THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMIGRANTS TO BOSTON’S CONTINUED PROSPERITY
during the last decades Boston’s population grew
Boston's Population (1900-2013)

14% growth between 1980 and 2010
it grew younger younger
Boston has maintained a more youthful population.
more educated
Educational Attainment of Boston vs U.S. (1950-2013)

and became more diverse
immigrants are a big part of this story...
Native and Foreign-born Components of Boston's Population (1950-2013)

FB population accounted for virtually all growth (27% of the population)

Note: Subtotals may not exactly add to total due to differences in data sources
Boston Resident Births and Deaths (2000-2012)

- 8,067 births in 2000
- 8,003 births in 2001
- 7,716 births in 2002
- 7,906 births in 2003
- 8,015 births in 2004
- 7,807 births in 2005
- 7,807 births in 2006
- 8,011 births in 2007

- 4,486 deaths in 2000
- 4,406 deaths in 2001
- 4,042 deaths in 2002
- 4,049 deaths in 2003
- 4,140 deaths in 2004
- 4,161 deaths in 2005
- 4,274 deaths in 2006

- 3,581 natural growth in 2000
- 3,597 natural growth in 2001
- 3,674 natural growth in 2002
- 3,857 natural growth in 2003
- 3,875 natural growth in 2004
- 4,140 natural growth in 2005
- 3,646 natural growth in 2006

- 3,737 natural growth in 2007

40% of births are to FB mothers.
Note: 2000 was the first year the Census compiled data on individuals who identified themselves as multiracial. Those who indicated “two or more races” are included in “Other” in 2000 and 2010 in this chart.


- White
- Black / African American
- Hispanic
- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Other

Hispanic and Asian immigration contributing heavily to Boston’s growing diversity.
Region of Origin of Boston's Immigrants

- **Africa**
- **Americas**
- **Asia**
- **Europe**

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Top Ten Countries of Origin for Boston’s Foreign Born - 2015

1. **China** 12.5%
2. **Dominican Republic** 10.5%
3. **Haiti** 8.2%
4. **Cape Verde** 5.6%
5. **El Salvador** 5.5%
6. **Vietnam** 5.2%
7. **Colombia** 4.0%
8. **Jamaica** 3.7%
9. **India** 2.1%
10. **Guatemala** 2.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 1-year American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis
and
more
importantly...

Without immigration population would be smaller than it was in 1990

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, BRA Research Division Analysis
Boston’s workforce would be smaller as well...

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, BRA Research Division Analysis
Boston's prosperity would suffer
progress has been made but there are still barriers to integration
Foreign-born English Proficiency -- 2000

- **English Proficient**: 74%
- **Limited English Proficiency**: 26%

Foreign-born English Proficiency -- 2010

- **English Proficient**: 70%
- **Limited English Proficiency**: 30%

Educational Attainment by Nativity (among the population aged 25+) - 2010

- **Less than High School**: Foreign-born 27.6%, Native-born 9.5%
- **High School**: Foreign-born 26.3%, Native-born 22.4%
- **Some College**: Foreign-born 11.4%, Native-born 14.2%
- **Associates Degree**: Foreign-born 4.7%, Native-born 4.7%
- **Bachelors Degree**: Foreign-born 16.0%, Native-born 14.1%
- **Graduate Degree**: Foreign-born 27.9%, Native-born 21.4%

Educational Attainment by Nativity (among the population aged 25+)

- **Foreign-born**: 74%
- **Native-born**: 26%

Median Income by Educational Attainment (among population aged 25+) - 2010

- **Graduate Degree**: Native-born $55,000, Foreign-born $54,000
- **Bachelors Degree**: Native-born $38,000, Foreign-born $39,700
- **Associates Degree**: Native-born $34,300, Foreign-born $35,000
- **Some College**: Native-born $30,000, Foreign-born $27,000
- **High School**: Native-born $25,000, Foreign-born $30,000
- **Less than High School**: Native-born $20,000, Foreign-born $18,000

Source: 2006-2010 American Community Survey, Public Use Micro-data Sample (PUMS), BRA Research Division Analysis

*Sample is the population aged 25+ of wage earners only*
Integration depends on the “Opportunity Structure” immigrants encounter:

- Work permits
- Education & Training
- Certification
- Language Acquisition
- Access to Employment
- Fair Labor Practices
- etc…
Thank you.....