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DEMOGRAPHIC DATA REPORT - DISABILITY

Data Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis

CITY OF BOSTON

667,612 RESIDENTS

Total population

78,635 RESIDENTS (12%)

Identify as having at least one disability

HEARING DIFFICULTY

15,886 RESIDENTS (2% of total population)

Persons who are deaf or have serious difficulty hearing

VISION DIFFICULTY

15,861 RESIDENTS (2% of total population)

Persons who are blind or have serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses

COGNITIVE DIFFICULTY

36,536 RESIDENTS (6% of those 5 and older)

Persons who, because of a physical, mental or emotional problem, have difficulty remembering, concentrating or making decisions



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CITY OF BOSTON NEIGHBORHOODS - AT LEAST ONE DISABILITY

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NEIGHBORHOOD ANALYSIS

Below lists each City of Boston neighborhood by the share of residents identified as having at least one disability. Included are the total number of residents living in the neighborhood, the number of older adults (65+), and the share of older adults with at least one disability.

ALLSTON

Total residents: 23,000

- With disability 6.5%
- With vision disability: 1.1%
- With hearing disability: 0.7%

Total residents 65+ years: 962

- With disability 34.7%

BACK BAY

Total residents: 17,431

- With disability 6.3%
- With vision disability: 1.2%
- With hearing disability: 0.8%

Total residents 65+ years: 2,323

- With disability 20.1%

BEACON HILL

Total residents: 8,276

- With disability 6.2%
- With vision disability: 0.4%
- With hearing disability: 1.2%

Total residents 65+ years: 1,420

- With disability 20.4%

BRIGHTON

Total residents: 49,391

- With disability 9.7%
- With vision disability: 1.7%
- With hearing disability: 2.3%

Total residents 65+ years: 5,269

- With disability 43.3%

CHARLESTOWN

Total residents: 20,310

- With disability 8.1%
- With vision disability: 1.7%
- With hearing disability: 1.8%

Total residents 65+ years: 2,605

- With disability 30.4%

CHINATOWN

Total residents: 4,281

- With disability: 7.5%
- With vision disability: 1.6%
- With hearing disability: 1.5%

Total residents 65+ years: 491

- With disability: 45.8%



DORCHESTER

Total residents: 124,537

- With disability 15.6%
- With vision disability: 3.2%
- With hearing disability: 2.8%

Total residents 65+ years: 15,501

- With disability 40.6%

DOWNTOWN

Total residents: 12,315

- With disability 11.5%
- With vision disability: 1.4%
- With hearing disability: 3.5%

Total residents 65+ years: 2,375

- With disability 29.2%

EAST BOSTON

Total residents: 45,407

- With disability 9.7%
- With vision disability: 2.0%
- With hearing disability: 2.5%

Total residents 65+ years: 3,555

- With disability 49.9%

FENWAY

Total residents: 33,024

- With disability 6.3%
- With vision disability: 1.1%
- With hearing disability: 1.1%

Total residents 65+ years: 1,684

- With disability 42.8%

HYDE PARK

Total residents: 38,770

- With disability 13.2%
- With vision disability: 2.7%
- With hearing disability: 3.3%

Total residents 65+ years: 5,971

- With disability 39.1%

JAMAICA PLAIN

Total residents: 41,816

With disability 11.5%

- With vision disability: 3.2%
- With hearing disability: 2.3%

Total residents 65+ years: 5,220

- With disability 31.8%

LONGWOOD

Total residents: 5,374

- With disability 8.1%
- With vision disability: 0.6%
- With hearing disability: 0.7%

Total residents 65+ years: 31

- With disability 54.8%

MATTAPAN

Total residents: 26,699

- With disability 19.5%
- With vision disability: 4.1%
- With hearing disability: 3.1%

Total residents 65+ years: 3,665

- With disability 57.6%

MISSION HILL

Total residents: 15,516

- With disability 16.1%
- With vision disability: 2.8%
- With hearing disability: 3.2%

Total residents 65+ years: 1,429

- With disability 50.9%

NORTH END

Total residents: 9,764

- With disability 7.5%
- With vision disability: 2.1%
- With hearing disability: 1.7%

Total residents 65+ years: 1,003

- With disability 26.2%



ROSLINDALE

Total residents: 31,267

- With disability 10.8%
- With vision disability: 1.3%
- With hearing disability: 3.0%

Total residents 65+ years: 3,610

- With disability 32.5%

ROXBURY

Total residents: 52,389

- With disability 15.9%
- With vision disability: 3.3%
- With hearing disability: 2.4%

Total residents 65+ years: 6,520

- With disability 45.1%

SOUTH BOSTON

Total residents: 35,084

- With disability 8.2%
- With vision disability: 1.8%
- With hearing disability: 2.0%

Total residents 65+ years: 3,006

- With disability 35.9%

SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

Total residents: 4,370

- With disability 1.5%
- With vision disability: 0.5%
- With hearing disability: 0.5%

Total residents 65+ years: 349

- With disability 3.2%

SOUTH END

Total residents: 29,864

- With disability 12.8%
- With vision disability: 3.4%
- With hearing disability: 2.4%

Total residents 65+ years: 4,191

- With disability 32.8%

WEST END

Total residents: 6,732

- With disability 10.3%
- With vision disability: 1.4%
- With hearing disability: 1.8%

Total residents 65+ years: 669

- With disability 29.0%

WEST ROXBURY

Total residents: 31,655

- With disability 10.7%
- With vision disability: 1.8%
- With hearing disability: 3.1%

Total residents 65+ years: 5,617

- With disability 33.6%

