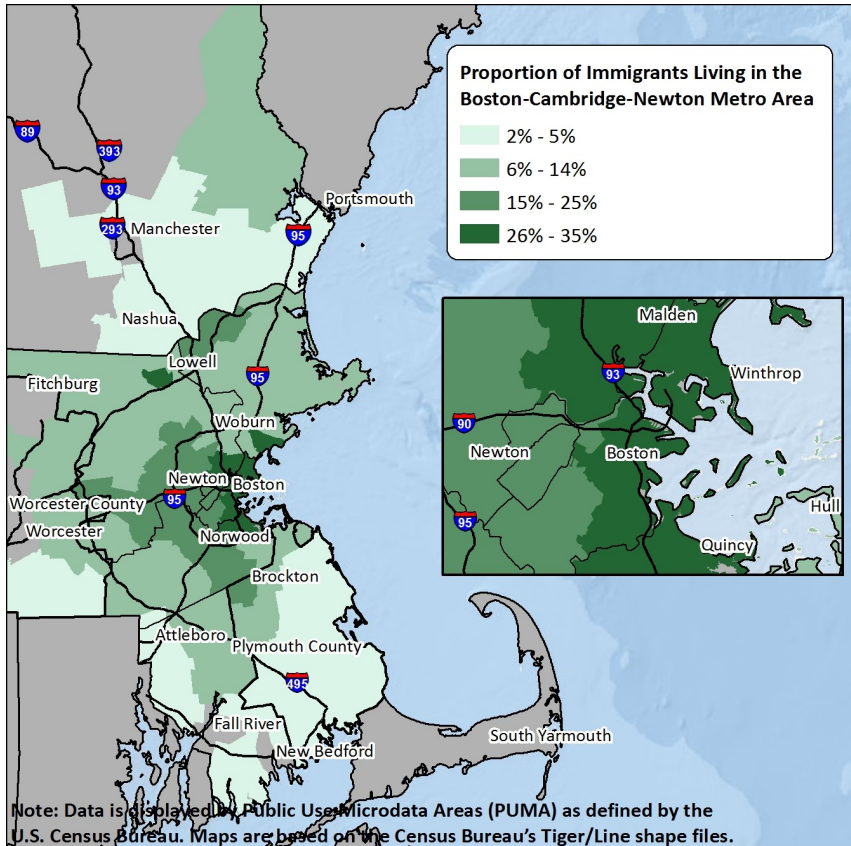


Immigrants in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Massachusetts Metropolitan Area *A Comparison of Immigrants who are Proficient and Not Proficient in English*

Figure 1. Immigrants Living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area as a Percentage of the Population



2015 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **41,757,110:** Approximate number of immigrants* living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **1,046,391:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Massachusetts (16% of the state's population)
- **828,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA Metropolitan Area (23% of the population)
- **8th:** Rank of the state of Massachusetts among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrant population

Proportion of Immigrants Living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area

Figure 1 shows where immigrants are living within the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area as a percentage of the population. The cities of Winthrop, Malden, and Lowell in Massachusetts, and the eastern portion of Boston, Massachusetts have a high percentage of immigrants. Worcester and Plymouth Counties in Massachusetts and the cities of Manchester, Nashua, and Portsmouth in New Hampshire reported lower percentages of immigrants.

English Proficiency

Overall, immigrants living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area and the state of Massachusetts reported higher rates of English proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to immigrants in the U.S. (Figure 2). When examining English proficiency rates by citizenship status across the three geographic areas, foreign-born individuals who are naturalized citizens reported higher rates of English proficiency rates compared to immigrants who are noncitizens.

Figure 2. English Proficiency Rates by Citizenship Status among Immigrants Living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S.

	Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area		Massachusetts		United States	
	Proficient in English	Not proficient in English	Proficient in English	Not proficient in English	Proficient in English	Not proficient in English
All Foreign Born	56%	44%	56%	44%	50%	50%
Not a Citizen	43%	57%	42%	56%	43%	64%
Naturalized Citizen	57%	43%	58%	44%	57%	36%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	461,426	361,441	585,552	454,216	20,830,685	20,672,684

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2011-2015 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

*Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The foreign born may include naturalized U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, temporary residents, refugees and asylees, and others. Additionally, native born includes those who are U.S. citizens at birth, those born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories, and those born abroad to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

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Languages Spoken at Home

Figure 3 shows the top five languages spoken at home among immigrants living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area, Massachusetts, and across the U.S. Across the three geographic areas, the most common language spoken at home among immigrants who are proficient in English include English, Spanish, or Chinese and among immigrants who are not proficient in English, Spanish was the most common language spoken at home. Compared to immigrants nationwide, there are greater percentages of immigrants living in in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area and the state of Massachusetts who speak Portuguese and French or Haitian Creole at home.

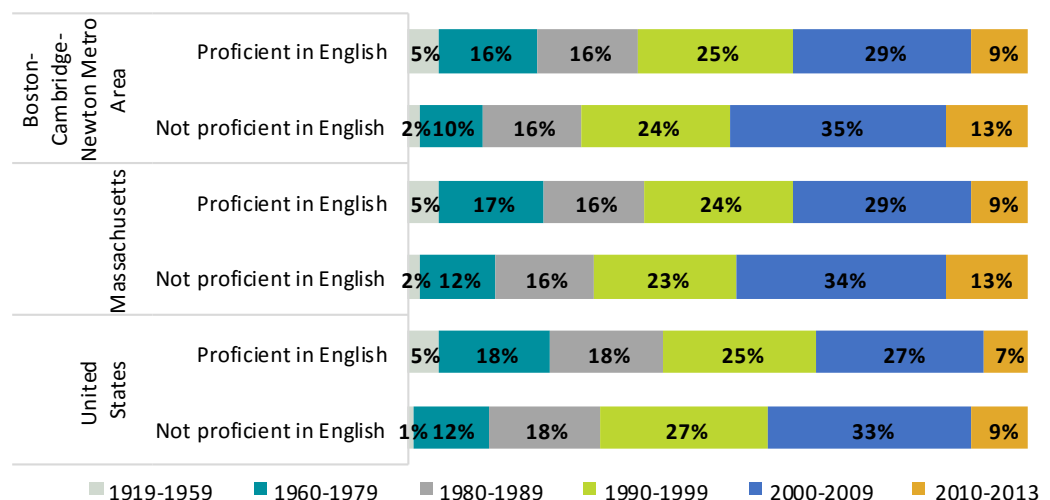
Figure 3. Top Five Languages Spoken at Home Among Immigrants Living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S.

Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area				Massachusetts			
Proficient in English		Not proficient in English		Proficient in English		Not proficient in English	
English	32%	Spanish	33%	English	33%	Spanish	31%
Spanish	14%	Portuguese	12%	Spanish	13%	Portuguese	16%
Portuguese	7%	Chinese	9%	Portuguese	9%	Chinese	8%
Chinese	5%	French or Haitian Creole	8%	Chinese	4%	French or Haitian Creole	7%
French or Haitian Creole	4%	Vietnamese	5%	French or Haitian Creole	4%	Vietnamese	5%
All Other Languages (n=89)	38%	All Other Languages (n=82)	33%	All Other Languages (n=91)	37%	All Other Languages (n=85)	33%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	461,426	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	361,441	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	585,552	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	454,216
United States							
Proficient in English				Not proficient in English			
English		31%		Spanish		61%	
Spanish		27%		Chinese		5%	
Filipino, Tagalog		5%		Vietnamese		4%	
Chinese		3%		Korean		3%	
Hindi		2%		Filipino, Tagalog		2%	
All Other Languages (n=105)		32%		All Other Languages (n=103)		25%	
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)		20,830,685		Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)		20,672,684	

Year of Immigration

Figure 4 shows the year of immigration among foreign-born individuals living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area, Massachusetts, and across the U.S. Overall, immigrants who are proficient in English have been in the U.S. longer compared to immigrants who are not proficient in English. In all three geographies, more than two-thirds of foreign born individuals who are English proficient arrived before the year 2000, compared to approximately half of those who are not English proficient.

Figure 4. Year of Immigration to the U.S. among Immigrants Living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S.



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Educational Attainment

Figure 5 shows the educational attainment among immigrants living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S. Overall, across all three geographies, immigrants who are proficient in English were more likely to have at least some college or a bachelor's degree. It is also important to note that 30 percent of immigrants living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area who are proficient in English earned a graduate, professional, or doctoral degree. This is significantly higher compared to immigrants who are proficient in English living in Massachusetts (27 percent) and immigrants who are proficient in English living in the U.S. (20 percent).

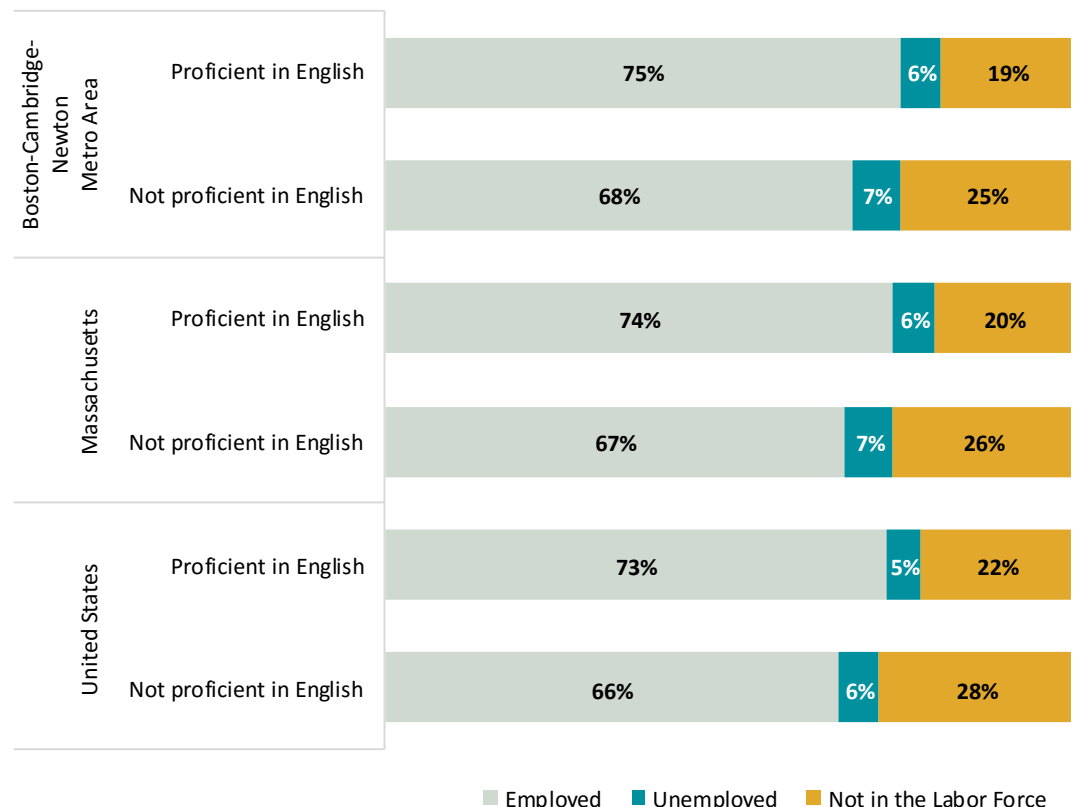
Figure 5. Educational Attainment among Immigrants Living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S.

	Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area		Massachusetts		United States	
	Proficient in English	Not proficient in English	Proficient in English	Not proficient in English	Proficient in English	Not proficient in English
No High School Diploma	8%	36%	10%	38%	12%	47%
High School Diploma	18%	29%	20%	29%	20%	25%
Some College or Associate's Degree	20%	14%	21%	14%	24%	13%
Bachelor's Degree	24%	12%	22%	11%	24%	10%
Graduate, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	30%	9%	27%	8%	20%	5%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 25+)	384,026	327,681	485,104	411,885	17,156,904	18,873,242

Employment

Figure 6 shows the employment status and labor force participation among immigrants ages 16 to 65 years old living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S. Across all three geographies, immigrants who are proficient in English were more likely to be employed compared to immigrants who are not proficient in English. Additionally, English proficient immigrants living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area and in Massachusetts reported higher employment rates compared to immigrants who are proficient in English living in the U.S.

Figure 6. Employment Status among Immigrants in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area, Massachusetts, and the U.S.



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Occupation

Figure 7 highlights the top five occupational groups among employed immigrants living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S. A majority of occupational groups held by immigrants who are proficient in English include management, computer/mathematical, and healthcare occupations, while immigrants who are not proficient in English are employed in more labor intensive occupations (e.g. grounds cleaning and maintenance, food preparation, production, transportation, and construction).

Figure 7. Top Five Occupational Groups among Employed Immigrants Living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S.

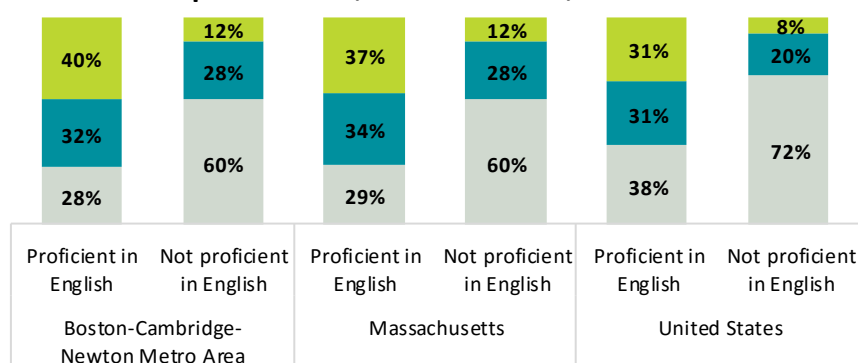
Proficient in English				Not proficient in English			
Occupational Group	Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metro Area	Massachusetts	United States	Occupational Group	Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metro Area	Massachusetts	United States
Management, Business, Science, & Arts	12%	12%	11%	Building/Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	16%	16%	14%
Office/Administrative Support	10%	10%	11%	Food Preparation and Serving	13%	12%	11%
Computer/Mathematical	8%	7%	6%	Production	11%	12%	12%
Sales	8%	8%	10%	Transportation/Material Moving	8%	8%	9%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	7%	7%	8%	Construction	7%	7%	12%
All Other Occupational Groups	55%	56%	54%	All Other Occupational Groups	45%	45%	42%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	303,345	379,508	12,892,043	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	205,798	252,512	11,645,911

Income

Figure 8 highlights the personal earned income among full-time employed immigrants in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area, Massachusetts, and the U.S. Overall, immigrants who are proficient in English are significantly more likely to earn \$40,000 or more compared to immigrants who are not proficient in English.

Additionally, immigrants living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metro area who are proficient in English were more likely to earn \$75,000 or more compared to English proficient immigrants living in Massachusetts and the U.S.

Figure 8. Personal Income among Full-Time Employed Immigrants Living in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Metropolitan Area, Massachusetts, and in the U.S.



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