures, and 13.9% are in structures with 5 to 9 units. Units in buildings with 10 or more units make up 11.2% of the renter-occupied market.



Housing Age

The housing stock in East Bridgewater varies in age from pre-1940s housing to current construction. The ACS estimates the number of units constructed by decade, including those built in the last eight years. According to these estimates, 25.2 percent of the housing stock was constructed pre-1940 and 14.7 percent between 2000 and 2009. While the ACS data provides a broad picture of the age of structures across the last eighty years, the estimate of 144 housing units constructed after 2010 represents the number of recently built structures.

Table 39: Year Structure Built

2010 & 2021 ACS DP04	YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT			
	2010 ACS DP04		2021 ACS DP04	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Total housing units	4,787	100%	5,116	100%
Built 2020 or later	--	--	0	0.00%
Built 2010 to 2019	--	--	144	2.800%
Built 2000 to 2009	501	10.40%	751	14.7%
Built 1990 to 1999	425	8.90%	603	11.80%
Built 1980 to 1989	738	15.40%	534	10.400%
Built 1970 to 1979	626	13.10%	496	9.70%
Built 1960 to 1969	696	14.50%	603	11.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	435	9.10%	567	11.10%
Built 1940 to 1949	122	2.5%	130	2.50%
Built 1939 or earlier	1,244	26.0%	1,288	25.20%

Source: 2010 & 2021 ACS 5-year Estimates, DP04

In East Bridgewater, there is a total of 5,116 housing units. When looking at the distribution of housing units by the year they were built, no units were constructed in 2020-2021 as Covid impacted the global economy. Prior to 2020, there were 144 housing units built between 2010 and 2019. The median number of rooms slightly decreased from 6.5 in 2011 to 6.4 in 2021 a marginal change of -0.1.

There's a shift toward housing units with more rooms (specifically, 6 and 8 rooms) while mid-sized 7-room category decreased. Smaller units (2 and 3 rooms) decreased in both number and proportion, indicating a preference for larger living spaces.



Table 40: Number of Rooms

ROOMS						
2021 ACS DP04	2011 DP04	Percent	2021 DP04	Percent	Change	Percent
Total housing units	4,828	100%	5,119	100%	291	10.30%
1 room	0	0.00%	19	0.37%	19	
2 rooms	145	3.00%	114	2.23%	-31	-0.61%
3 rooms	286	5.92%	217	4.24%	-69	-1.35%
4 rooms	467	9.67%	488	9.53%	21	0.41%
5 rooms	774	16.03%	843	16.47%	69	1.35%
6 rooms	777	16.09%	939	18.34%	162	3.16%
7 rooms	985	20.40%	783	15.30%	-202	-3.95%
8 rooms	562	11.64%	809	15.80%	247	4.83%
9 rooms or more	832	17.23%	907	17.72%	75	1.47%
Median number of rooms	6.5	(X)	6.4	(X)	-0.1	-0.03%

Table 41: Bedrooms

BEDROOMS						
	2011 DP04	Percent	2021 DP04	Percent	Change	Percent
Total housing units	4,828	100%	5,119	100%	376	10.30%
No bedroom	0	0	19	0.37%	19	0.4%
1 bedroom	531	11.00%	421	8.22%	-110	-2.1%
2 bedrooms	1041	21.56%	939	18.34%	-102	-2.0%
3 bedrooms	1,944	40.27%	2,346	45.83%	402	7.9%
4 bedrooms	1059	21.93%	1,190	23.25%	131	2.6%
5 or more bedrooms	253	5.24%	204	3.99%	-49	-1.0%

According to the 2021 ACS estimates, of the 5,119 units in East Bridgewater, 17.72% contain 9 rooms or more, and 18.34% contain 6 rooms, with the median number of rooms slightly decreasing to 6.4 from 6.5 rooms. Of the housing units, 45.83% contain 3 bedrooms, and 3.99% contain 5 or more bedrooms. Housing units with one and two bedrooms have decreased by about 2% since 2011. The largest change was a 7.9% increase of 3 bedrooms.



Housing Tenure

Table 42: Household Size & Year Moved into Unit

HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND YEAR MOVED INTO UNIT						
2021 & 2010 ACS S2501, 2021 ACS S2502	Occupied Housing Units	% Occupied Housing Units	Owner Occupied Housing Units	% Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Renter-Occupied Housing Units	% Renter-Occupied Housing Units
2021 Occupied Housing Units	4,949	100%	4,008	80.99%	941	19.01%
2010 Occupied Housing Units	2,480	100%	2,191	88.34%	289	11.65%
HOUSEHOLD SIZE						
1-Person	784	15.80%	527	13.10%	257	27.30%
2-Person	1,566	31.60%	1,209	30.20%	357	37.90%
3-Person	1,155	23.30%	979	24.40%	176	18.70%
4-or-More-Person	1,444	29.20%	1,293	32.30%	151	16.00%
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO THE UNIT.						
Moved in 2019 or later	186	3.80%	150	3.70%	36	3.80%
Moved in 2015 to 2018	1,109	22.40%	593	14.80%	516	54.80%
Moved in 2010 to 2014	694	14.00%	471	11.80%	223	23.70%
Moved in 2000 to 2009	1,229	24.80%	1,149	28.70%	80	8.50%
Moved in 1990 to 1999	866	17.50%	802	20.00%	64	6.80%
Moved in 1989 or earlier	865	17.50%	843	21.00%	22	2.30%

About 80.99 percent of residences in East Bridgewater are owner-occupied, a decrease of 7.35 percent from 2010, when owner-occupied housing units were estimated at 88.34 percent (2,480 units). Renter-occupied housing units increased to 19.01 percent in 2021, up from 11.65 percent in 2010 (289 units). The average household size of an owner-occupied housing unit was 2.89 people per household, with the highest concentration of residents living in 2-person households (31.6%), followed by 4-or-more-person households (29.2%). Of the renter-occupied housing units, 37.9 percent reside in 2-person homes (357 residents), followed by 27.3 percent living in 1-person homes (257 residents). Of the residents of occupied housing units, almost 50 percent moved into their homes in the last 20 years, with 24 percent moving between 2000 and 2009 and 22 percent between 2015 and 2018.



Housing Value

According to the 2021 ACS, the current median housing price in East Bridgewater is \$397,400, an increase of \$48,600 from the median housing value in 2010 (\$348,800). The current median housing price in Plymouth County (\$268,800) was slightly lower than in East Bridgewater and higher in Massachusetts (\$431,100). The median real estate tax paid in 2021 by East Bridgewater residents was \$5,954, an increase of 58.3 percent from 2010, when the median real estate tax paid was \$3,761.

Table 43: Owner-Occupied Housing Units with a Mortgage

OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS WITH A MORTGAGE		
2021 ACS S2506	Owner-Occupied Housing Units with a Mortgage	Percent Owner-Occupied Housing Units with a Mortgage
Housing Units with a Mortgage	3,127	3,127
VALUE		
Less than \$50,000	22	0.70%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	0	0.00%
\$100,000 to \$299,999	562	18.00%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,799	57.50%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	739	23.60%
\$750,000 to \$999,999	0	0.00%
\$1,000,000 or more	5	0.20%
Median (dollars)	397,400	397,400

Source: 2021 ACS S2506

East Bridgewater's DOR Income Per Capita is \$40,119. This places it in the mid-range among the listed towns indicating a moderate level of average income for its residents. The EQV Per Capita for East Bridgewater is \$152,902 again, this figure places the town in a moderate position relative to others in terms of personal property level. The town stands at a moderate economic level in terms of income and property valuation when compared to other towns in the OCPC region. The Single-Family Tax Bill for East Bridgewater is \$6,821 which seems to align well to its DOR Per Capita and EQV Per Capita. This suggests that the tax burden is proportionate to the general economic standing of the town residents. Overall, East Bridgewater exhibits a balanced economic profile with neither exceptionally high nor low values for DOR Income and EQV Per Capita. This suggests a stable economic environment, relative to surrounding towns.



Table 44: FY22 Single Family Tax Bill, OCPC Region

	FY 2024 Population	FY 2023 Single Family Tax Bill	FY 2024 DOR Income Per Capita	FY 2024 EQV Per Capita	Population Density	2018 Total Road Miles
Abington	17,094	7,076	40,313	157,589	1,771	67.40
Avon	4,755	6,064	39,809	227,404	1,109	35.19
Bridgewater	28,805	6,696	36,036	135,549	1,054	135.06
Brockton	105,446	5,055	24,130	100,460	4,944	290.31
Duxbury	16,116	11,665	100,256	334,418	679	128.57
East Bridgewater	14,465	6,821	40,119	152,902	840	79.39
Easton	25,247	8,317	57,176	174,777	879	132.84
Halifax	7,749	6,818	39,416	156,265	484	60.02
Hanover	14,871	9,156	63,650	224,181	952	96.82
Hanson	10,674	6,461	42,195	159,743	709	66.23
Kingston	13,793	7,181	47,566	194,761	740	107.04
Pembroke	18,410	6,827	47,620	185,362	845	118.53
Plymouth	62,131	6,799	44,583	219,651	644	497.04
Plympton	2,939	7,177	50,068	222,722	201	35.41
Stoughton	29,132	6,430	38,538	178,071	1,811	128.20
West Bridgewater	7,727	6,581	40,491	187,821	504	59.80
Whitman	15,279	5,707	36,269	140,400	2,202	54.50

Housing Affordability

To determine what is “fair” market rent for an area, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sets income limits to determine Fair Market Rent (FMR) for metropolitan areas. East Bridgewater is part of the Brockton, MA HUD Metro FMR Area, which consists of the following towns: Avon, Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Halifax, Hanson, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Plympton, Rochester, West Bridgewater, and Whitman.



Table 45: FY 2019 to FY 2023 HUD Fair Market Rents by Unit Bedrooms

FY 2019 to FY 2023 HUD FAIR MARKET RENTS BY UNIT BEDROOMS					
Year	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
FY 2023 FMR	\$1,246	\$1,415	\$1,863	\$2,375	\$2,708
FY 2022 FMR	\$1,145	\$1,309	\$1,723	\$2,181	\$2,505
FY 2021 FMR	\$1,029	\$1,184	\$1,560	\$1,971	\$2,292
FY 2020 FMR	\$1,064	\$1,160	\$1,528	\$1,918	\$2,240
FY 2019 FMR	\$1,027	\$1,136	\$1,475	\$1,853	\$2,155

Source: [FY 2020 \\$fmrtype\\$ Fair Market Rents Documentation System — Select Geography \(huduser.gov\)](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/)

Limits for affordable housing are based on the area median income (AMI) for the area and adjusted based on the number of people in each family.

- Those considered “extremely low income” earn less than 30 percent of the AMI.
- Those considered “very low income” earn less than 50% of AMI.
- Those considered to earn 60% of AMI.
- Those considered “low income” earn less than 80% of AMI.

Table 46: Massachusetts Income Limits, 2022

MASSACHUSETTS INCOME LIMITS, 2022									
Brockton, MA HMFA AMI 4 Person MFI	Income Limit Category	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
\$111,400	Extremely low income (30%) of AMI	\$23,450	\$26,800	\$30,150	\$33,500	\$36,200	\$38,900	\$41,550	\$44,250
	Very Low Income (50%) of AMI	\$39,100	\$44,700	\$50,300	\$55,850	\$60,350	\$64,800	\$69,300	\$73,750
	60% of AMI	\$46,920	\$53,640	\$60,360	\$67,020	\$72,420	\$77,760	\$83,160	\$88,500
	Low Income (80%) of AMI	\$62,550	\$71,500	\$80,450	\$89,350	\$96,500	\$103,650	\$110,800	\$117,950



The Income and Rent Limits for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts apply to HUDs Assisted Housing Programs and Multifamily Tax Subsidy Projects (MTSP), including:

- 30% of Area Median Income (AMI) applicable to HUDs Section 8 Program, Massachusetts Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) Programs per DHCD Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP).
- 50% of AMI Applicable to HUDs Section 8 Program, Massachusetts LIHTC Programs & Tax-Exempt Bond financed (MTSP) projects with 20% set aside.
- 60% of AMI is Applicable to LIHTC & Tax-Exempt Bond Financed (MTSP) projects, with 40% set aside.
- 80% of AMI Applicable to HUDs Section 8 Program, MassHousing MGL Ch. 40B New England Fund (NEF) Program.
- 70% of AMI – Rent Limit Only- applicable to Older NEF Funded MGL Ch. 40B Developments, Income Qualification for Occupancy is 80% of Median Income Limit.

Table 47: Massachusetts Rental Limits by Income, 2022

MASSACHUSETTS RENTAL LIMITS BY INCOME, 2022						
	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom	5 Bedroom
Extremely low income 30% of 30% of AMI	\$586	\$628	\$753	\$871	\$972	\$1,072
Very Low Income 30% of 50% of AMI	\$977	\$1,047	\$1,257	\$1,425	\$1,620	\$1,788
30 % of 60% of AMI	\$1,173	\$1,257	\$1,509	\$1,743	\$1,944	\$2,145
Low Income 30% of 80% of AMI	\$1,563	\$1,675	\$2,011	\$2,323	\$2,591	\$2,859
30% of 70% of AMI – NEF funded Ch. 40B Dev.	\$1,368	\$1,466	\$1,760	\$2,033	\$2,268	\$2,503

Source: [MassHousing.com/media/files/](https://www.masshousing.com/media/files/)

SHI = 3.6%



Median Rent

According to the 2021 ACS, the median rent in East Bridgewater was \$1,292, an increase of 29.2 percent (\$266) from 2010, when the median rent was \$1,026. According to the US Census, approximately 30 percent of East Bridgewater homeowners with a mortgage are cost-burdened (12% without a mortgage are cost-burdened), meaning they spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs. This is a typical measure of when housing becomes unaffordable.

According to the 2021 ACS, 48 percent of rental households in East Bridgewater are cost-burdened, an increase from 32.8 percent in 2010. However, the number of occupied units paying rent has decreased by one unit.

Between 2010 and 2021, the median income for East Bridgewater residents grew by 41.2 percent, median monthly mortgage payments increased by 8.8 percent, and rental costs increased by 25.9 percent.

Table 48: Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
2021 ACS DP04	2010 DP04		2021 DP04	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Occupied Units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	850	100%	849	100%
Less than 15.0 percent	18	2.10%	87	10.20%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	130	15.30%	116	13.70%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	216	25.40%	89	10.50%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	207	24.40%	149	17.60%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	34	4.00%	70	8.20%
35.0 percent or more	245	28.80%	338	39.80%
Not computed	47	(X)	92	(X)

Source: 2021 ACS DP04



Monthly Housing Costs

Many of the housing units in East Bridgewater had monthly housing costs ranging from \$1,500 to \$1,999, which made up 22.1% of the total. In the subset of owner-occupied units, the most common expenditure was also between \$1,500 and \$1,999 (22.4%), closely followed by those spending \$3,000 or more (20.1%). Among renter-occupied units, the majority spent either between \$1,000 and \$1,499 (34.6%) or \$1,500 to \$1,999 (20.7%).

Table 49: East Bridgewater Monthly Housing Costs

EAST BRIDGEWATER MONTHLY HOUSING COSTS						
2021 ACS S2503	Occupied Housing Units	% Occupied Housing Units	Owner-Occupied Housing Units	% Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Renter-Occupied Housing Units	% Renter-Occupied Housing Units
Occupied Housing Units	4,949	4,949	4,008	4,008	941	941
Less than \$300	44	0.90%	18	0.40%	26	2.80%
\$300 to \$499	96	1.90%	2	0.00%	94	10.00%
\$500 to \$799	266	5.40%	187	4.70%	79	8.40%
\$800 to \$999	495	10.00%	449	11.20%	46	4.90%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	718	14.50%	392	9.80%	326	34.60%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,094	22.10%	899	22.40%	195	20.70%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	693	14.00%	610	15.20%	83	8.80%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	646	13.10%	646	16.10%	0	0.00%
\$3,000 or more	805	16.30%	805	20.10%	0	0.00%
No cash rent	92	1.90%	(X)	(X)	92	9.80%
Median (dollars) 2021	1,886	1,886	2,047	2,047	1,292	1,292
Median (dollars) 2010	1,670		1,882		1,026	
Percent Change (dollars) 2010 – 2021	12.9%		8.8%		25.9%	

As for median monthly costs in 2021, all occupied units had a median cost of \$1,886, while the figures were \$2,047 for owner-occupied and \$1,292 for renter-occupied units. Compared to 2010, the median monthly housing costs increased by 12.9% overall. The owner-occupied units saw a median cost rise of 8.8%, whereas the increase was much more substantial for renter-occupied units at 25.9%.



Table 50: Monthly Costs as a Percentage of Household Income

MONTHLY COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME				
2021, 2010 ACS DP04	2010 DP04		2021 DP04	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Housing Units with a Mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be determined)	2,973	100%	3,082	100%
Less than 20.0 percent	781	26.30%	1,414	45.90%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	471	15.80%	456	14.80%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	589	19.80%	303	9.80%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	277	9.30%	282	9.10%
35.0 percent or more	855	28.80%	627	20.30%
Not computed	0	(X)	45	(X)
Housing Units without a Mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be determined)	773	100%	881	100%
Less than 10.0 percent	252	32.60%	302	34.30%
10.0 to 14.9 percent	140	18.10%	167	19.00%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	115	14.90%	119	13.50%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	31	4.00%	146	16.60%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	65	8.40%	38	4.30%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	9	1.20%	17	1.90%
35.0 percent or more	161	20.80%	92	10.40%
Not computed	0	(X)	0	(X)

From 2010 to 2021, the number of households with mortgages increased from 2,973 to 3,082. During the same period, there was a notable shift in the monthly costs as a percentage of household incomes. In 2010, 28.8% of households spent 35% or more of their income on mortgage payments. By 2021, this proportion had decreased to 20.3%. Furthermore, there was a significant rise in the number of households spending less than 20% of their income on mortgages, an increase of 633 households, which now constitutes nearly 45.9% of the population.

In contrast, the number of housing units without a mortgage remained relatively stable in the lower percentiles over the past decade. The most significant changes occurred in the 25% to 29% spending category, which saw a nearly 50% decrease. Units spending between 30% and 34.9% of income on housing almost doubled, increasing from 9 to 17 units. Meanwhile, the number of units spending 35% or more of their income on housing dropped dramatically from 161 to 17 units.



Public School Enrollment

Key Findings

- There are 2,063 students attending East Bridgewater School District and 291 employees.
- Operating costs per student are \$15,156, lower than 8.1% of similar districts.
- The graduation rate is 96%, 1% lower than similar districts.
- 82% of students attend college post-graduation.
- Enrollment has been declining over the past five years.

The Town of East Bridgewater school district had 165 full-time teachers and 17 school administrators during the 2021-2022 school year. The town has a total enrollment of 2,063 in the 2022 – 2023 school year. Schools in the district include Central, East Bridgewater Jr. Sr. High School, and Gordon W. Mitchell School. The racial makeup of the school's students is consistent with that of the general population.





Table 51: School Enrollment by Grade, 2022 - 2023

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY GRADE 2022 - 2023																
	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SP	TOTAL
Central	101	126	147	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	526
EB Jr. Sr. High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	160	149	129	139	160	2	904
Gordon W. Mitchell School	0	0	0	0	161	148	163	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	633
District	101	126	147	152	161	148	163	161	165	160	149	129	139	160	2	2,063

Source: [Enrollment Data \(2022-23\) - East Bridgewater \(00830000\) \(mass.edu\)](#)

Table 52: Enrollment by Gender

ENROLLMENT BY GENDER		
	East Bridgewater	State
Female	987	442,564
Male	1,075	469,563
Non-Binary	1	1,608
Total	2,063	913,735

Source: [Enrollment Data \(2022-23\) - East Bridgewater \(00830000\) \(mass.edu\)](#)



Table 53: School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, 2022 - 2023

ENROLLMENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2022-2023		
Race	% of District	% of State
African American	6.0	9.4
Asian	1.0	7.3
Hispanic	5.5	24.2
Native American	0.4	0.2
White	83.3	54.4
Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1
Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic	3.7	4.4

Source: [Enrollment Data \(2022-23\) - East Bridgewater \(00830000\) \(mass.edu\)](https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/achievement_level.aspx?linkid=32&orgcode=00830000&orgtypecode=5&)

Table 54: Per Pupil Expenditures, All Funds

PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS						
Year	In-District Expenditures	Total In-District FTEs	In-District Expenditures per Pupil	Total Expenditures	Total Pupil FTEs	Total Expenditures per Pupil
2021	\$30,471,933.55	2,077.3	\$14,669.01	\$32,893,871.55	2,170.4	\$15,155.67
2020	\$25,260,456.00	2,216.0	\$12,752.91	\$31,033,614.00	2,309.3	\$13,438.54

Figure 10: Achievement level by graph

Source: https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/achievement_level.aspx?linkid=32&orgcode=00830000&orgtypecode=5&



AVERAGE SAT SCORE

1,056

▼ **4%** Lower than similar districts

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GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL

96%

▼ **1%** Lower than similar districts

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GO TO COLLEGE

82%

▼ **4%** Lower than similar districts

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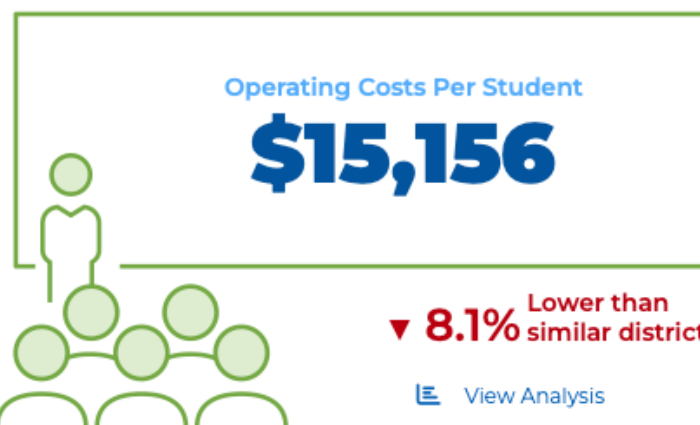
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Operating

All Expenditures

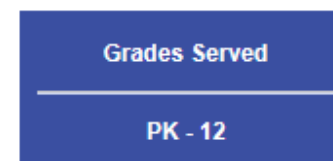
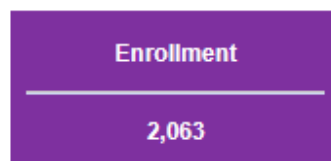
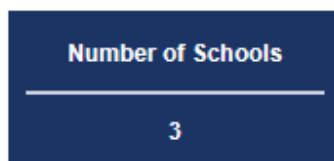
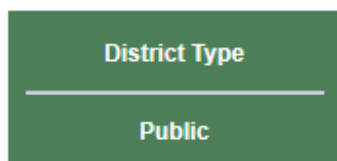
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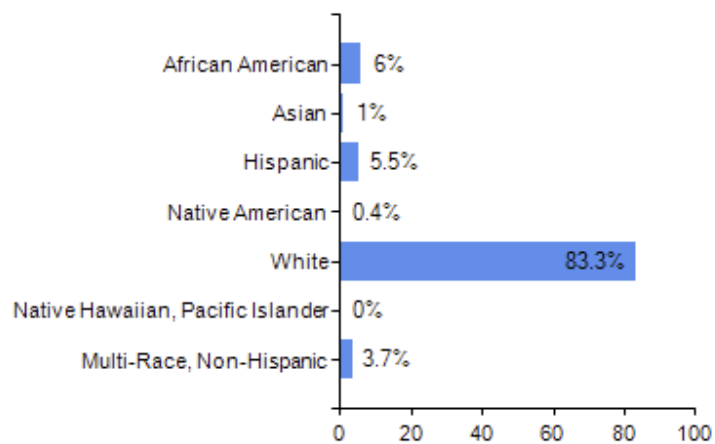
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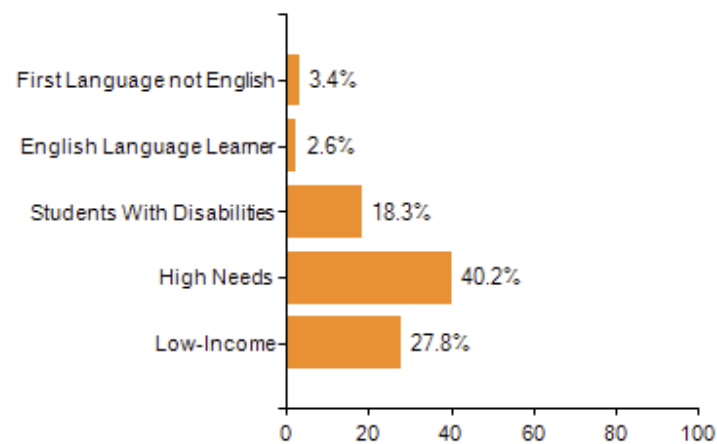
2022-23 Enrollment



Student Race and Ethnicity



Selected Populations





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Employees Breakdown



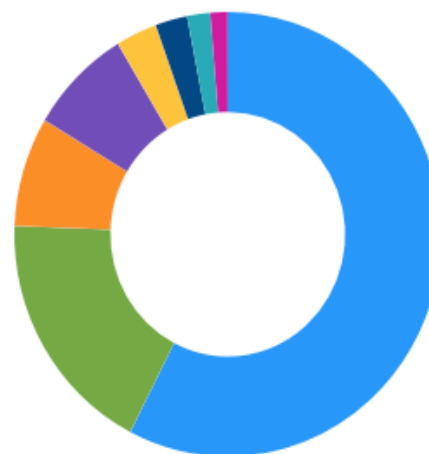
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

288.2

▲ 4% Higher than similar districts

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Schools require a broad spectrum of staff beyond teachers that can have a profound effect on educational costs.



Role	Count
Teachers	165.90
Paraprofessionals	52.00
Administrative Support Personnel	23.00
Other Professional Staff	22.50
School-wide Administration	9.00
Guidance, Psychology and Counseling	7.00
District-wide Administration	5.00

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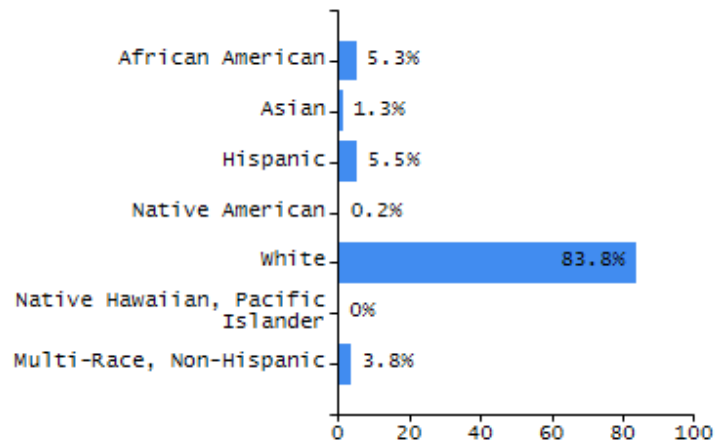


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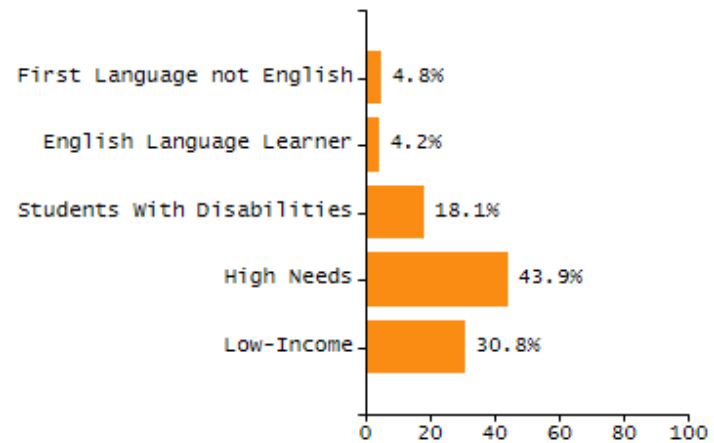
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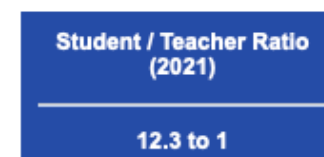
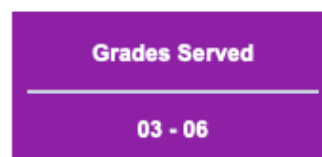
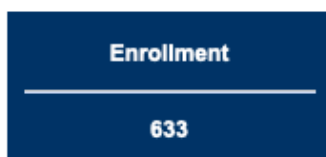
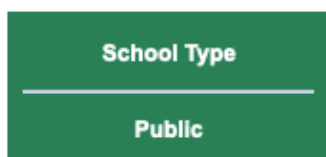
Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment (2022-23)			
Student Group	Total PK Enrolled	# Student Group Enrolled	% Student Group Enrolled
All Students	101	101	100.0
Female	101	48	47.5
Male	101	53	52.5
High Needs	101	31	31
Low Income	101	12	12
LEP English language learner	101	1	1
Students with disabilities	101	23	23
African American/Black	101	3	3.0
Asian	101	2	2.0
Hispanic or Latino	101	4	4.0
Multi-race, non-Hispanic or Latino	101	4	4.0
White	101	88	87.1

Kindergarten Enrollment (2022-23)						
Student Group	Kindergarten Enrollment				Full-day Kindergarten	
	Total	Part-time	Tuitioned	Full-time	Total	Percent
All Students	126	0	0	126	126	100.0
High Needs	62	0	0	62	62	100.0
Low Income	48	0	0	48	48	100.0
LEP English language learner	6	0	0	6	6	100.0
Students with disabilities	22	0	0	22	22	100.0
African American/Black	8	0	0	8	8	100.0
Asian	2					
Hispanic or Latino	6	0	0	6	6	100.0
Multi-race, non-Hispanic or Latino	3					
White	107	0	0	107	107	100.0

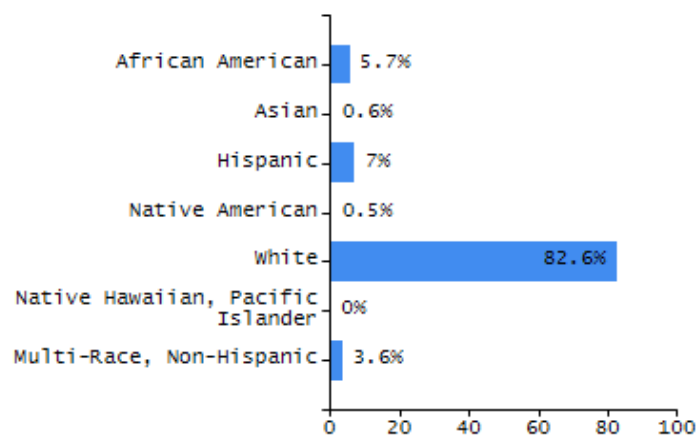


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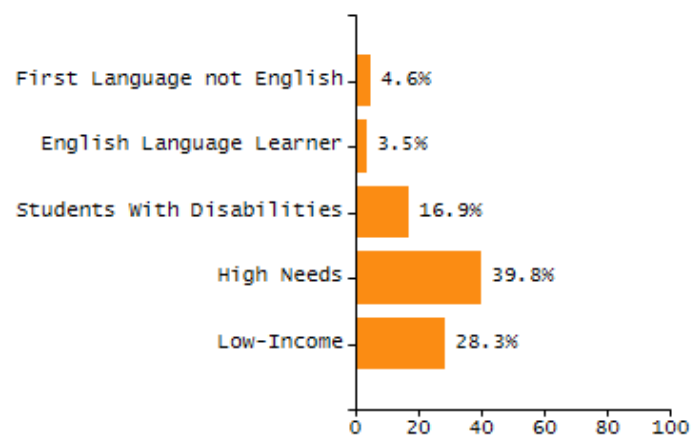
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Student Race and Ethnicity



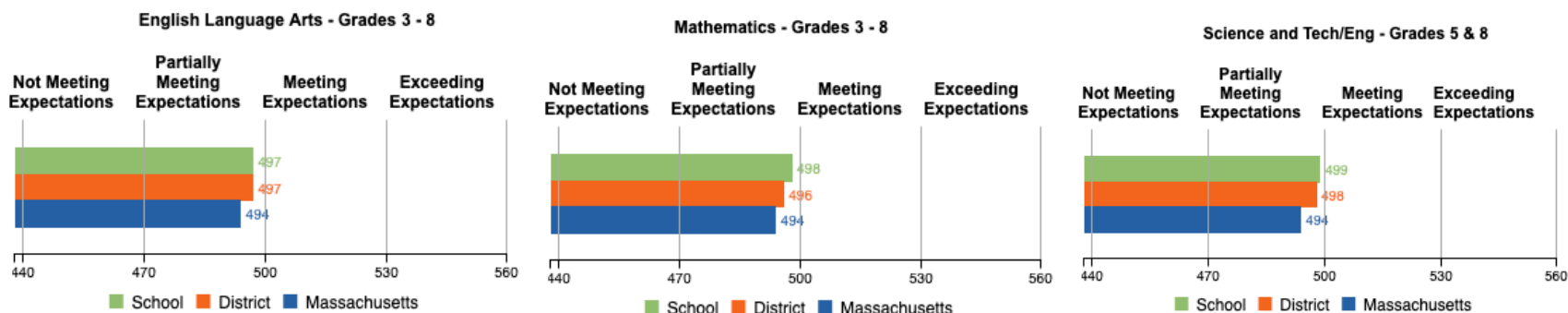
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Grade and Subject	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations %		Exceeding Expectations %		Meeting Expectations %		Partially Meeting Expectations %		Not Meeting Expectations %		No. of Students Included	Part. Rate %	Avg. Scaled Score	Avg. SGP	Included in Avg. SGP	Ach. Pctl
	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State						
GRADE 03 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	53	44	7	7	46	37	38	40	9	16	158	100	500	N/A	N/A	64
GRADE 03 - MATHEMATICS	56	41	8	8	49	33	36	39	8	20	158	100	503	N/A	N/A	73
GRADE 04 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	35	40	2	5	33	34	56	43	9	17	147	100	493	40	142	46
GRADE 04 - MATHEMATICS	36	45	1	8	34	37	54	37	10	18	145	99	495	41	141	45
GRADE 05 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	52	44	4	5	48	39	43	40	4	16	161	100	498	50	158	62
GRADE 05 - MATHEMATICS	38	41	3	5	35	36	59	46	3	13	157	99	497	49	156	55
GRADE 05 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	44	42	6	8	38	33	49	40	7	19	158	99	499	N/A	N/A	64
GRADE 06 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	48	42	5	8	43	34	33	34	19	24	159	100	495	52	153	58
GRADE 06 - MATHEMATICS	46	41	6	7	40	34	48	42	6	17	158	99	497	52	152	64
GRADES 03 - 08 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	47	42	5	7	43	35	42	39	10	19	625	100	497	47	453	59
GRADES 03 - 08 - MATHEMATICS	44	41	5	7	40	33	49	41	7	18	618	99	498	47	449	60
GRADES 05 & 08 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	44	41	6	7	38	34	49	40	7	19	158	99	499	N/A	N/A	65

Next Generation MCAS (Average Scaled Score)



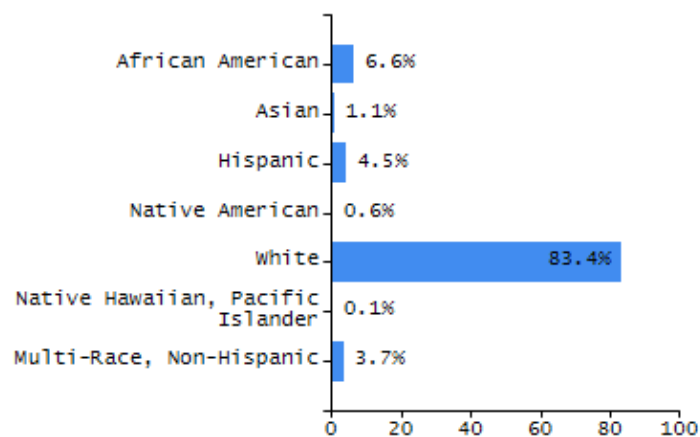


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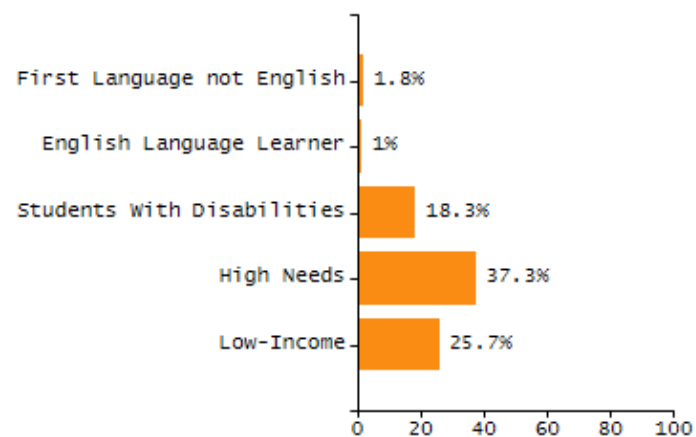
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Student Race and Ethnicity



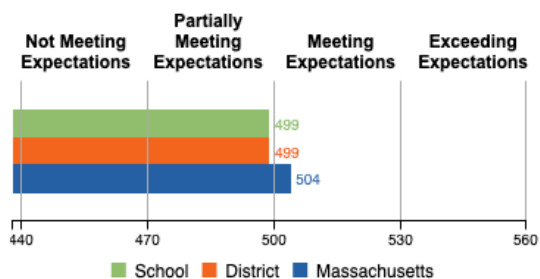
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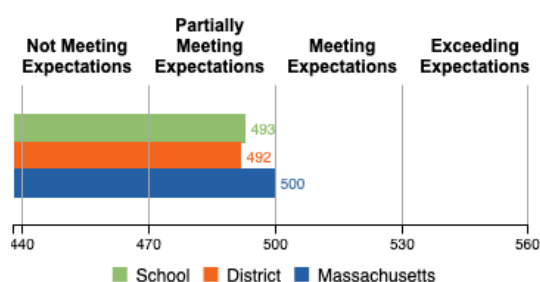


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	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State	School	State						
GRADE 07 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	42	40	7	8	35	33	43	40	15	19	162	99	494	52	162	57
GRADE 07 - MATHEMATICS	30	38	2	8	28	31	52	40	17	22	162	99	489	34	162	46
GRADE 08 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	46	44	8	10	37	34	43	34	11	22	158	99	499	46	152	67
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	38	38	6	7	33	30	51	42	11	20	159	99	495	51	152	62
GRADE 08 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	42	41	4	6	38	35	49	40	9	19	158	99	497	N/A	N/A	64
GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	48	58	12	15	36	43	42	30	10	11	119	98	499	37	110	34
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	36	50	3	10	33	40	56	42	9	9	117	98	493	32	108	30
GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	36	47	5	11	31	36	50	42	14	11	111	100	493	N/A	N/A	32
GRADES 03 - 08 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	44	42	8	7	36	35	43	39	13	19	320	99	496	49	314	55
GRADES 03 - 08 - MATHEMATICS	34	41	4	7	31	33	52	41	14	18	321	99	492	42	314	42
GRADES 05 & 08 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG	42	41	4	7	38	34	49	40	9	19	158	99	497	N/A	N/A	58

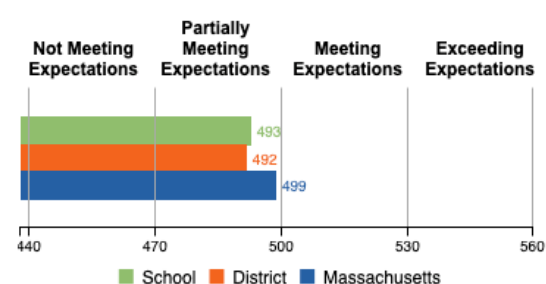
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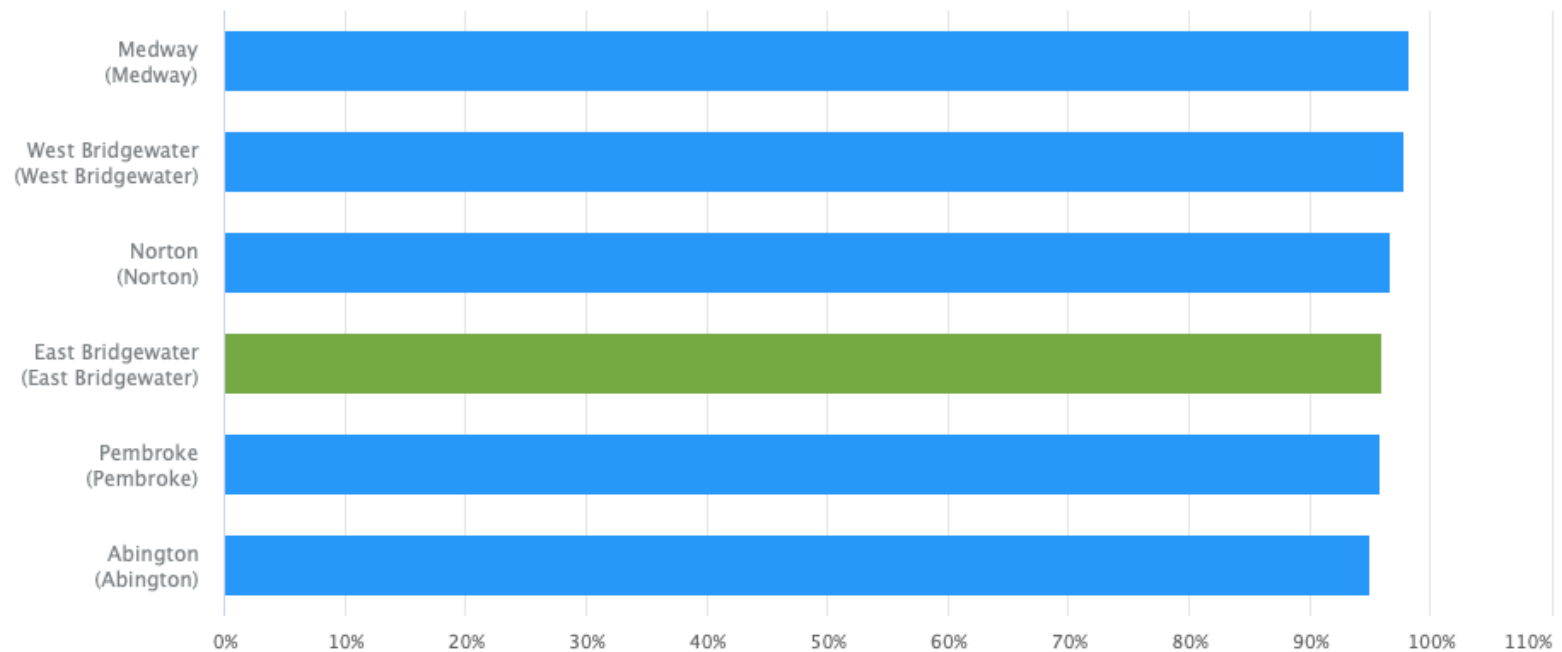




HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RATE

96% ▼ **.7%** than similar districts

PEER DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS (ACTUAL)



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