



AMERICAN HOUSING SURVEY 2015 RESULTS

BOSTON / CAMBRIDGE / NEWTON METROPOLITAN AREA

1,838,400

Housing Units In the Boston/Cambridge/Newton Metropolitan Area



Neighborhood Assets

68%

of households agree "This neighborhood has good bus, subway or commuter bus service."

5%

of households agree "This neighborhood has a lot of serious crime."

93%

of households agree "This neighborhood has good schools."

46%

of households report that it is important to live near arts and cultural events

92%

of these households are satisfied with the arts and cultural events in their neighborhood



Housing Quality



7% of households live in **inadequate housing**

680,300 households have made **some home improvement** in past 2 years



5% of households report their **water is not safe to drink**



40% of these households cite **energy efficiency** as a reason for improvements



5% of households have **tobacco smoke inside the home daily**



7% of households cite **accessibility for elderly or disabled persons** as a reason for improvements

Housing Costs

18,500 households received **housing counseling**

90% reported that their housing counseling was helpful

\$1,415 was the **median monthly cost of housing**

16% of households pay at least **half their monthly income** for housing



\$2,000 was the **median expenditure on home improvement projects** in past 2 years



24% of these households report **food insecurity** in the past 30 days

