



AMERICAN HOUSING SURVEY 2017 RESULTS

BOSTON / CAMBRIDGE / NEWTON METROPOLITAN AREA

1,854,000

Housing Units In the Boston/Cambridge/Newton Metropolitan Area



Neighborhood Assets

69%

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

4%

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

93%

of households agree "This neighborhood has good schools."

4%

of households agree "This neighborhood is at high risk for floods or other disasters"

93%

of households report "There is no trash, litter, or junk on streets or any properties within 1/2 block" of their home.



Housing Quality



6% of households live in inadequate housing



2% of households report having mold in the last 12 months



6% households report heating problems that resulted in being uncomfortably cold for 24 hours or more

639,100 households have made some home improvement(s) in the past 2 years



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



6% households cite accessibility for elderly or disabled persons as a reason for improvements

Housing Costs



\$1,429 was the median monthly mortgage total amount excluding insurance and taxes

\$1,250 was the median monthly rent amount

\$1,667 was the median monthly cost of housing

19% of households pay at least half their monthly income for housing

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

\$253 was the median monthly cost paid for utilities

