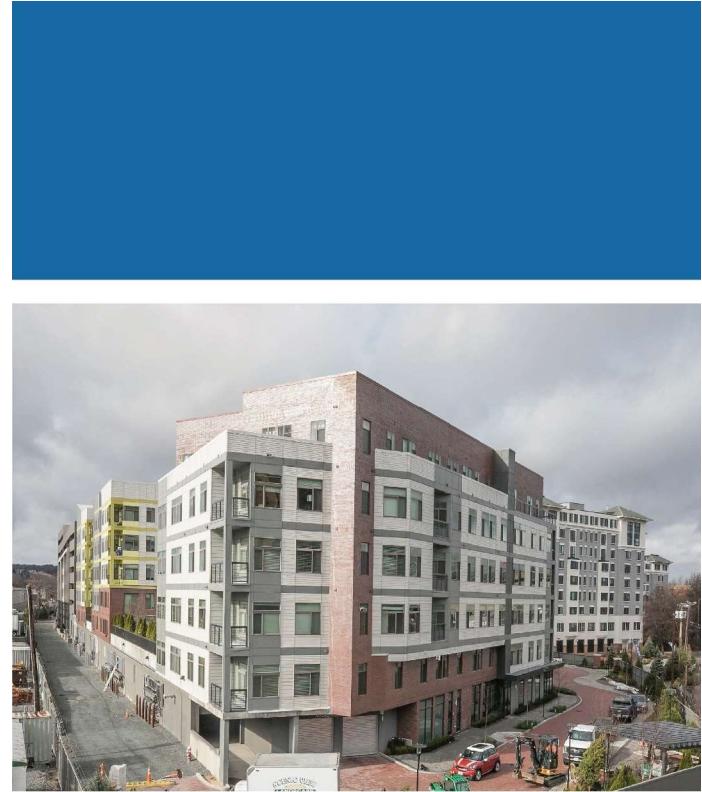
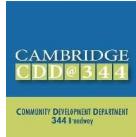
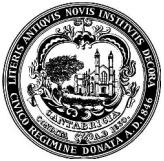


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# Neighborhood Statistical Profile

Cambridge Community Development Department

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CDD takes an interdisciplinary approach to manage and guide physical change in a manner consistent with the City's priorities, engaging and collaborating with community partners and other government agencies to make Cambridge a desirable place to live, work, learn, innovate, and play.

## Document Summary

The Neighborhood Statistical Profiles are snapshots of the demographic character of the thirteen neighborhoods of Cambridge, supplemented by a citywide profile and brief historical data for context.

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## Introduction



## About the Report

Drawing from Decennial Census, American Community Survey, city sources, and private data, this report presents the interested reader with a statistical snapshot of each neighborhood in Cambridge and of the city as a whole. Care has been taken to include a set of statistics that provides insight into the demographic, socioeconomic, and housing conditions of each geographic unit. While no report can convey the full complexity of these communities, the individual profiles present the reader with a range of information suited to multiple purposes.

## About the Neighborhoods

First settled in 1638 and rapidly growing by the mid-nineteenth century, Cambridge was incorporated as a city in 1846. Just over a century later in 1954, the study *Thirteen Neighborhoods: One City* formally established the boundaries of Cambridge's thirteen neighborhoods.

An unpredictably dynamic almost 70 years have passed since these boundaries were drawn. Cambridge continues to serve as the home to world-renowned educational institutions and a diverse population. At the same time, the City has transitioned from a manufacturing center to a key driver of the 21<sup>st</sup> century's technology-driven economy, both at the national and international levels. Throughout this period the thirteen neighborhoods have remained fixtures in conversation among residents and city planners alike.

Cantabrigians identify strongly with the neighborhood where they reside, and each neighborhood has developed its own hyperlocal culture and community. The Cambridge Neighborhood Statistical Profile is intended to both elucidate and pay homage to the distinctive compositions of the thirteen neighborhoods.

## What's New

In addition to updating statistics and graphics throughout the report, the 2023 edition of the profile adds market rate median rents for studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom apartments. Two-thirds of Cambridge's residents rent their housing, which highlights the importance of reporting this measure. We have chosen to present median rents, which are the values that sit at the midpoint of the range of rents reported. In most circumstances mean, or average, values would skew toward the upper end of the range of asked rents and would not accurately represent typical market conditions. These statistics cover only units available on the open market without any affordability supports.



## Glossary of Terms

**Accessibility Scores:** A rating system developed by Walk Score, Inc. that provides quantitative measures of attributes correlated with access to public transit and ease of biking and walking. Each mode is rated on a scale of 0 to 100.

**Bike Score:** Calculated by analyzing four equally weighted variables: bike infrastructure (dedicated lanes, paths, etc.), hills, destination and road connectivity, and number of bike commuters.

**Transit Score:** Measures the relative “usefulness” of nearby routes as determined by line frequency, type of route (heavy or light rail, bus, etc.), and distance to the nearest stop on the route. To account for the difference an additional transit stop can make in a small downtown versus a large urban area, Transit Score data is normalized based on five large U.S. cities.

**Walk Score:** Analyzes hundreds of walking routes from each location to nearby amenities in various categories. Calculates pedestrian friendliness by measuring population density and road metrics, such as block length and intersection density.

**Children:** All residents under 18 years, excluding residents who maintain households or families as the head of household or spouse.

**Own Children:** Sons and daughters, including stepchildren and adopted children, of the householder.

**Related Children:** Include own children and all other children under 18 years old in the household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage or adoption. “Children” as used in this report refers to “Related Children.”

**Dwelling:** Any building or structure, or part thereof, that is used or intended to be used for the purpose of human habitation. Separate apartments in one building count as multiple dwellings. This definition reflects that provided and used by the Census Bureau, and may differ from the definition of “dwelling” as it is used for other purposes, such as zoning regulations.

**Group Quarters:** A place where residents live or stay in a group living arrangement that is owned or managed by an entity or organization providing housing and/or services for the residents. In Cambridge, the great majority of group quarters residents live in university dormitories.

**Hispanic Origin:** Being of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. For more information see <https://www.census.gov/topics/population/hispanic-origin/about.html>.

**Household:** All of the residents who occupy a housing unit. Households include related family members and all unrelated residents who share the housing unit, a person living alone in a housing unit, or a group of unrelated residents sharing a housing unit, such as domestic partners or roommates. The count of households excludes group quarters.

**Non-family Household:** A person living alone, or where the householder shares the home exclusively with residents to whom the householder is not related.

**Family Household:** Includes the householder and all other residents in the living quarters who are related to that person by birth, marriage, or adoption.

**Householder:** The resident or one of the residents in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. If the house is owned or rented jointly by a married couple or unmarried partners, the householder may be either partner. The number of householders is equal to the number of households.

**Housing Stock:** The total number of existing housing units.

**Income:** Income received on a regular basis before payments for personal income taxes, social security, union dues, Medicare deductions, etc. Income does not include noncash benefits, such as food stamps, health benefits, and subsidized housing. For more information see <https://www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/income/about.html>.

**Per Capita Income:** The average income computed for every adult and children in a particular group. The Census Bureau derives per capita income by dividing the total income of a particular group by the total population of the group, excluding patients or inmates in institutional group quarters.

**Journey to Work:** Describes the means by which a person usually travels to work. If the person uses more than one method of transportation during their trip, transportation mode represents the mode used for most of the distance travelled.

**Language Spoken at Home:** Reports whether residents sometimes or always speak a language other than English at home. Statistics exclude residents who know languages other than English but do not use them at home or whose usage is limited to a few expressions or slang. Data includes only responses from those 5 years or older.

**Median Rent:** The point above and below which half of rents fall, representing the midpoint of all reported rents. When working with rental data, the median rent is more representative of the market conditions encountered by would-be renters. The average rent is often skewed by high values, making that statistic not as representative of typical housing costs.

**Owner-occupied:** A housing unit is “owned” if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit, even if it is mortgaged or otherwise not fully paid for.

**Persons for Whom Poverty is Determined:** Poverty status is determined for all residents except those who reside in institutionalized settings (e.g., nursing homes), military group quarters, and college dormitories as well as for unrelated individuals under 15 years old. These groups are excluded from the numerator and denominator when calculating poverty rates.

**Poverty:** The Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to identify who is poor. Poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, except for Alaska and Hawaii. The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and excludes capital gains and noncash benefits, such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps. In 2021 the poverty threshold for a one-person household was \$13,788, a two-person household was \$17,529, a three-person household was \$21,559, and a four-person household was \$27,740.

The following describes the poverty thresholds for 2021: <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/tables/time-series/historical-poverty-thresholds/thresh21.xlsx>.

For more information about how poverty thresholds were developed and have changed, see the United States Census Bureau Subject Definitions: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/technical-documentation/subject-definitions.html#povertydefinition>.

**Renter-occupied:** A housing unit is “rented” if neither the owner nor co-owner lives in it. Rented units include those rented for cash rent and those occupied without payment of cash rent.

**Resident:** The American Community Survey counts as a resident those persons who have resided at a location for at least two months prior to the date of survey. The decennial census counts people as residents at their usual residence, where a person lives and sleeps most of the time.

**Sex:** Refers to biological sex. Options reported are male and female.

**Vacant:** A housing unit is vacant if it is unoccupied at the time of survey. Units occupied entirely by persons who are staying two months or less and who have a more permanent residence elsewhere are considered to be temporarily occupied, and are classified as “vacant.” New units not yet occupied are classified as vacant housing units if construction has reached a point where all exterior windows and doors are installed and final usable floors are in place. Vacant units also include those held vacant either by choice of the property owner or due to unsafe conditions. For more information see: <https://www.census.gov/housing/hvs/definitions.pdf>.

**Market Vacant:** Units categorized as “For Sale” or “For Rent” are those vacant units available to new permanent occupants through the rental or sale market. These units are used to calculate the market vacancy rate.

**Other Vacant:** Units categorized as “other vacant” include those categorized as “Rented, Not Occupied,” “Sold, Not Occupied,” “For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use,” “For Migrant Workers,” and “Other Vacant.” These units are unavailable to new permanent occupants through the for-rent or for-sale housing markets and are excluded from the market vacancy rate.

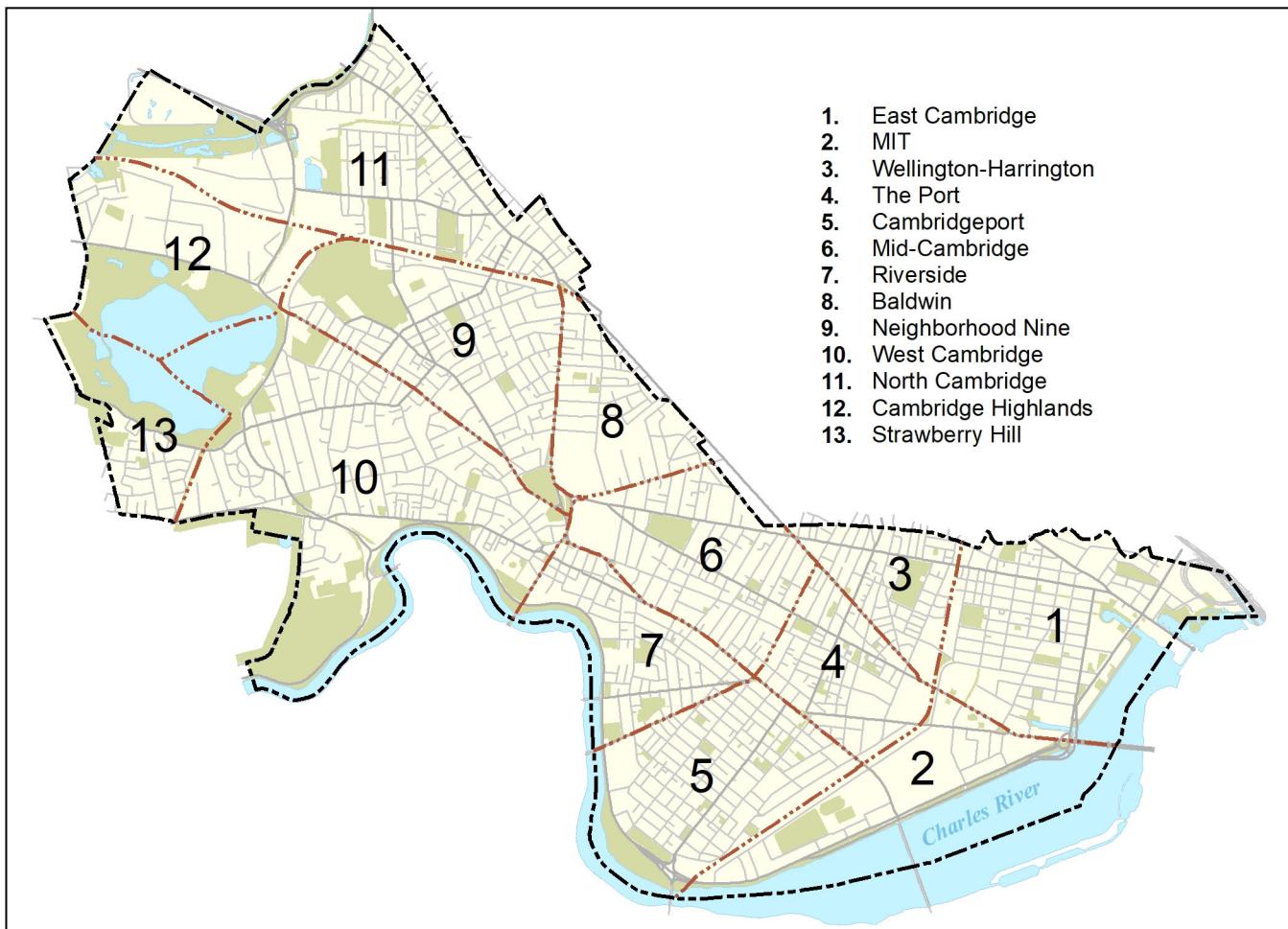
**Vehicles Available:** Refers to the number of motor vehicles available for use by all members of a household. This includes vehicles owned by household members and other vehicles available for their use.



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## City of Cambridge Statistical Profile





**Land Area** 4,087 acres (6.39 sq. mi.)

Persons per Acre 28.6

Dwelling Units per Acre 12.7

**Population** 116,892 residents

In Households 99,969 (85.5% of total)

    In Families 54,880 (46.9% of total)

    In Group Quarters 16,923 (14.5% of total)

Persons per Household 2.09

    Persons per Family 2.80

17 Years or Younger 14,512 (12.4% of total)

65 Years or Older 13,218 (11.3% of total)

**Diversity Index<sup>1</sup>**

    White / Black / Asian / Other 0.61

    Black / All Others 0.19

**Households**

**Households** 47,777

    Families 19,584 (41.0% of total)

% of Units % of Properties

Single Family	9.3%	36.9%
2 to 4 Units	30.8%	49.8%
5 to 12 Units	17.6%	9.7%
13 to 25 Units	7.8%	1.5%
26 Units or More	34.4%	2.1%

**Housing Stock** (% of Units)



**Residential Properties** (% of Properties)



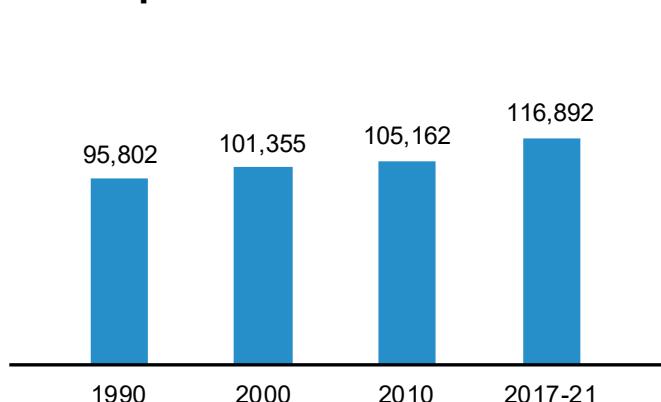
**Housing Occupancy**

Dwellings	51,966	(12.7 per acre)
Owner-Occupied	15,958	(30.7% of total)
Renter-Occupied	31,819	(61.2% of total)
Market Vacant	1,297	(2.5% of total)
Other Vacant	2,892	(5.6% of total)

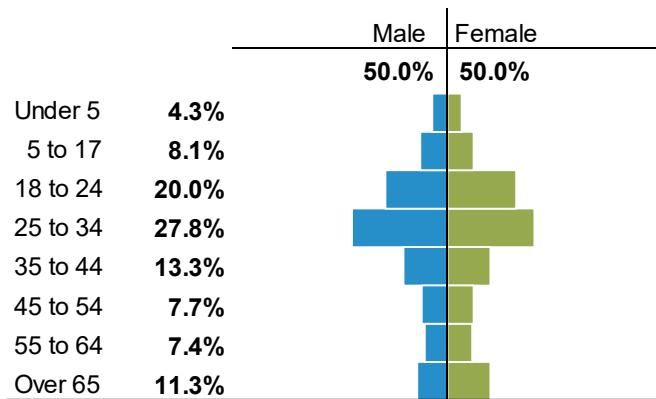
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## POPULATION TRENDS

### Total Population



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



### Hispanic Origin



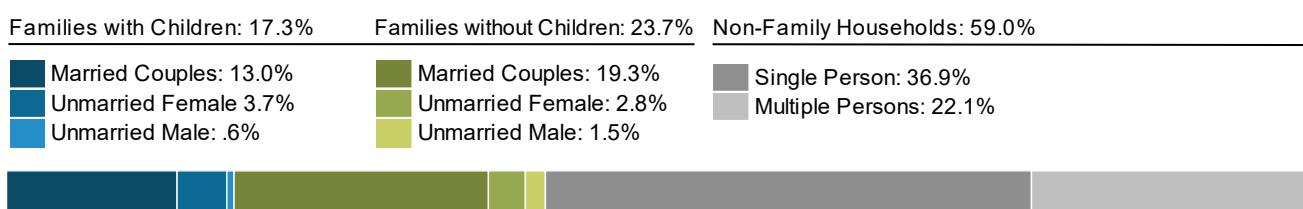
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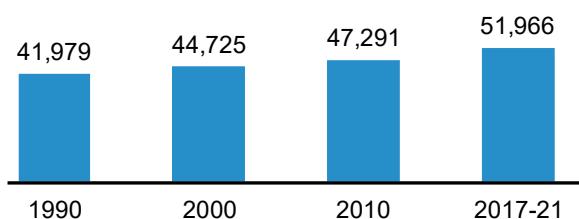
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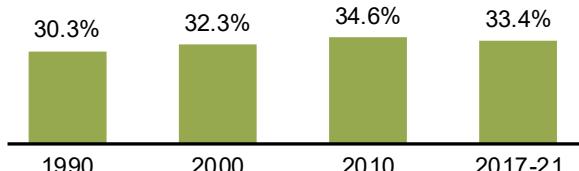
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## HOUSING TRENDS

### Total Dwelling Units



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)



### Median Market Rents Asked

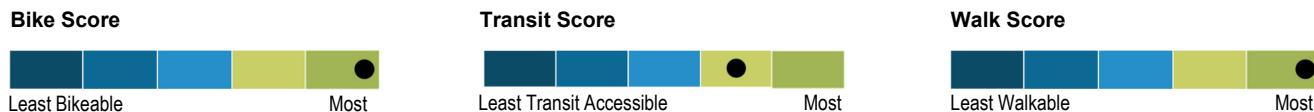


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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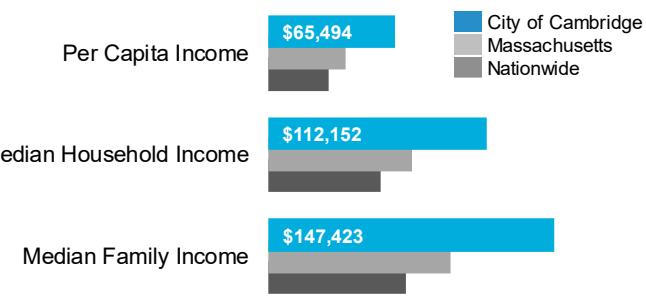


### Vehicles per Household

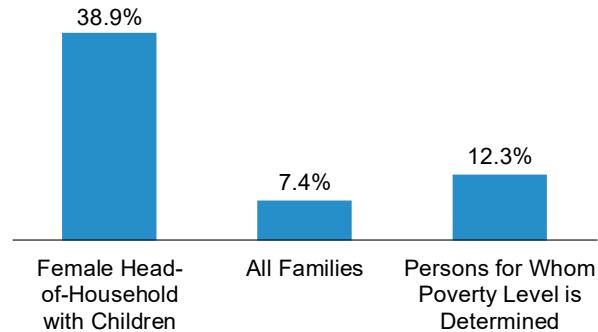


## ECONOMIC MEASURES

### Income (all figures adjusted to 2021 levels)



### Poverty Rates



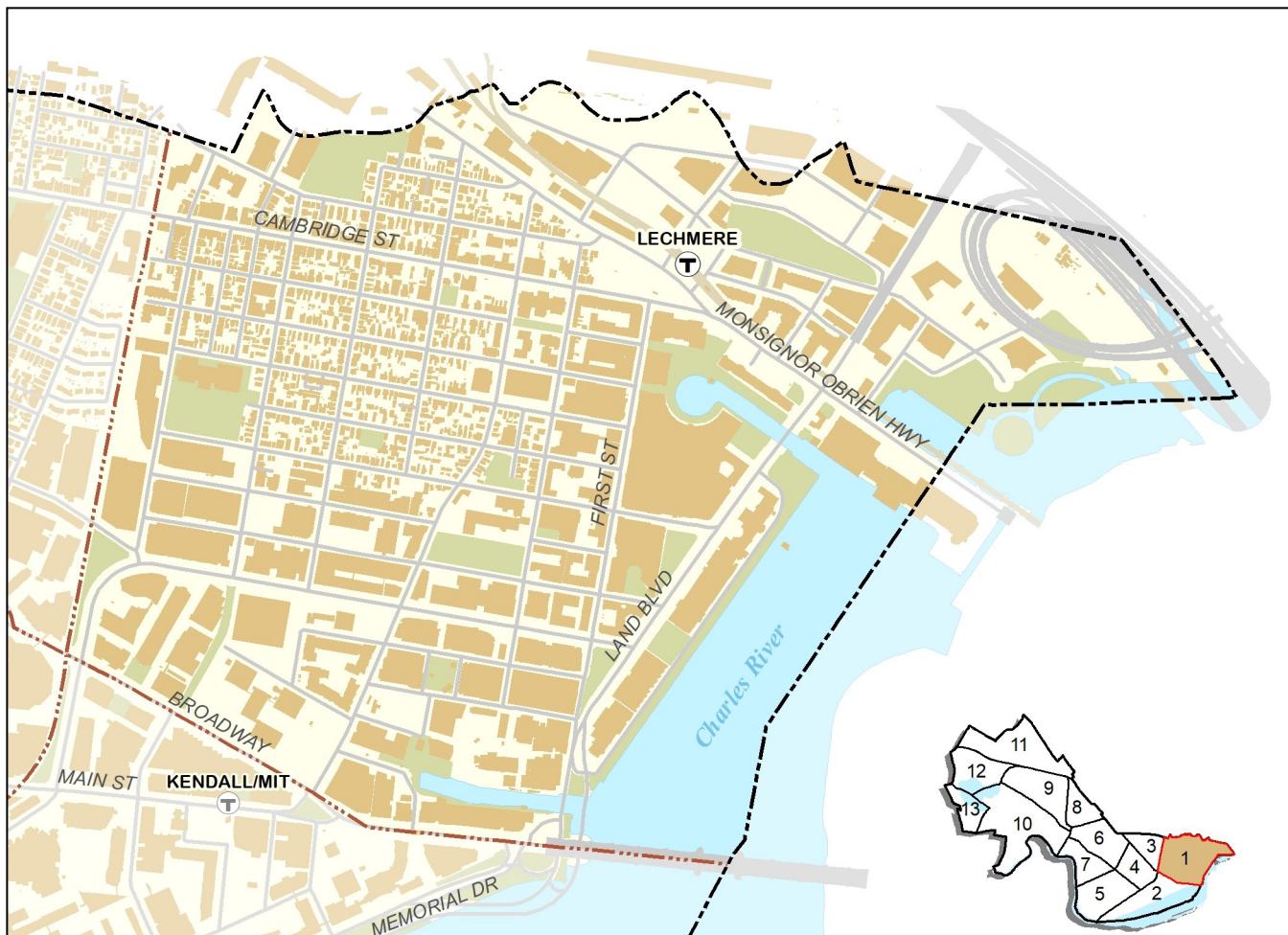
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## Neighborhood Statistical Profiles

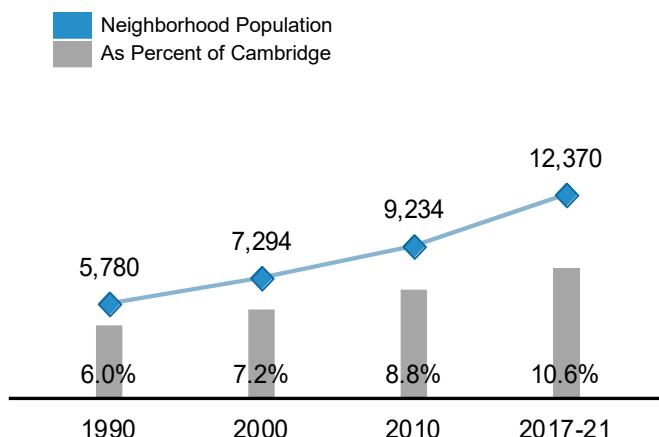




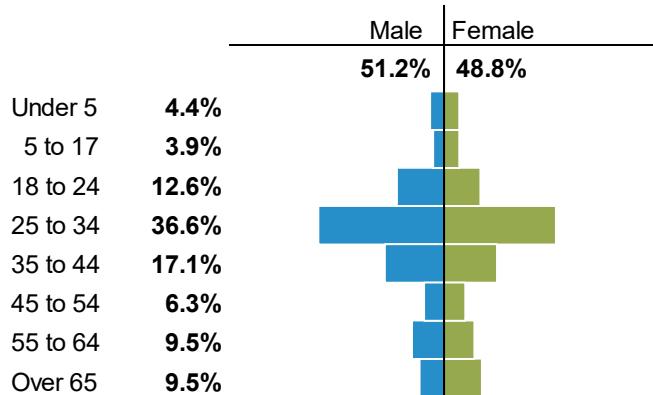
Land Area	405 acres (0.63 sq. mi.)	% of Units	% of Properties
Persons per Acre	30.5	9.9% of city	
Dwelling Units per Acre	18.0		
Population	12,370 residents		
In Households	12,326 (99.6% of total)		
In Families	5,580 (45.1% of total)		
In Group Quarters	44 (< 1% of total)		
Persons per Household	1.89		
Persons per Family	2.68		
17 Years or Younger	1,023 (8.3% of total)		
65 Years or Older	1,179 (9.5% of total)		
Diversity Index <sup>1</sup>		Housing Stock (%) of Units)	
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.60	Single Family	2.7% 28.0%
Black / All Others	0.12	2 to 4 Units	18.3% 64.2%
Households		5 to 12 Units	2.8% 3.1%
Households	6,508	13 to 25 Units	0.9% 0.6%
Families	2,083 (32.0% of total)	26 Units or More	75.4% 4.1%
Housing Occupancy		Residential Properties (%) of Properties)	
Dwellings	7,308 (18.0 per acre)		
Owner-Occupied	1,767 (24.2% of total)		
Renter-Occupied	4,741 (64.9% of total)		
Market Vacant	337 (4.6% of total)		
Other Vacant	463 (6.3% of total)		

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## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



### Hispanic Origin



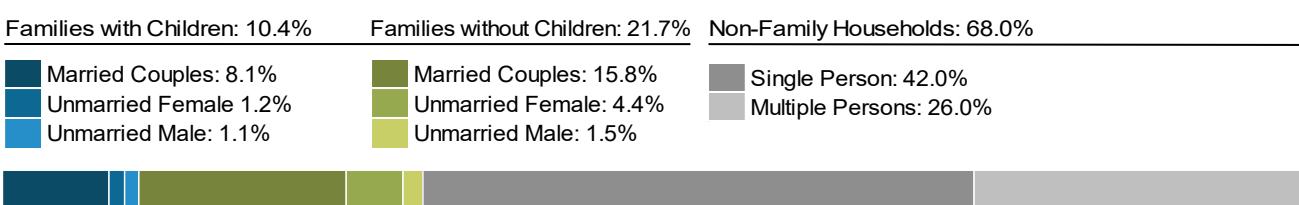
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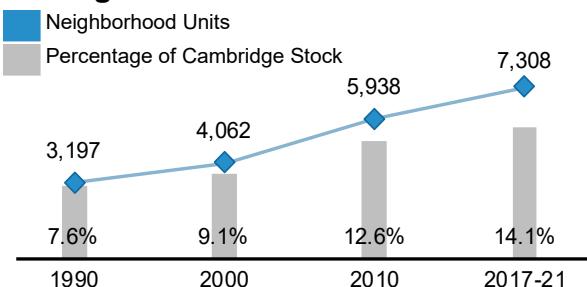
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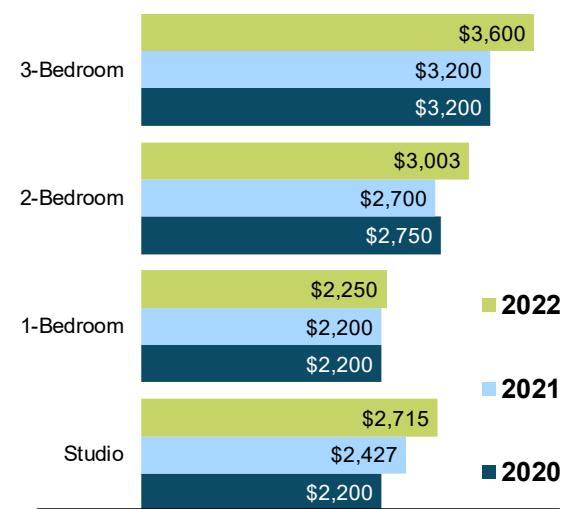
### Dwelling Units



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)

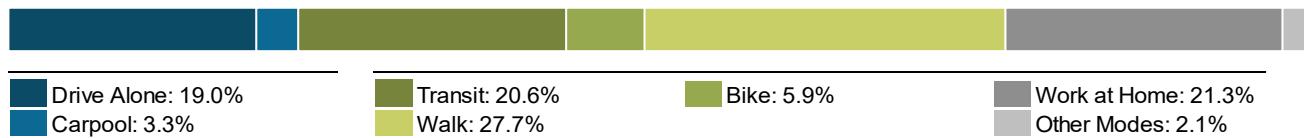


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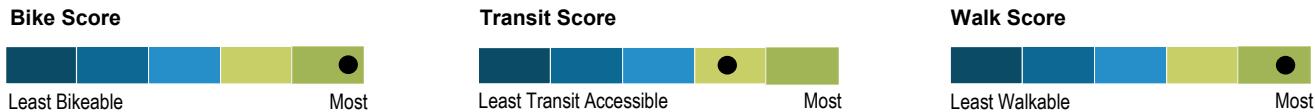


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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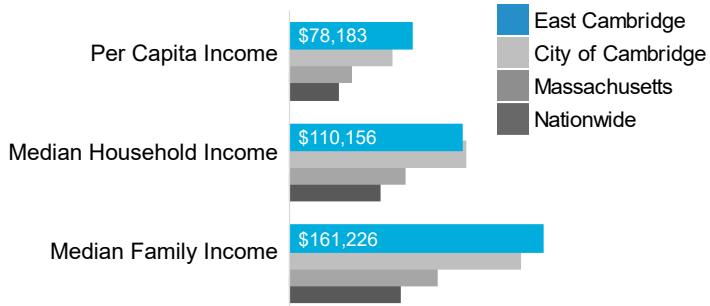


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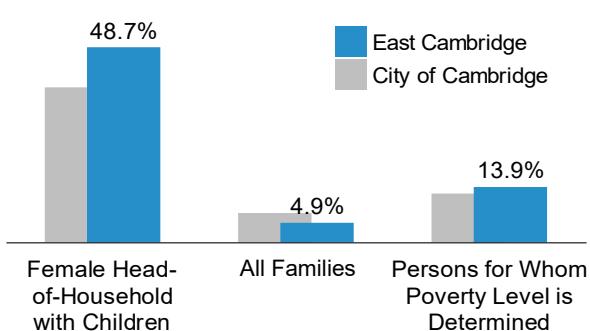


## ECONOMIC MEASURES

### Income (all figures adjusted to 2021 levels)



### Poverty Rates



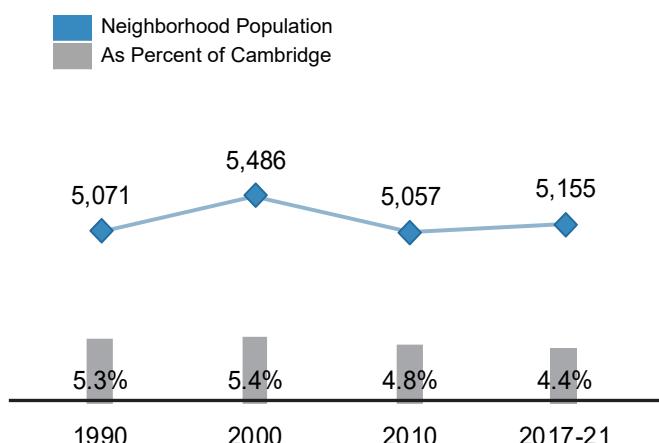
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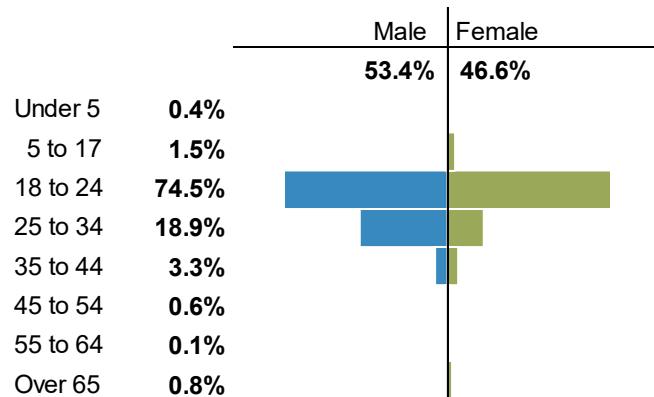
Land Area	242 acres (0.38 sq. mi.)	% of Units	% of Properties
Persons per Acre	21.3	5.9% of city	0.0% 0.0%
Dwelling Units per Acre	1.7		22.2%
<b>Population</b>	<b>5,155 residents</b>		
In Households	645 (12.5% of total)		
In Families	126 (2.4% of total)		
In Group Quarters	4,510 (87.5% of total)		
Persons per Household	1.78		
Persons per Family	2.29		
17 Years or Younger	95 (1.8% of total)		
65 Years or Older	40 (< 1% of total)		
<b>Diversity Index<sup>1</sup></b>			
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.65		
Black / All Others	0.11		
<b>Households</b>			
Households	363		
Families	55 (15.2% of total)		
		3.4% of city	
			<b>Housing Stock (%) of Units</b>
			26 Units or More 98.8%
			13 to 25 Units 0.8%
			5 to 12 Units 0.0%
			2 to 4 Units 0.4%
			Single Family 0.0%
			<b>Residential Properties (%) of Properties</b>
			26 Units or More 66.7%
			13 to 25 Units 11.1%
			5 to 12 Units 0.0%
			2 to 4 Units 22.2%
			Single Family 0.0%
			<b>Housing Occupancy</b>
			Dwellings 403 (1.7 per acre)
			Owner-Occupied - (< 1% of total)
			Renter-Occupied 363 (90.1% of total)
			Market Vacant 40 (9.9% of total)
			Other Vacant - (< 1% of total)

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## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN

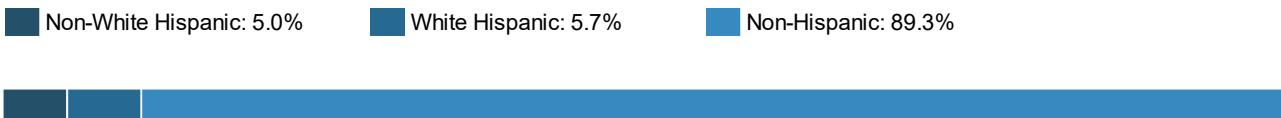


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### Race



### Hispanic Origin



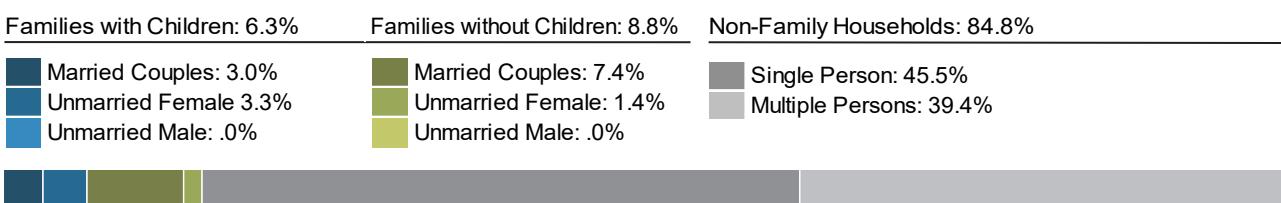
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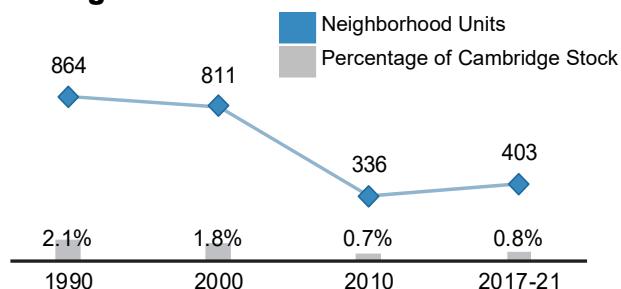


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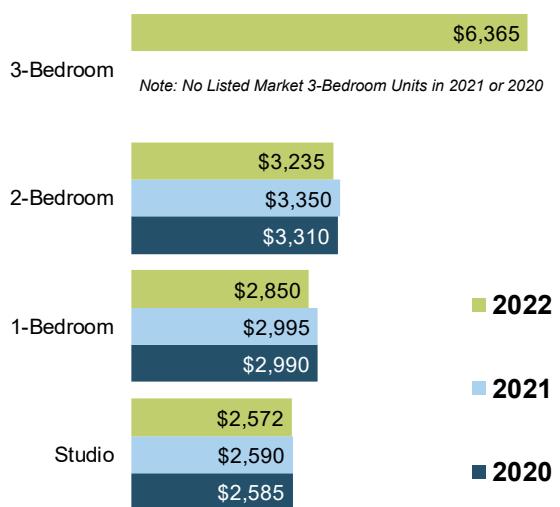


## HOUSING TRENDS

### Dwelling Units



### Median Market Rents Asked



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)

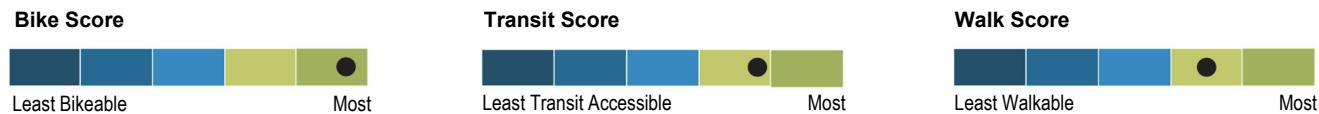


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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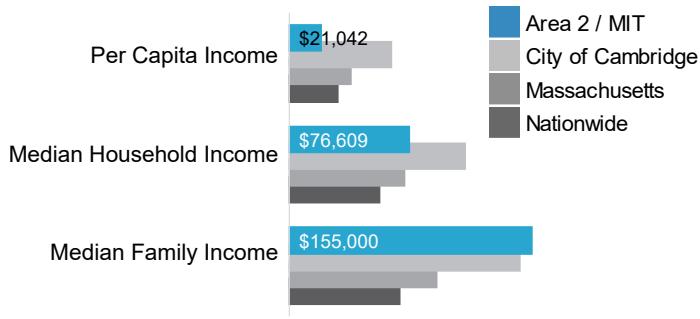


### Vehicles per Household

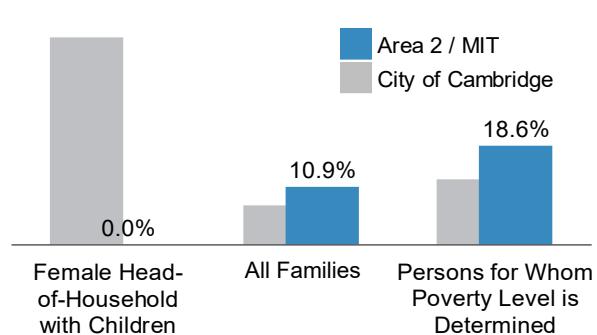


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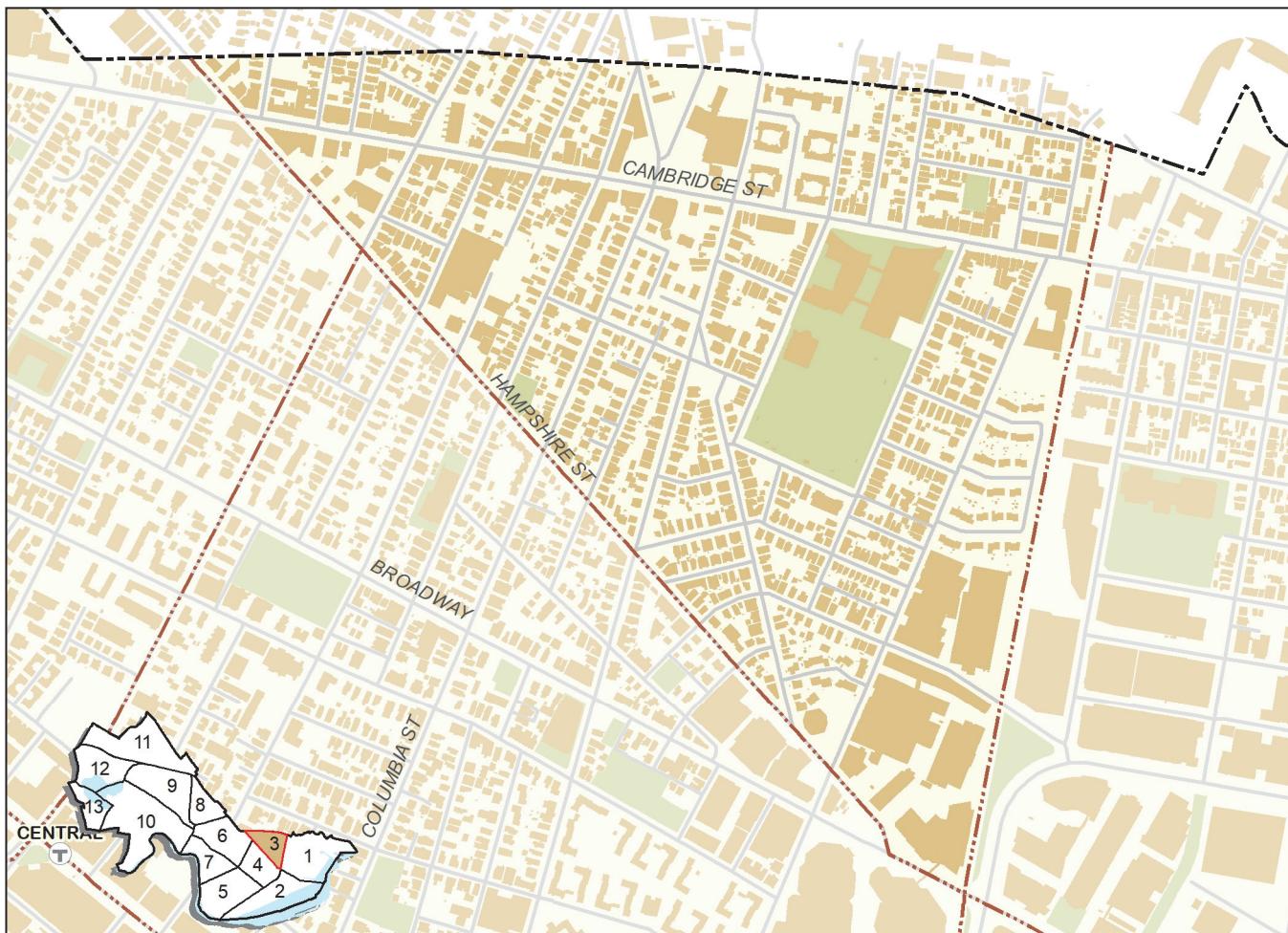
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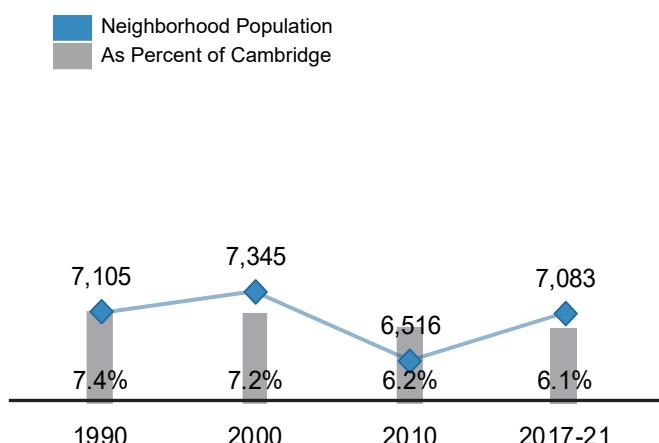


Land Area	152 acres (0.24 sq. mi.)	% of Units	% of Properties
Persons per Acre	46.6	3.7% of city	
Dwelling Units per Acre	20.2		
<b>Population</b>	<b>7,083 residents</b>		
In Households	7,073 (99.9% of total)		
In Families	4,001 (56.5% of total)		
In Group Quarters	10 (< 1% of total)		
Persons per Household	2.40		
Persons per Family	2.95		
17 Years or Younger	1,088 (15.4% of total)		
65 Years or Older	569 (8.0% of total)		
<b>Diversity Index<sup>1</sup></b>			
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.60		
Black / All Others	0.20		
<b>Households</b>			
Households	2,947		
Families	1,356 (46.0% of total)		
<b>Housing Stock (%) of Units</b>			
Single Family	7.4%	26.0%	
2 to 4 Units	64.5%	69.0%	
5 to 12 Units	7.5%	2.9%	
13 to 25 Units	6.1%	1.4%	
26 Units or More	14.4%	0.7%	
<b>Housing Occupancy (%) of Properties</b>			
Dwellings	3,077 (20.2 per acre)		
Owner-Occupied	767 (24.9% of total)		
Renter-Occupied	2,180 (70.8% of total)		
Market Vacant	21 (< 1% of total)		
Other Vacant	109 (3.5% of total)		

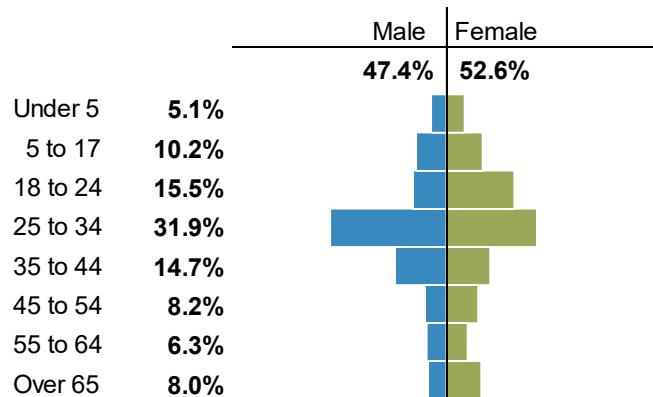
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# WELLINGTON-HARRINGTON / AREA 3

## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



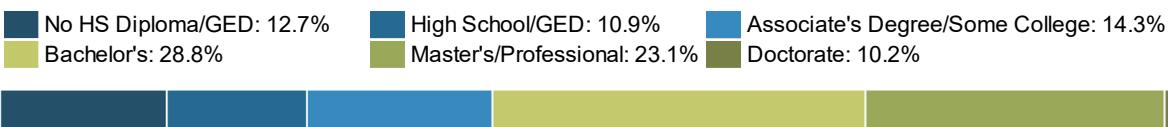
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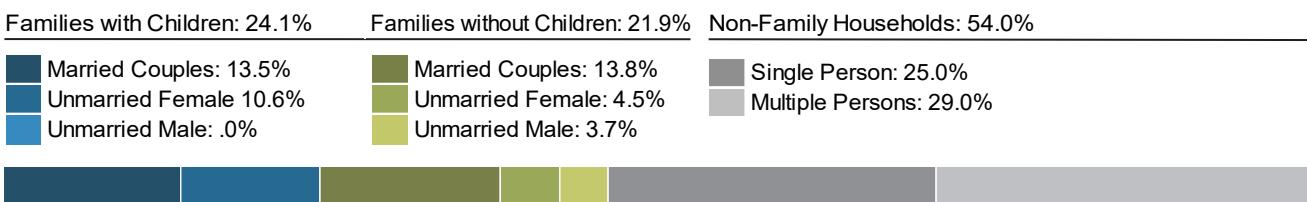
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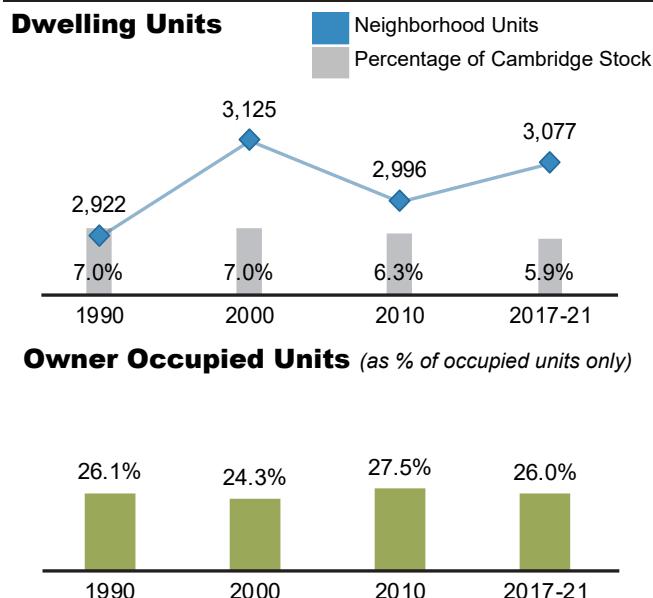


### Households



# WELLINGTON-HARRINGTON / AREA 3

## HOUSING TRENDS

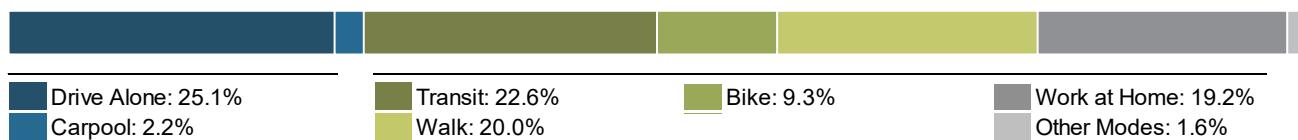


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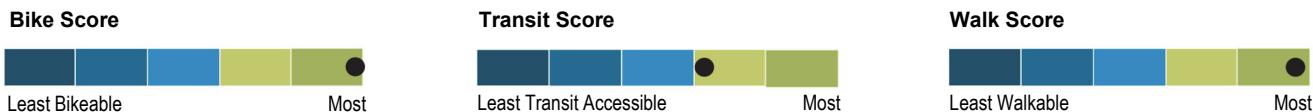


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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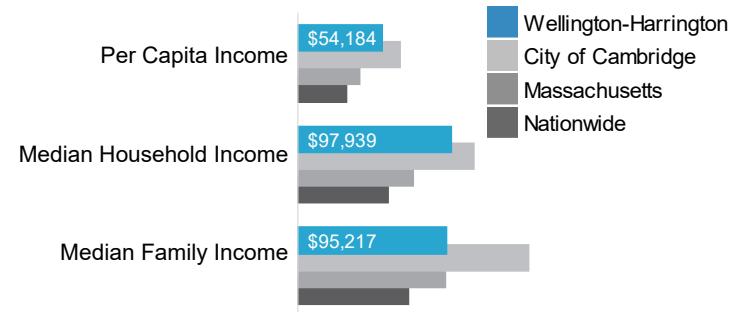


### Vehicles per Household

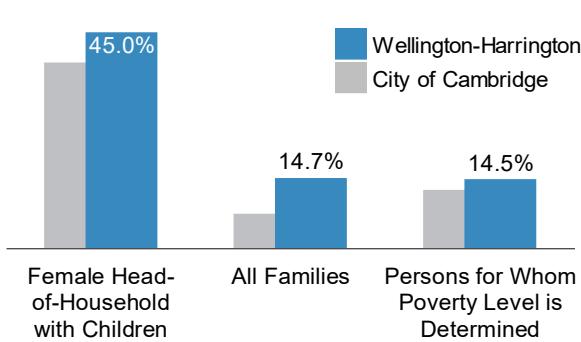


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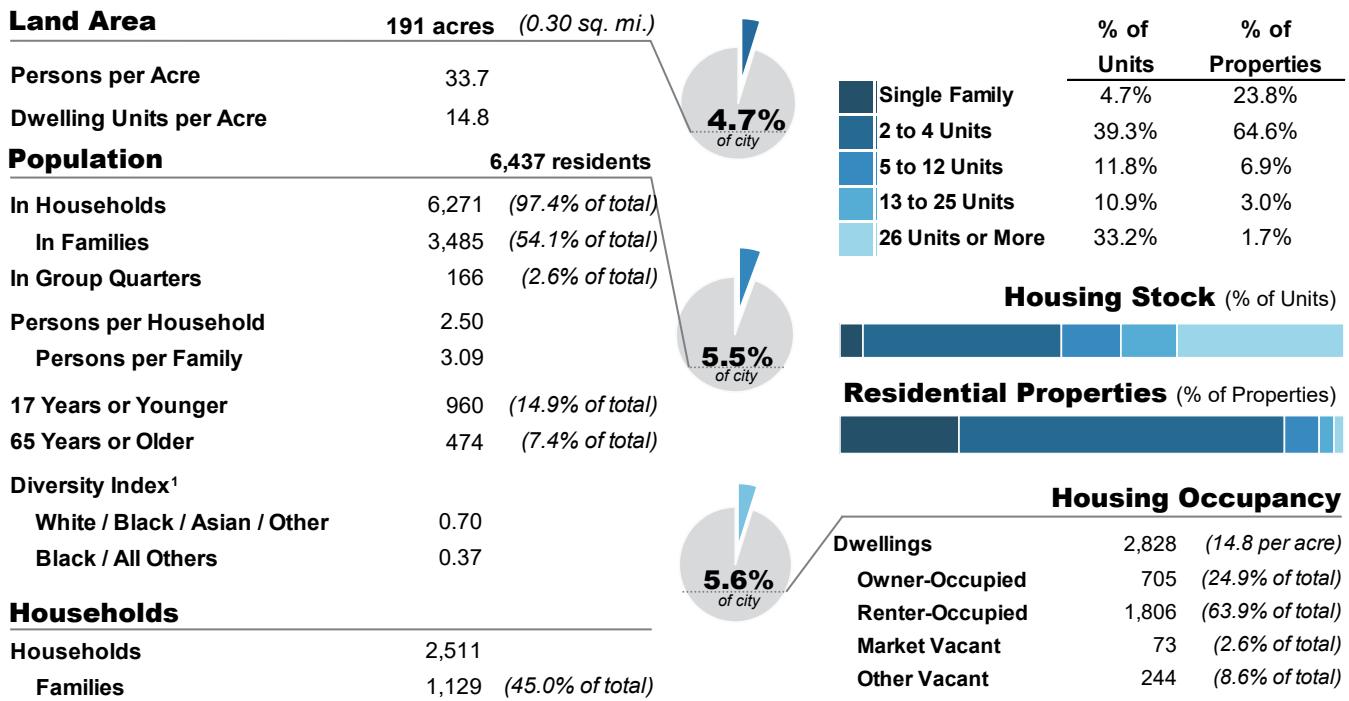
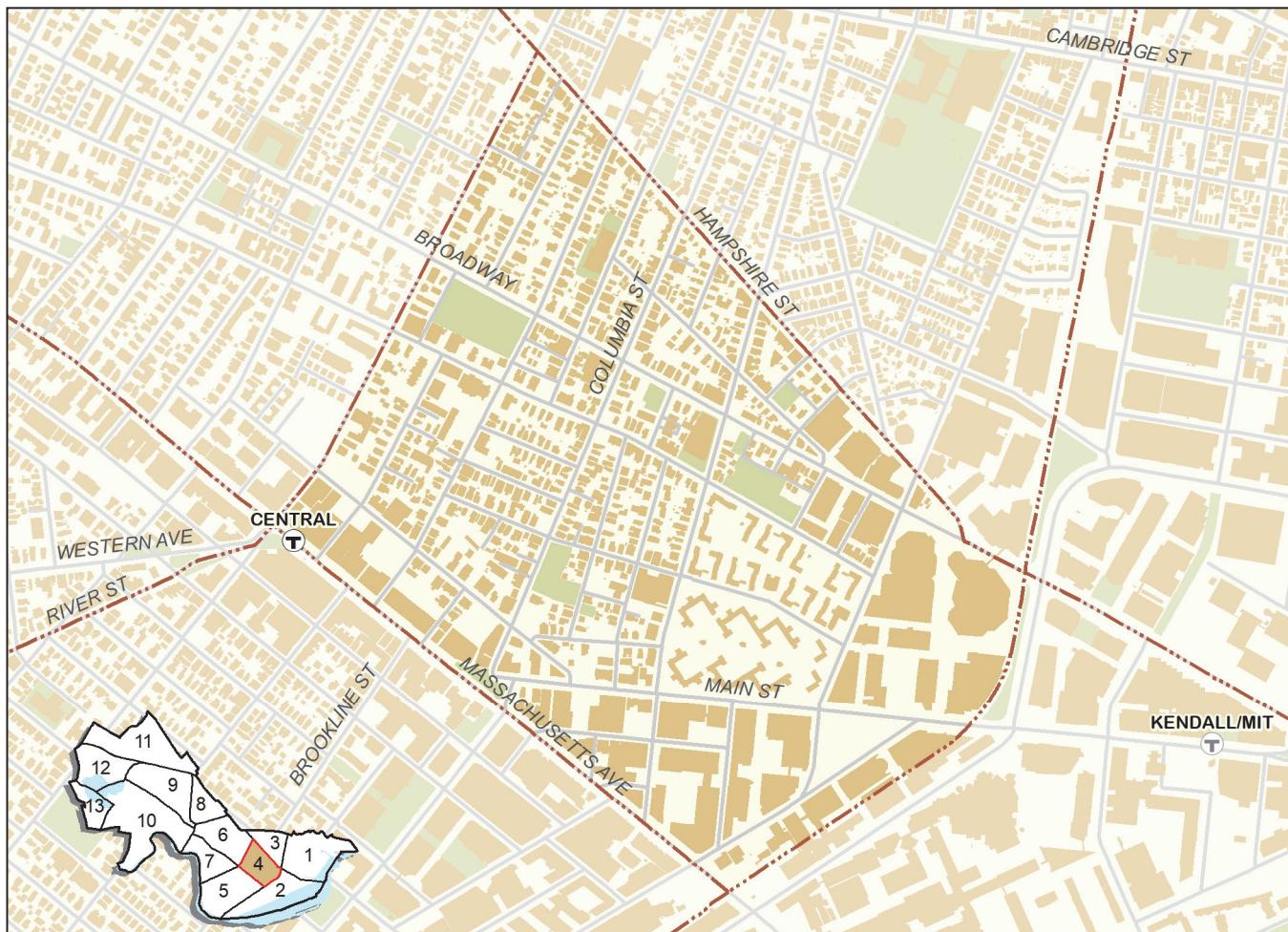
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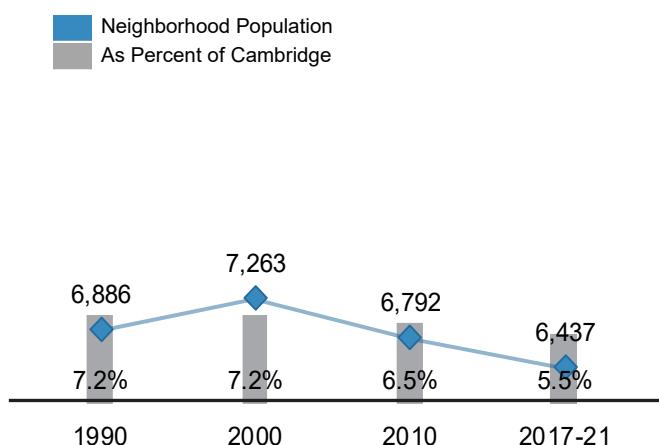
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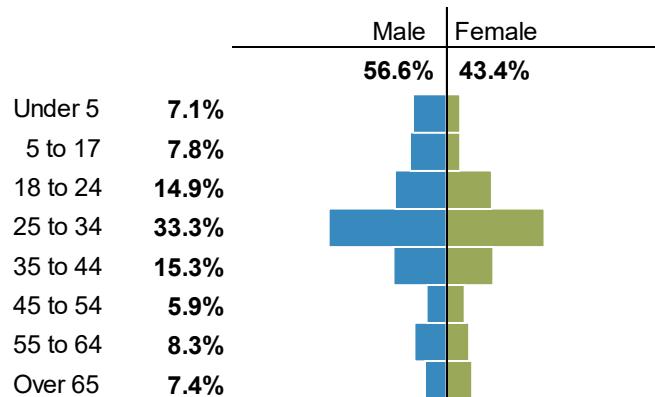
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## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



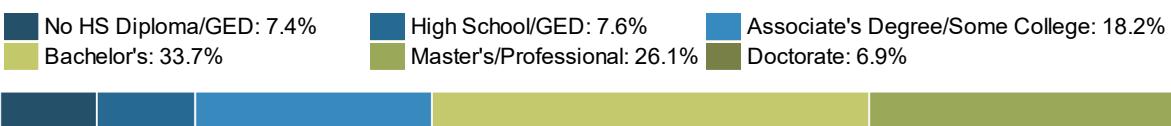
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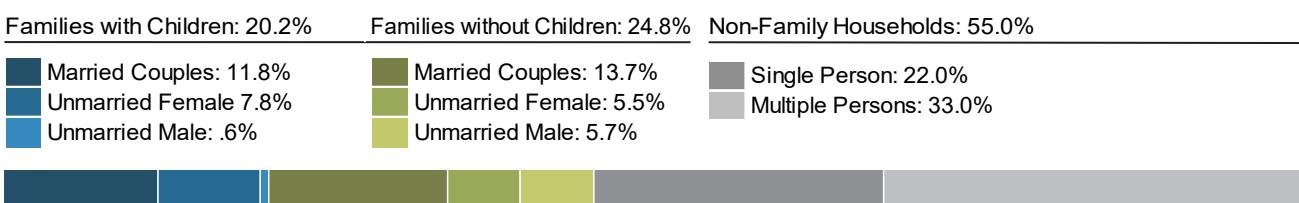
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### Educational Attainment

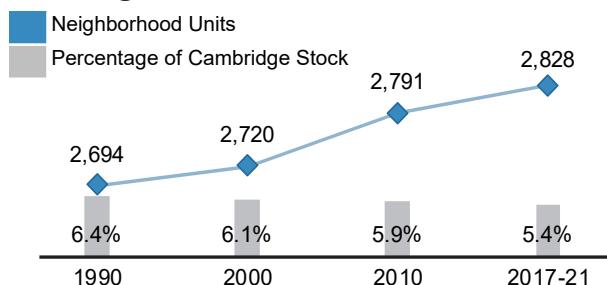


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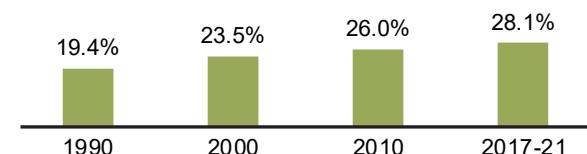


## HOUSING TRENDS

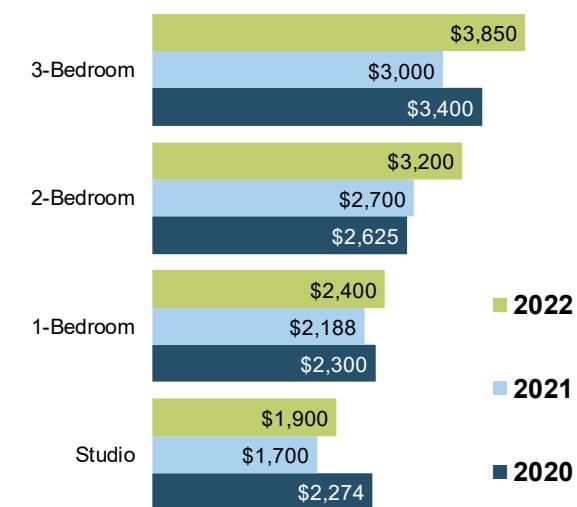
### Dwelling Units



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)



### Median Market Rents Asked

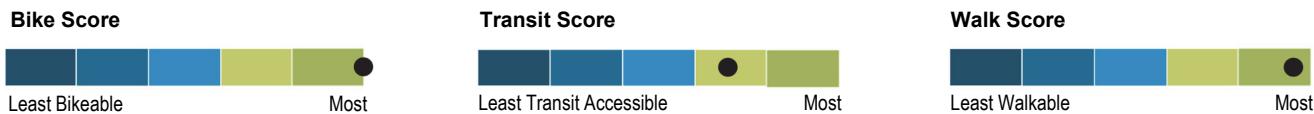


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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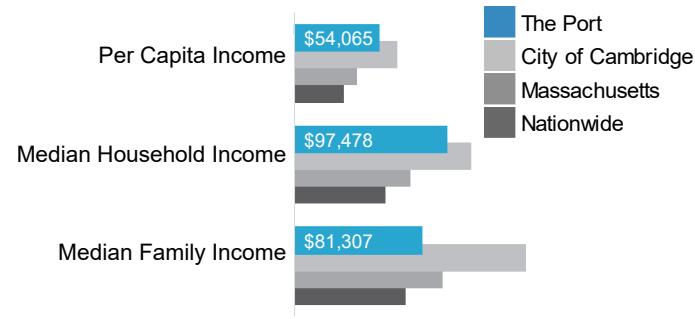


### Vehicles per Household

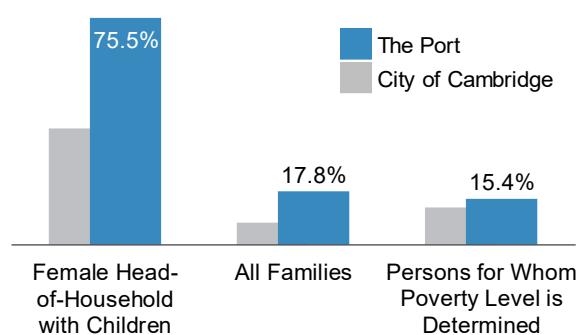


## ECONOMIC MEASURES

### Income (all figures adjusted to 2021 levels)



### Poverty Rates



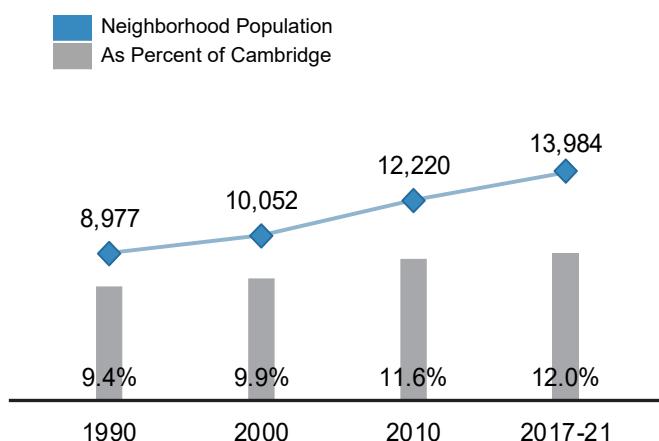
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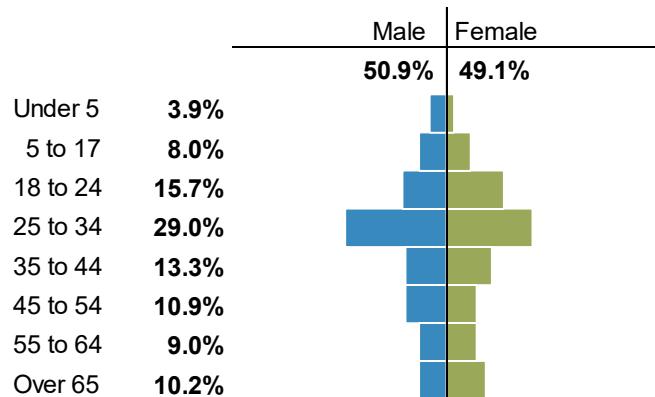
Land Area	338 acres (0.53 sq. mi.)	% of Units	% of Properties
Persons per Acre	41.4	8.3% of city	
Dwelling Units per Acre	18.1		
<b>Population</b>	<b>13,984 residents</b>		
In Households	12,162 (87.0% of total)		
In Families	6,751 (48.3% of total)		
In Group Quarters	1,822 (13.0% of total)		
Persons per Household	2.08		
Persons per Family	2.80		
17 Years or Younger	1,662 (11.9% of total)		
65 Years or Older	1,425 (10.2% of total)		
<b>Diversity Index<sup>1</sup></b>			
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.62		
Black / All Others	0.20		
<b>Households</b>			
Households	5,846		
Families	2,414 (41.3% of total)		
<b>Housing Stock (%) of Units</b>			
Single Family	4.0%	23.5%	
2 to 4 Units	34.1%	68.9%	
5 to 12 Units	6.1%	3.9%	
13 to 25 Units	5.2%	1.8%	
26 Units or More	50.6%	2.0%	
<b>Residential Properties (%) of Properties</b>			
Single Family	4.0%	23.5%	
2 to 4 Units	34.1%	68.9%	
5 to 12 Units	6.1%	3.9%	
13 to 25 Units	5.2%	1.8%	
26 Units or More	50.6%	2.0%	
<b>Housing Occupancy</b>			
Dwellings	6,105 (18.1 per acre)		
Owner-Occupied	1,924 (31.5% of total)		
Renter-Occupied	3,922 (64.2% of total)		
Market Vacant	106 (1.7% of total)		
Other Vacant	153 (2.5% of total)		

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## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



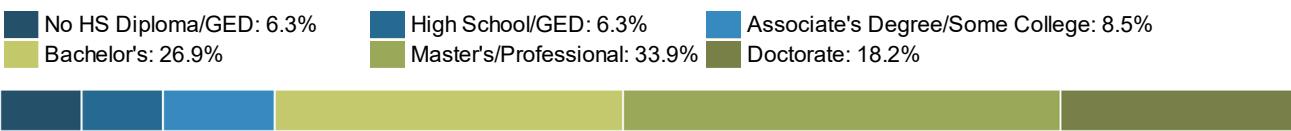
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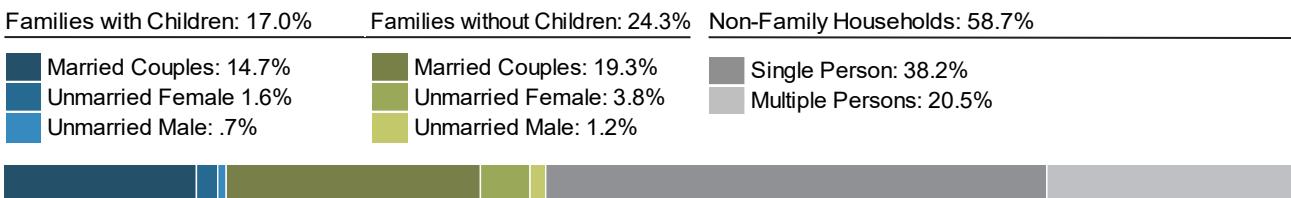
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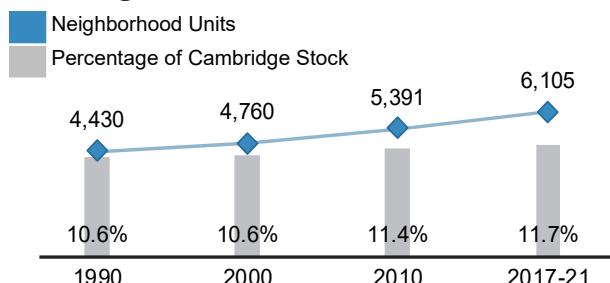
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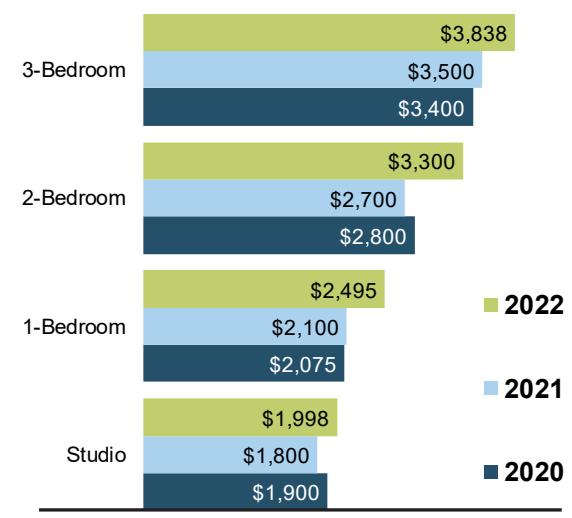
# CAMBRIDGEPORT / AREA 5

## HOUSING TRENDS

### Dwelling Units



### Median Market Rents Asked



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)

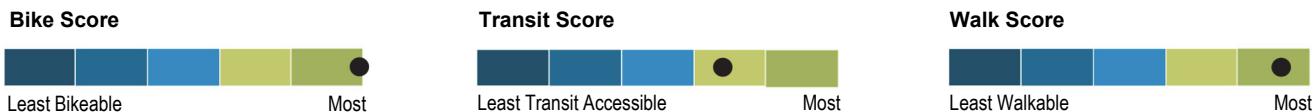


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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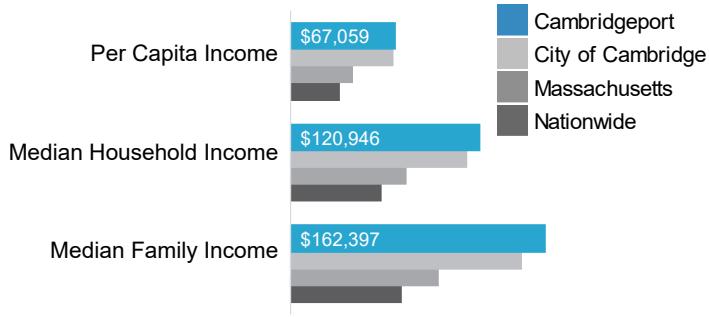


### Vehicles per Household

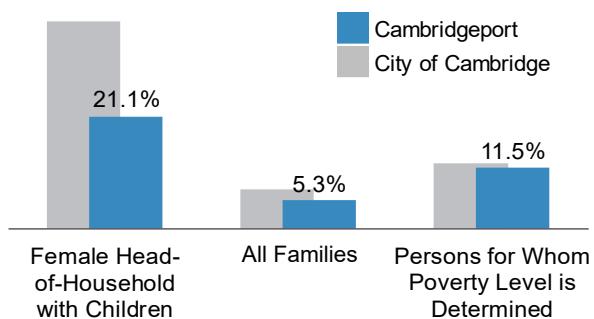


## ECONOMIC MEASURES

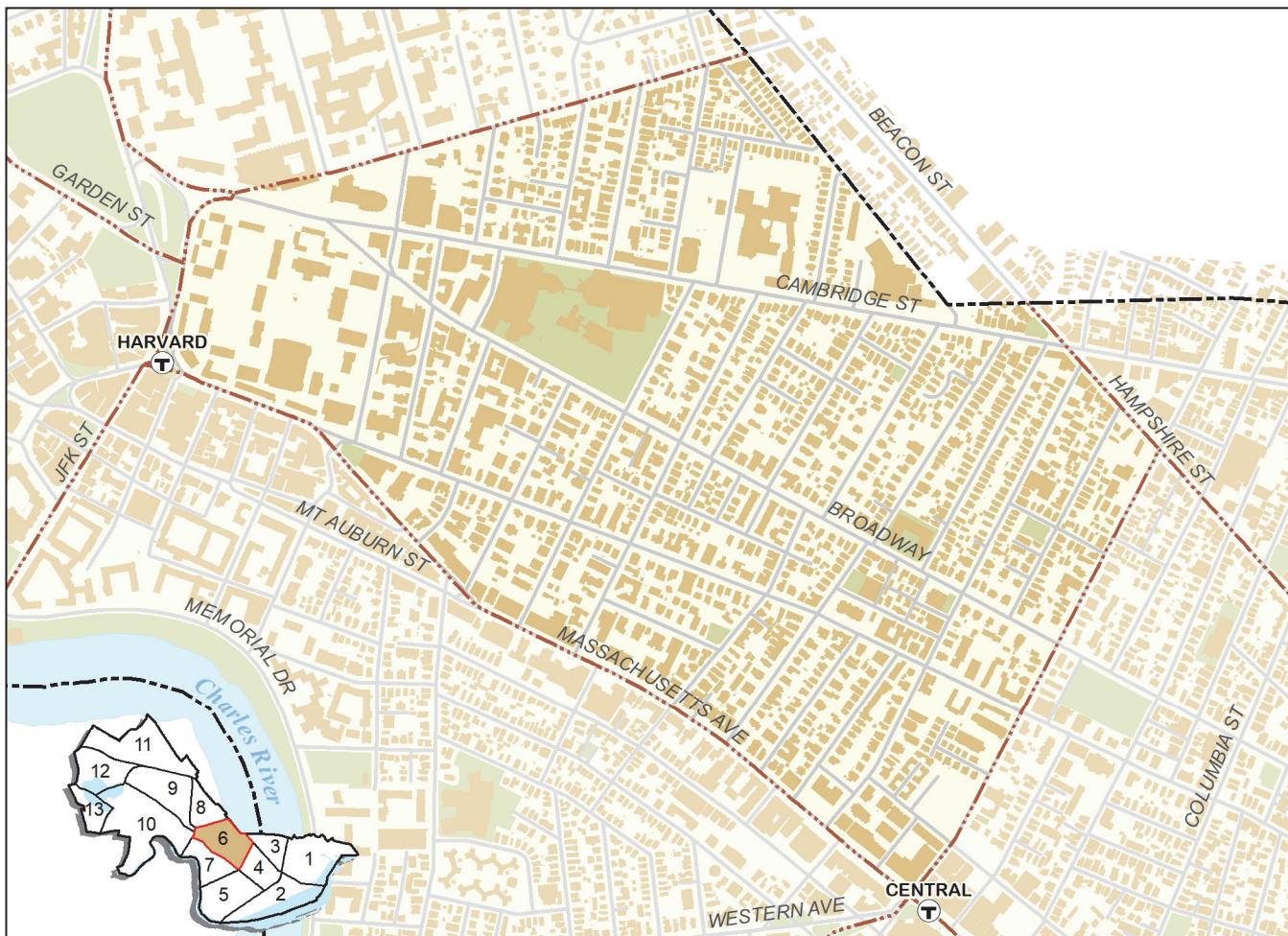
### Income (all figures adjusted to 2021 levels)



### Poverty Rates



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**Land Area****293 acres (0.46 sq. mi.)****Persons per Acre**

47.6

**Dwelling Units per Acre**

23.1

**Population****13,957 residents****In Households**

11,864 (85.0% of total)

**In Families**

5,655 (40.5% of total)

**In Group Quarters**

2,093 (15.0% of total)

**Persons per Household**

1.95

**Persons per Family**

2.54

**17 Years or Younger**

1,117 (8.0% of total)

**65 Years or Older**

1,976 (14.2% of total)

**Diversity Index<sup>1</sup>****White / Black / Asian / Other**

0.54

**Black / All Others**

0.11

**Households****Households**

6,094

**Families**

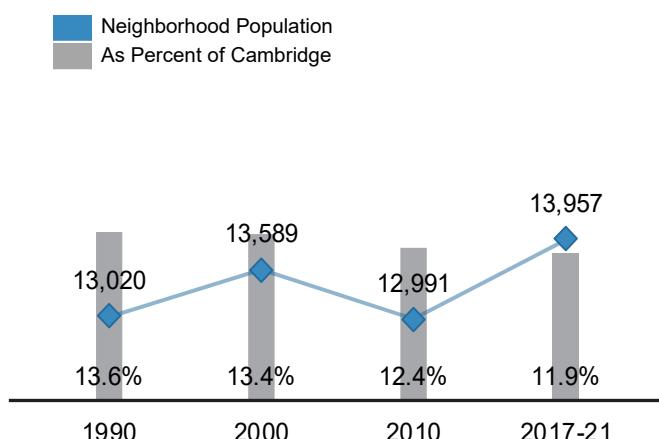
2,224 (36.5% of total)

**Housing Stock (%) of Units****Residential Properties (%) of Properties****Housing Occupancy**

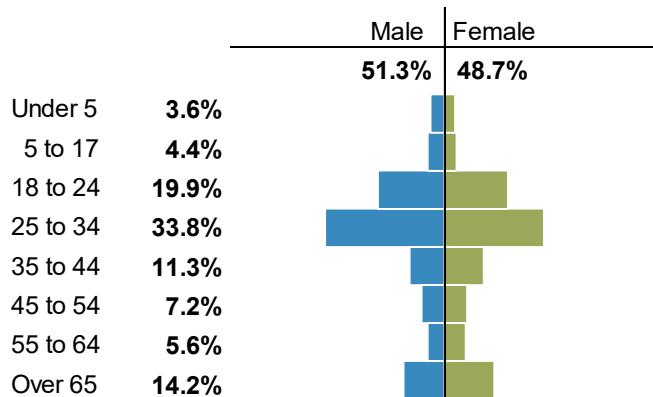
<b>Dwellings</b>	6,772	(23.1 per acre)
<b>Owner-Occupied</b>	2,213	(32.7% of total)
<b>Renter-Occupied</b>	3,881	(57.3% of total)
<b>Market Vacant</b>	329	(4.9% of total)
<b>Other Vacant</b>	349	(5.2% of total)

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## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



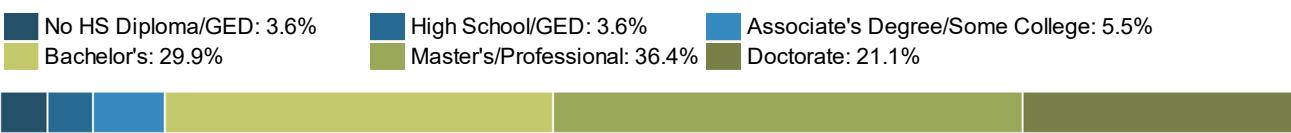
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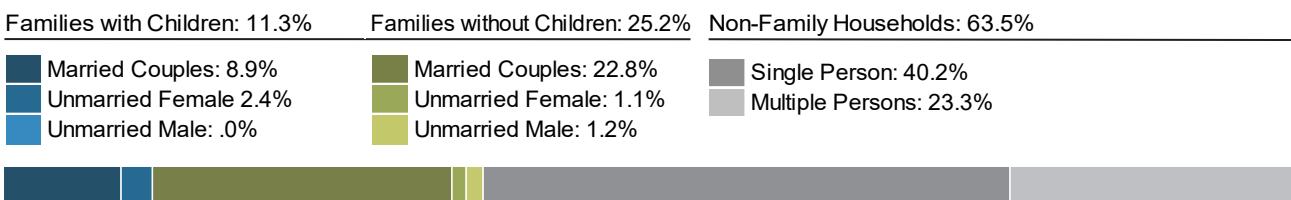
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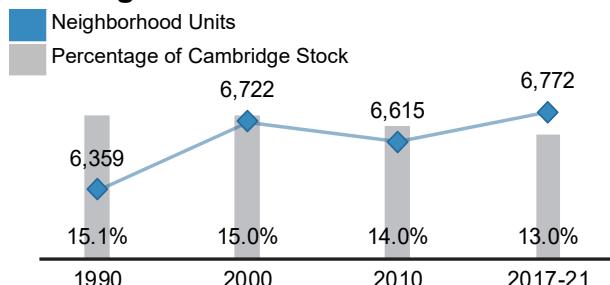
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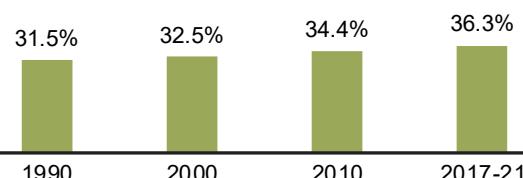
# MID-CAMBRIDGE / AREA 6

## HOUSING TRENDS

### Dwelling Units



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)



### Median Market Rents Asked

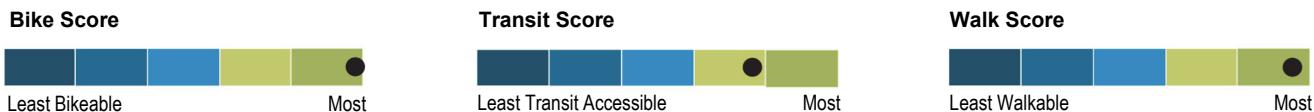


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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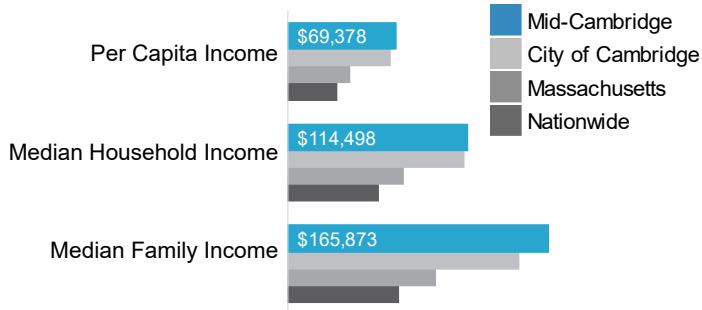


### Vehicles per Household

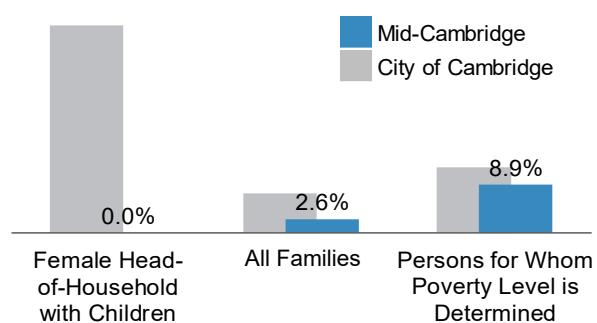


## ECONOMIC MEASURES

### Income (all figures adjusted to 2021 levels)



### Poverty Rates



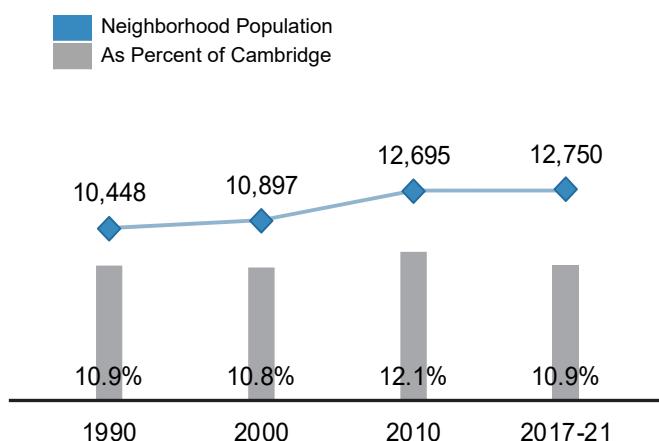
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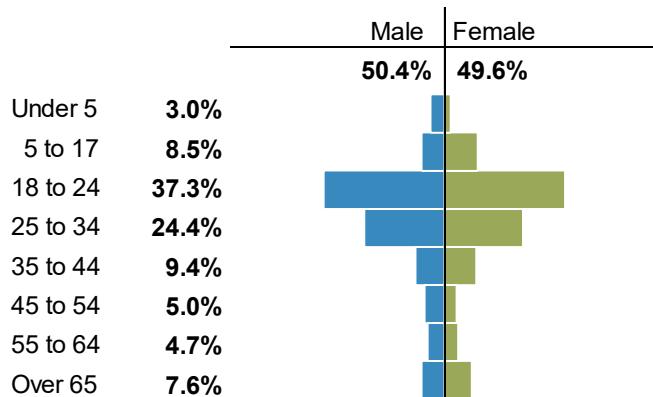
Land Area	202 acres (0.32 sq. mi.)	% of Units	% of Properties
Persons per Acre	63.1	4.9% of city	24.5%
Dwelling Units per Acre	21.6		66.5%
<b>Population</b>	<b>12,750 residents</b>		
In Households	8,326 (65.3% of total)		
In Families	4,600 (36.1% of total)		
In Group Quarters	4,424 (34.7% of total)		
Persons per Household	2.08		
Persons per Family	2.86		
17 Years or Younger	1,471 (11.5% of total)		
65 Years or Older	973 (7.6% of total)		
<b>Diversity Index<sup>1</sup></b>			
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.65		
Black / All Others	0.19		
<b>Households</b>			
Households	4,008		
Families	1,611 (40.2% of total)		
<b>Housing Stock (%) of Units</b>			
Single Family	4.0%	24.5%	
2 to 4 Units	33.5%	66.5%	
5 to 12 Units	3.9%	2.9%	
13 to 25 Units	7.6%	2.6%	
26 Units or More	51.0%	3.6%	
<b>Residential Properties (%) of Properties</b>			
Single Family	4.0%	24.5%	
2 to 4 Units	33.5%	66.5%	
5 to 12 Units	3.9%	2.9%	
13 to 25 Units	7.6%	2.6%	
26 Units or More	51.0%	3.6%	
<b>Housing Occupancy</b>			
Dwellings	4,367 (21.6 per acre)		
Owner-Occupied	1,045 (23.9% of total)		
Renter-Occupied	2,963 (67.8% of total)		
Market Vacant	48 (1.1% of total)		
Other Vacant	311 (7.1% of total)		

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## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



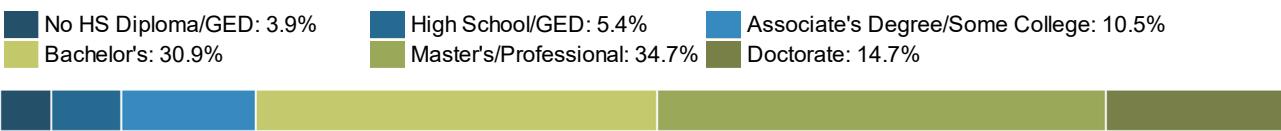
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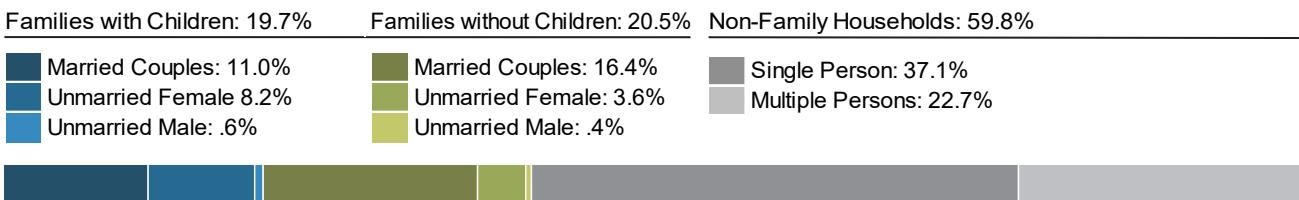
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### Educational Attainment

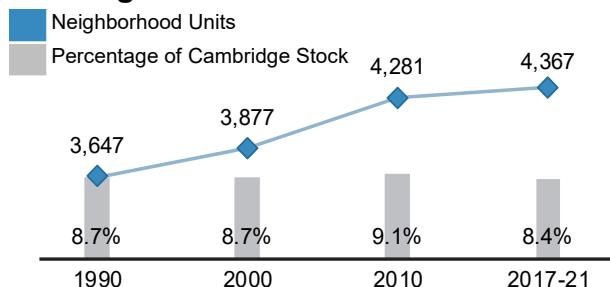


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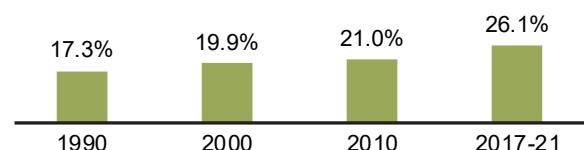


## HOUSING TRENDS

### Dwelling Units



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)



### Median Market Rents Asked

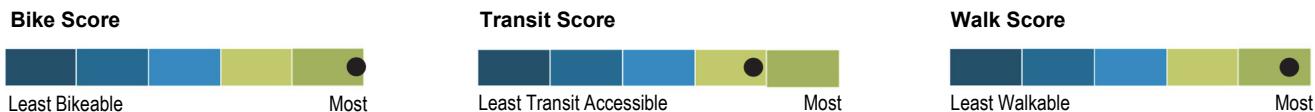


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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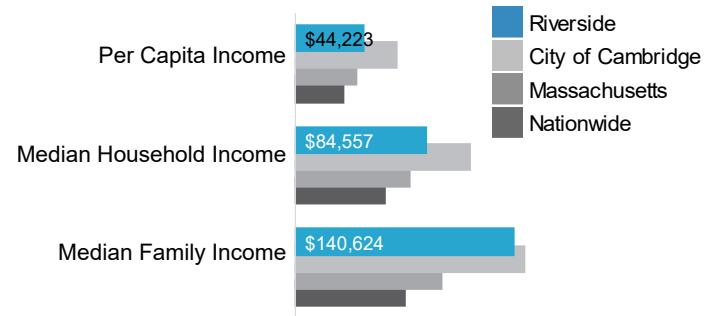


### Vehicles per Household

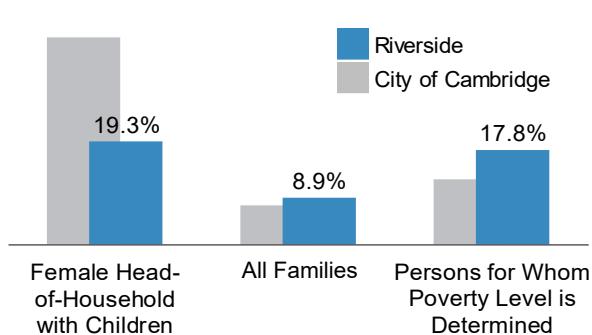


## ECONOMIC MEASURES

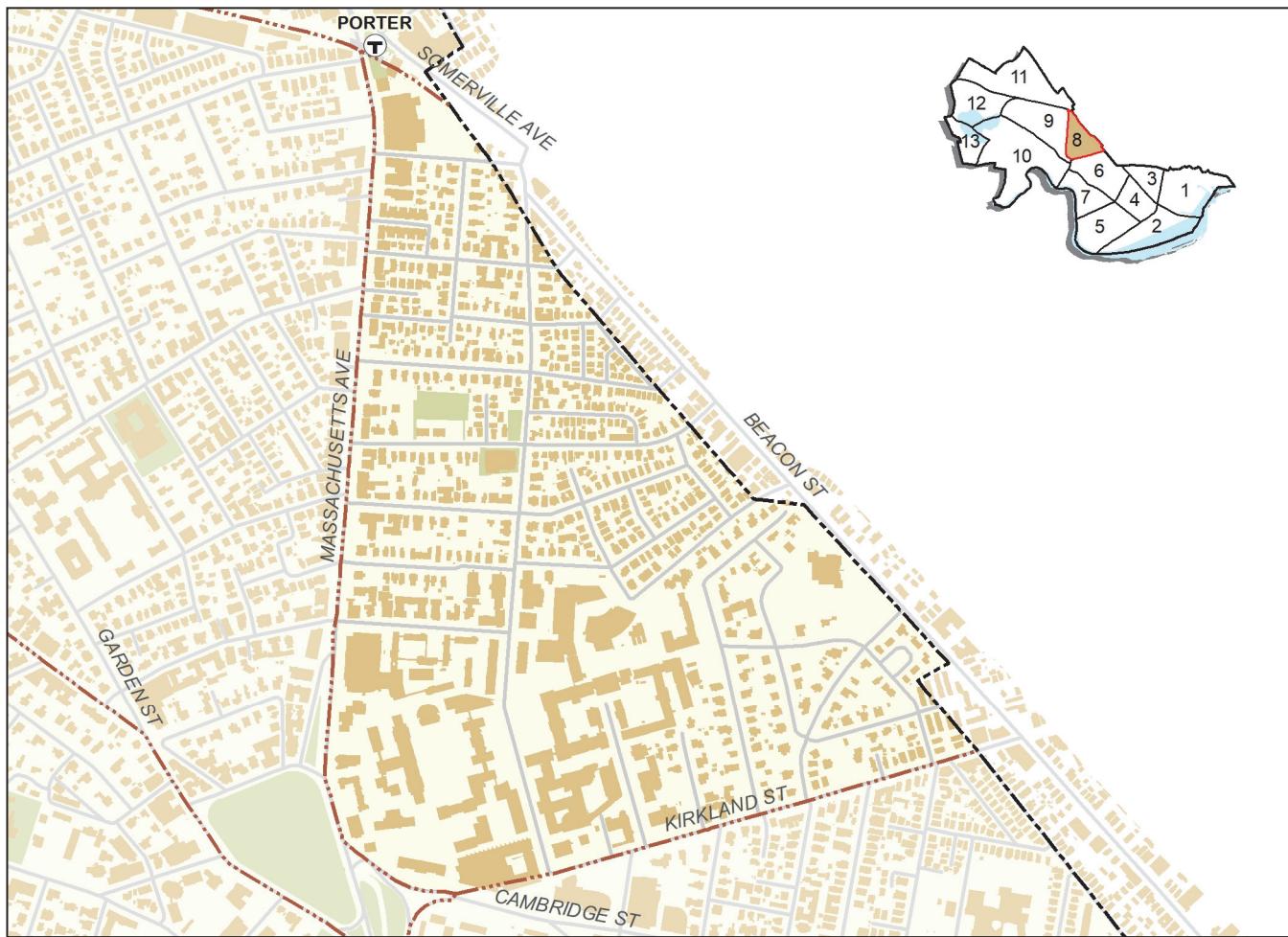
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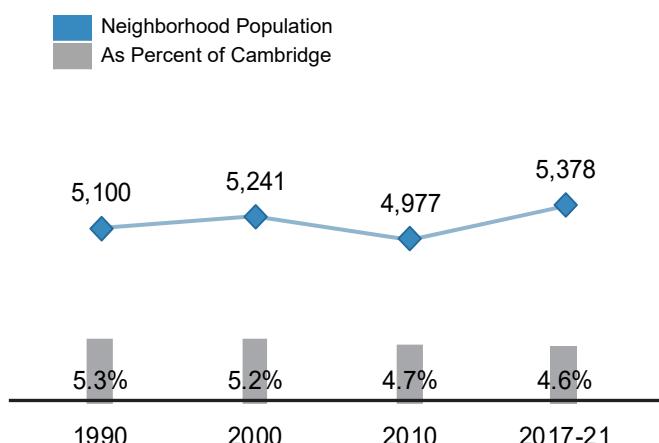
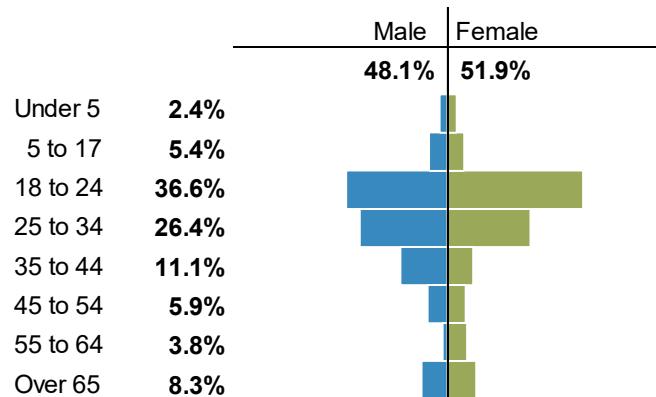


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Land Area	192 acres (0.30 sq. mi.)	% of Units	% of Properties
Persons per Acre	28.0		
Dwelling Units per Acre	9.6		
<b>Population</b>	<b>5,378 residents</b>		
In Households	3,436 (63.9% of total)		
In Families	1,813 (33.7% of total)		
In Group Quarters	1,942 (36.1% of total)		
Persons per Household	2.07		
Persons per Family	2.75		
17 Years or Younger	424 (7.9% of total)		
65 Years or Older	448 (8.3% of total)		
Diversity Index <sup>1</sup>			
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.54		
Black / All Others	0.11		
<b>Households</b>			
Households	1,662		
Families	659 (39.7% of total)		
<b>Housing Stock (%) of Units</b>			
Single Family	10.0%	36.7%	
2 to 4 Units	41.7%	55.4%	
5 to 12 Units	11.0%	4.2%	
13 to 25 Units	8.2%	1.5%	
26 Units or More	29.1%	2.1%	
<b>Residential Properties (%) of Properties</b>			
Dwellings	1,845 (9.6 per acre)		
Owner-Occupied	532 (28.8% of total)		
Renter-Occupied	1,130 (61.2% of total)		
Market Vacant	45 (2.4% of total)		
Other Vacant	138 (7.5% of total)		
<b>Housing Occupancy</b>			
Dwellings	1,845 (9.6 per acre)		
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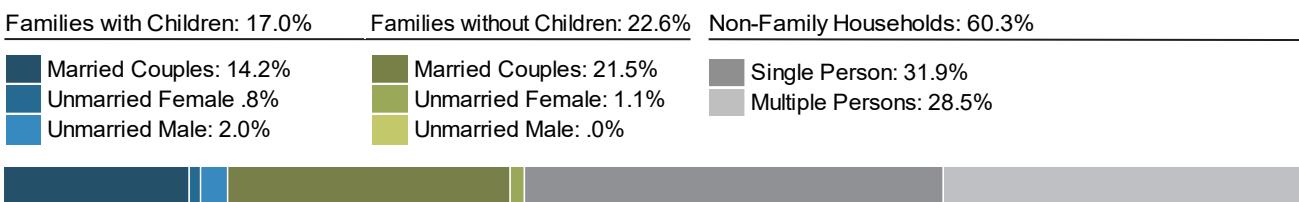
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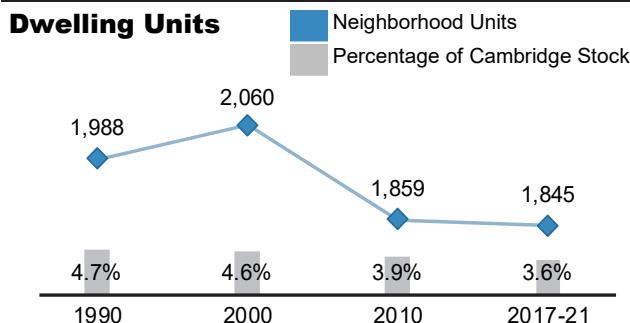
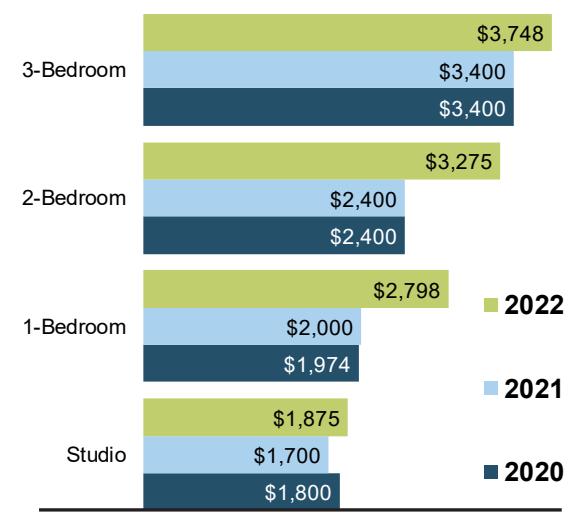
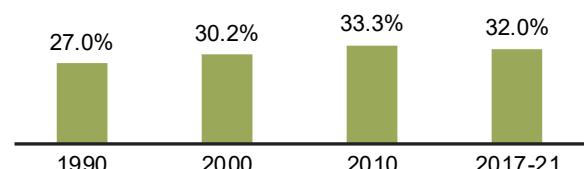
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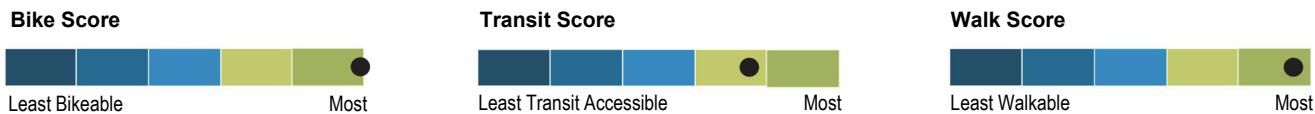
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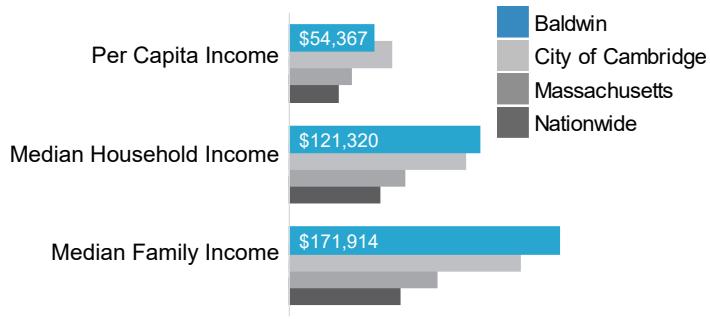
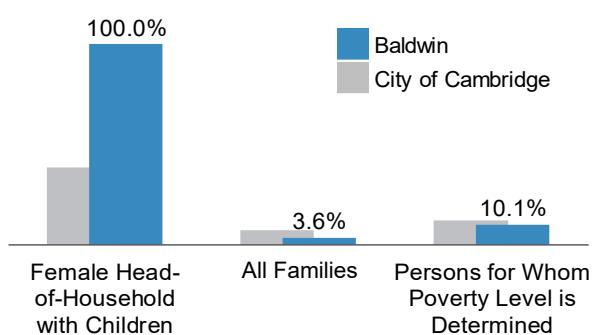
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**HOUSING TRENDS**

**Median Market Rents Asked**

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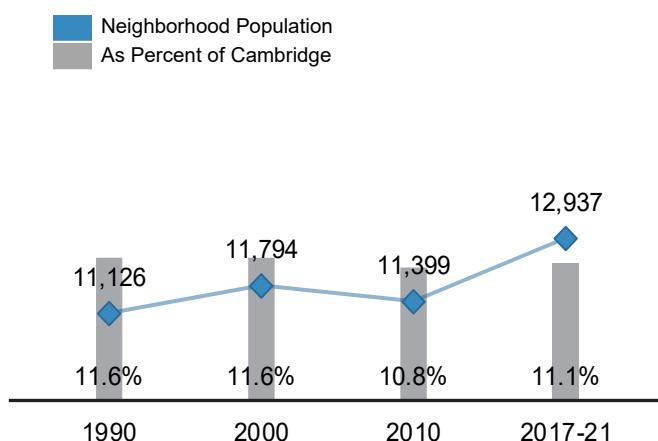
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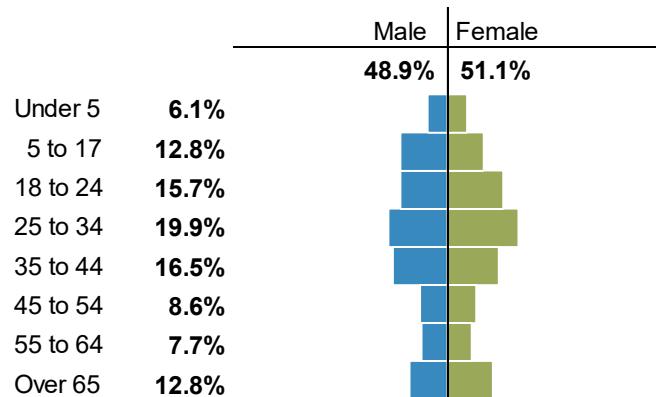


# NEIGHBORHOOD NINE

## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



### Hispanic Origin



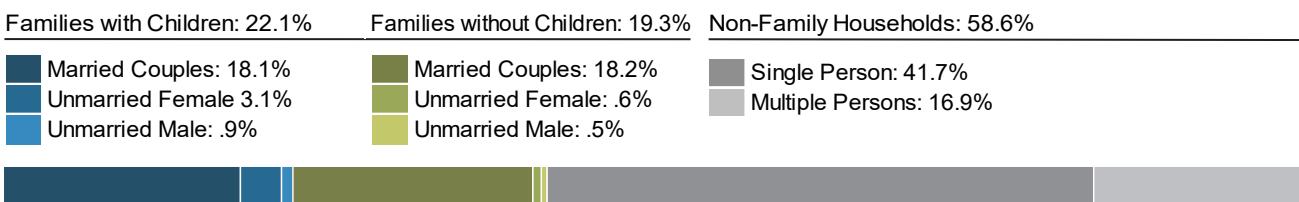
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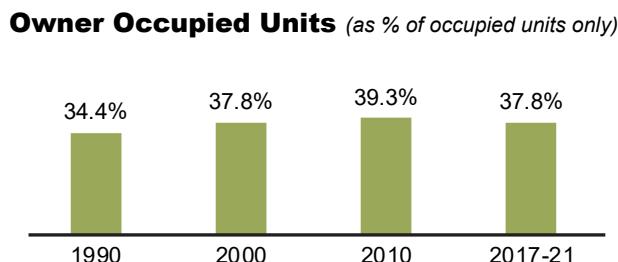
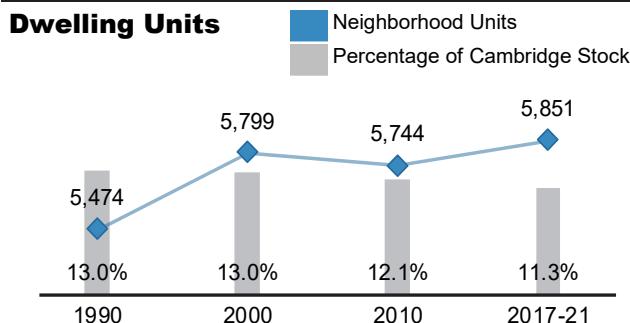


### Households



# NEIGHBORHOOD NINE

## HOUSING TRENDS



## Median Market Rents Asked

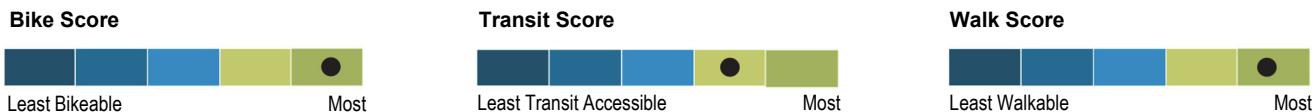


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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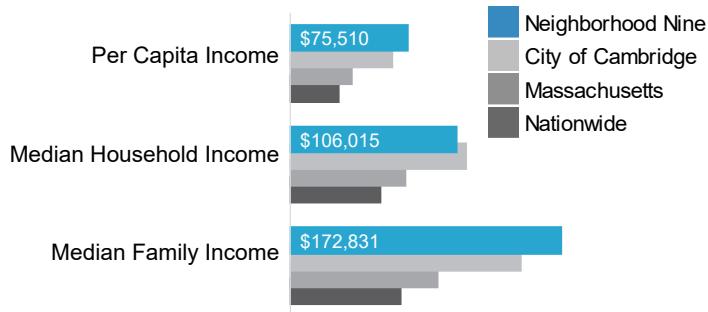


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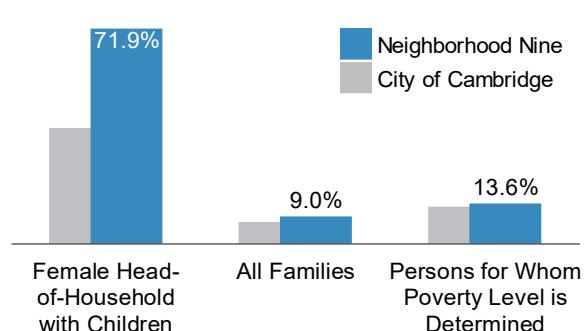


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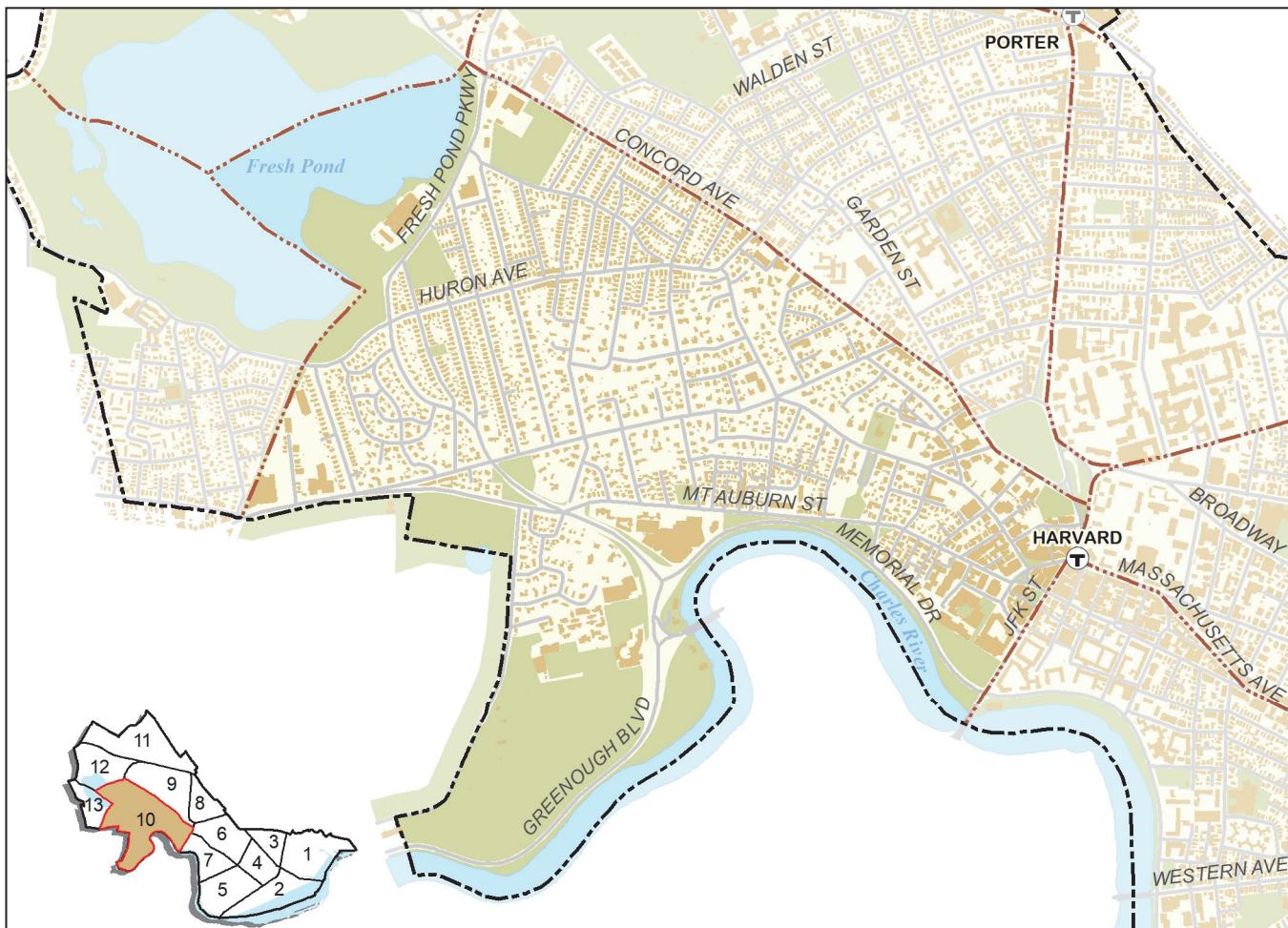
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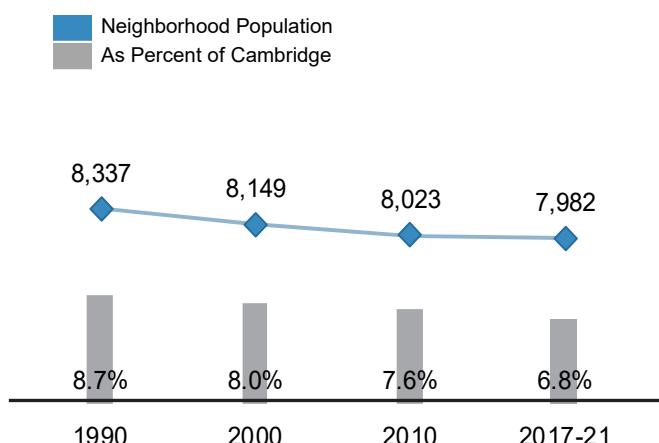
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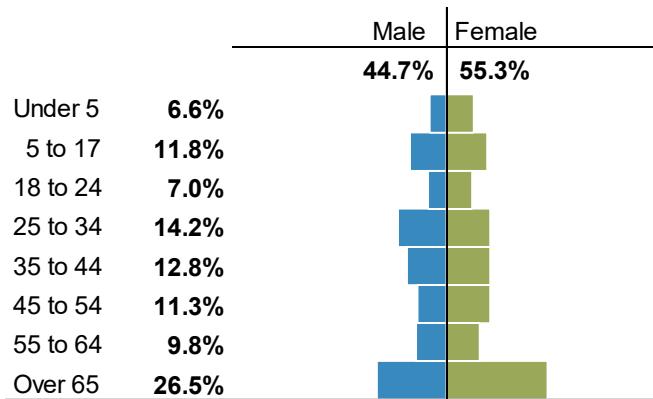
Land Area	679 acres (1.06 sq. mi.)	% of Units	% of Properties
Persons per Acre	11.8	16.6% of city	50.6%
Dwelling Units per Acre	5.9		47.0%
<b>Population</b>	<b>7,982 residents</b>		
In Households	7,571 (94.9% of total)		
In Families	5,205 (65.2% of total)		
In Group Quarters	411 (5.1% of total)		
Persons per Household	2.08		
Persons per Family	2.75		
17 Years or Younger	1,473 (18.5% of total)		
65 Years or Older	2,112 (26.5% of total)		
<b>Diversity Index<sup>1</sup></b>			
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.41		
Black / All Others	0.08		
<b>Households</b>			
Households	3,645		
Families	1,892 (51.9% of total)		
<b>Housing Stock (%) of Units</b>			
Single Family	20.5%		
2 to 4 Units	43.9%		
5 to 12 Units	2.1%		
13 to 25 Units	5.1%		
26 Units or More	28.5%		
<b>Residential Properties (%) of Properties</b>			
Single Family	50.6%		
2 to 4 Units	47.0%		
5 to 12 Units	0.6%		
13 to 25 Units	0.6%		
26 Units or More	1.2%		
<b>Housing Occupancy</b>			
Dwellings	4,006 (5.9 per acre)		
Owner-Occupied	2,269 (56.6% of total)		
Renter-Occupied	1,376 (34.3% of total)		
Market Vacant	- (< 1% of total)		
Other Vacant	361 (9.0% of total)		

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## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



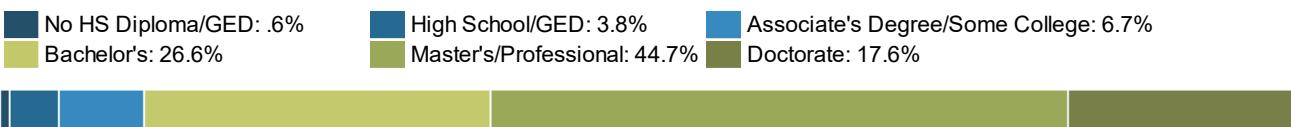
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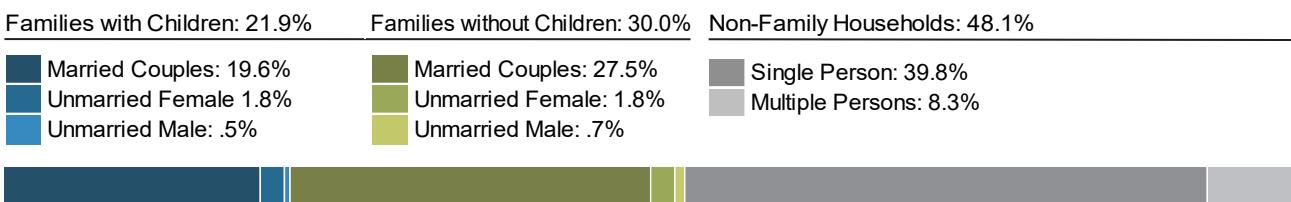
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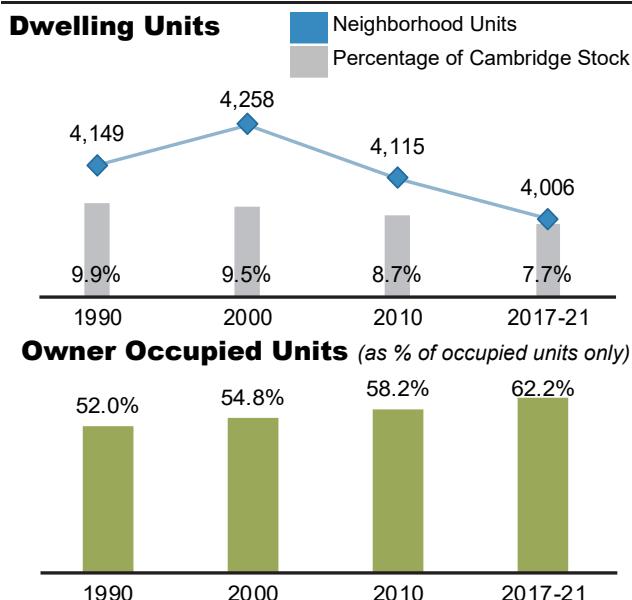


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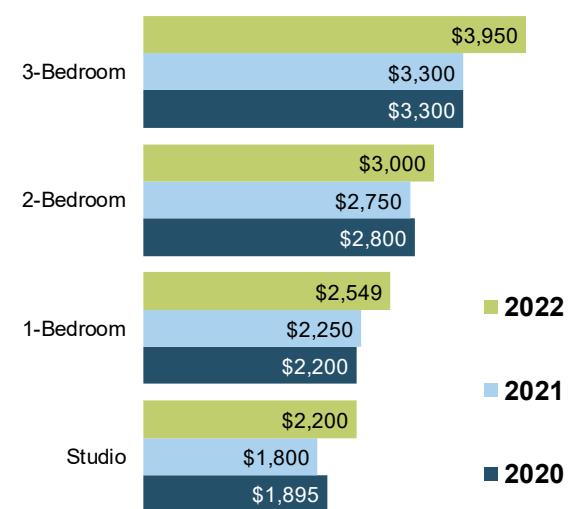


# WEST CAMBRIDGE / AREA 10

## HOUSING TRENDS



## Median Market Rents Asked

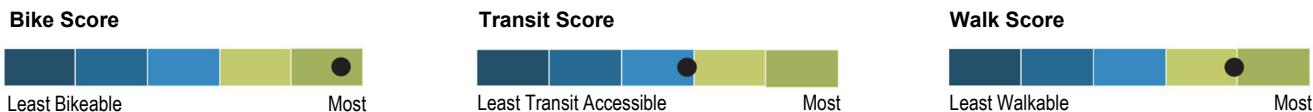


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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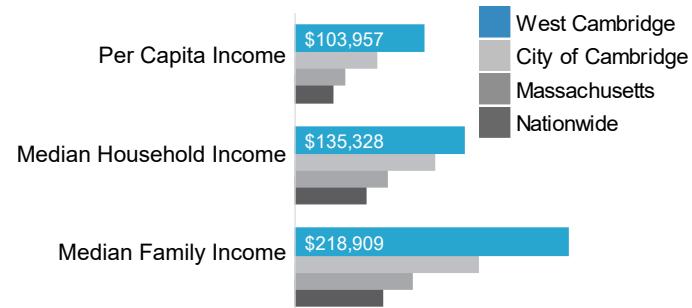


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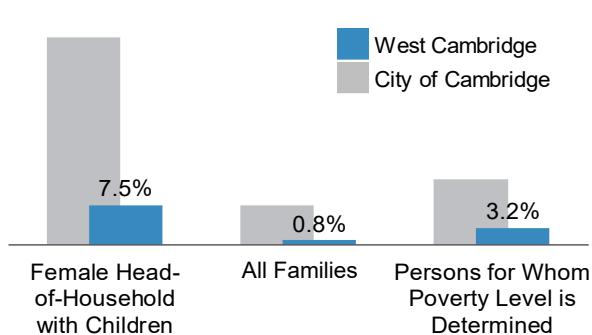


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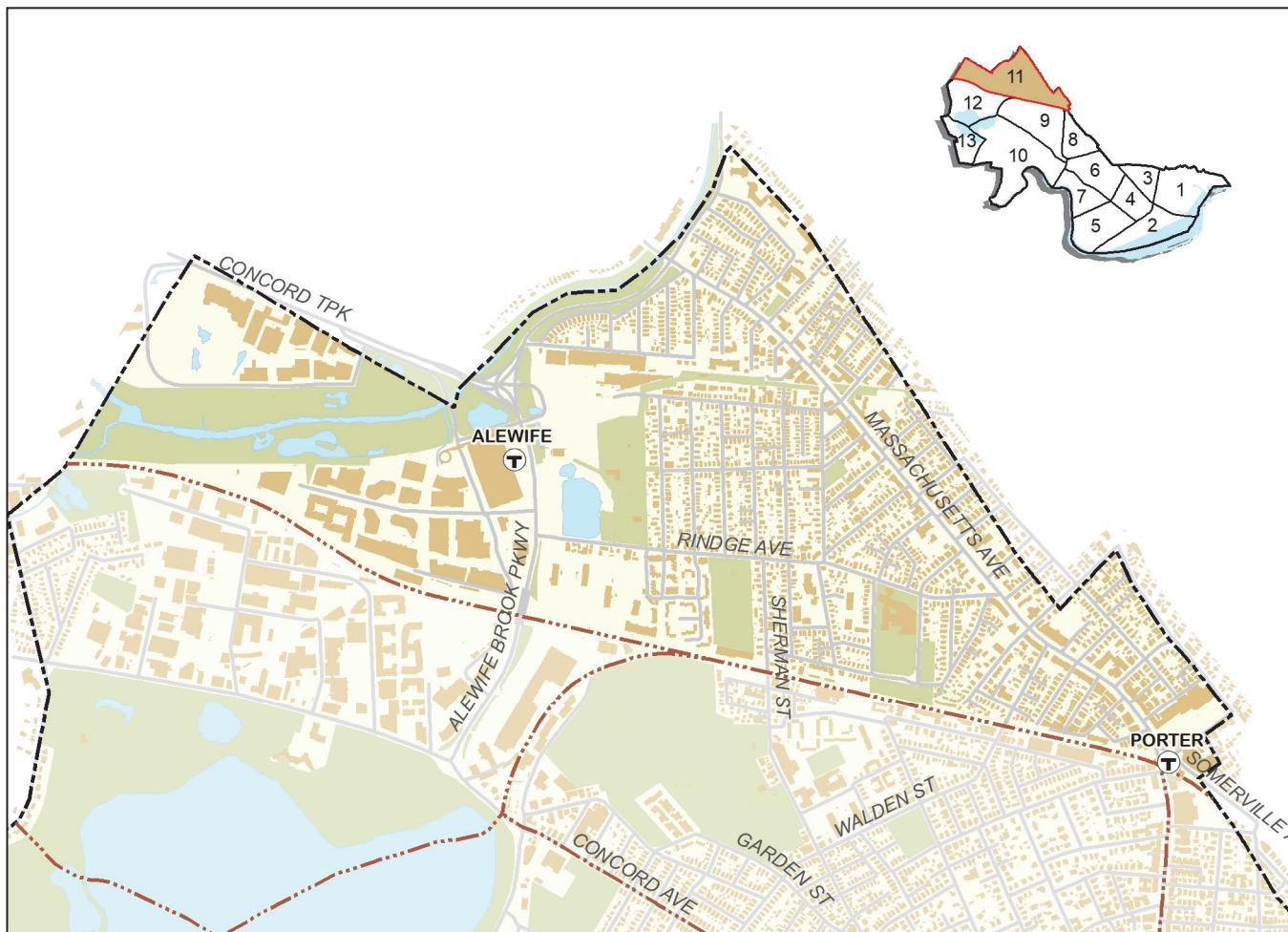
### Income (all figures adjusted to 2021 levels)



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**Land Area****550 acres (0.86 sq. mi.)****Persons per Acre**

26.3

**Dwelling Units per Acre**

13.3

**Population****14,466 residents****In Households**

14,371 (99.3% of total)

In Families

7,970 (55.1% of total)

**In Group Quarters**

95 (&lt; 1% of total)

**Persons per Household**

2.14

Persons per Family

2.83

**17 Years or Younger**

2,050 (14.2% of total)

**65 Years or Older**

1,623 (11.2% of total)

**Diversity Index<sup>1</sup>**

White / Black / Asian / Other

0.65

Black / All Others

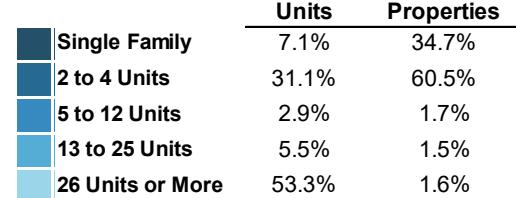
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**Households****Households**

6,711

**Families**

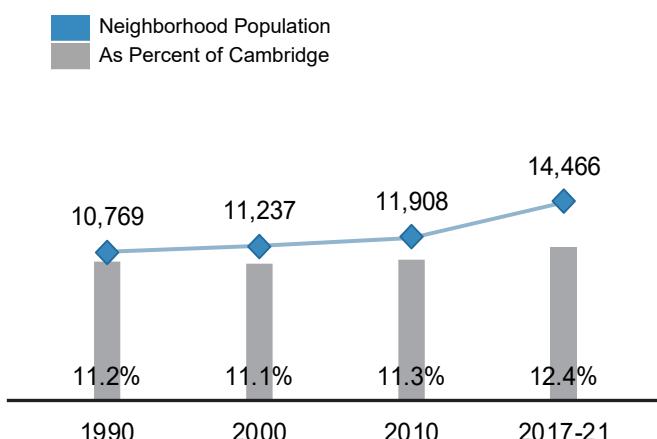
2,820 (42.0% of total)

**Housing Stock (%) of Units****Residential Properties (%) of Properties****Housing Occupancy**

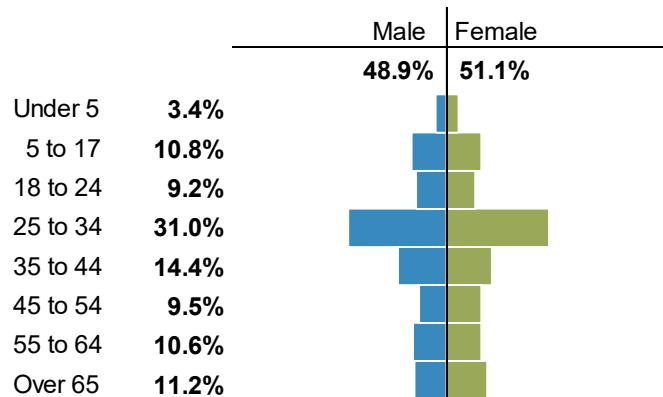
<b>Dwellings</b>	7,336	(13.3 per acre)
Owner-Occupied	2,056	(28.0% of total)
Renter-Occupied	4,655	(63.5% of total)
Market Vacant	215	(2.9% of total)
Other Vacant	410	(5.6% of total)

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## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN

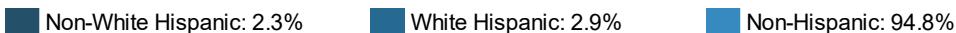


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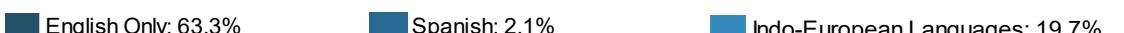
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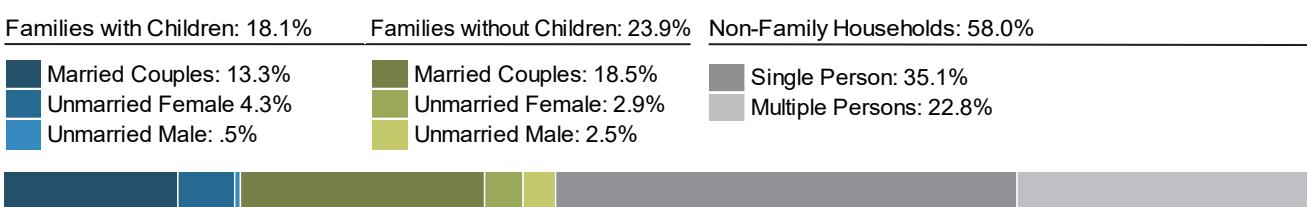
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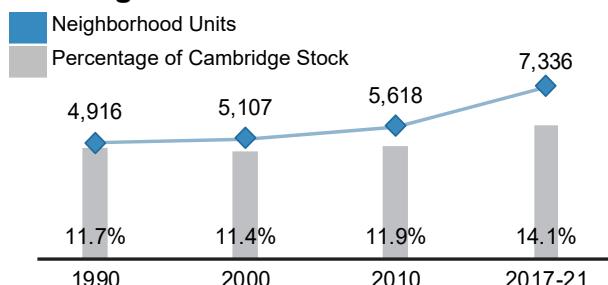
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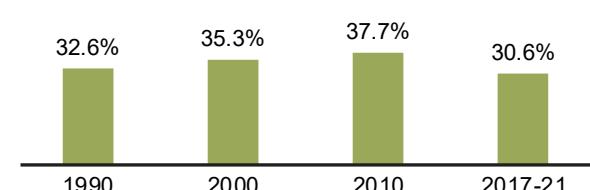
# NORTH CAMBRIDGE / AREA 11

## HOUSING TRENDS

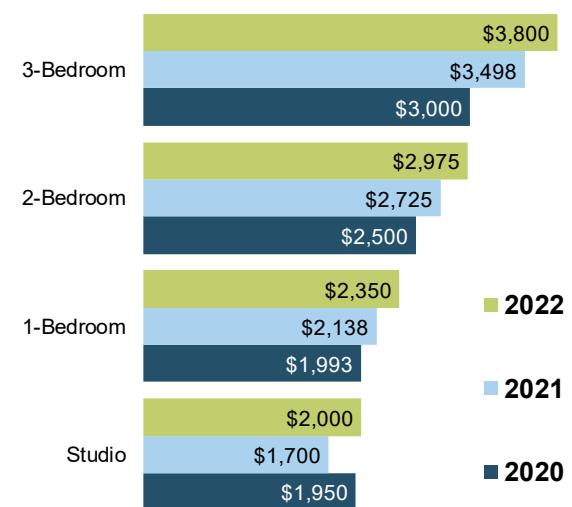
### Dwelling Units



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)



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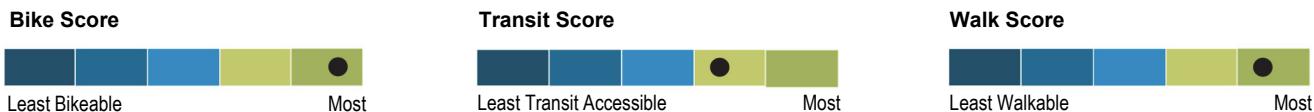


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



### Accessibility ● NORTH CAMBRIDGE / AREA 11



### Vehicles per Household

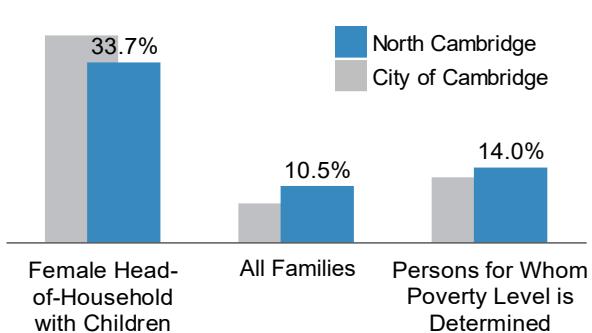


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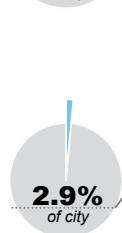
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# CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS / AREA 12

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE



<b>Land Area</b>	<b>189 acres</b>	(0.30 sq. mi.)
Persons per Acre	8.8	
Dwelling Units per Acre	4.7	
<b>Population</b>	<b>1,660 residents</b>	
In Households	1,514	(91.2% of total)
In Families	877	(52.8% of total)
In Group Quarters	146	(8.8% of total)
Persons per Household	1.89	
Persons per Family	2.58	
17 Years or Younger	180	(10.8% of total)
65 Years or Older	254	(15.3% of total)
<b>Diversity Index<sup>1</sup></b>		
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.58	
Black / All Others	0.16	
<b>Households</b>		
Households	802	
Families	340	(42.4% of total)



<b>Units</b>	<b>Properties</b>
5.0%	59.0%
6.1%	32.6%
0.4%	0.7%
1.5%	0.7%
87.0%	6.9%

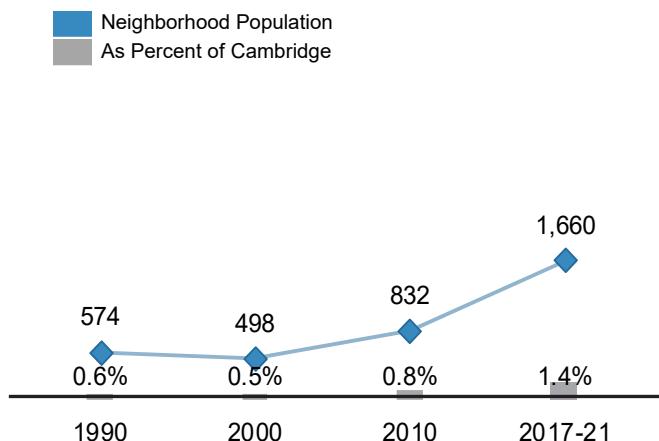


<b>Housing Occupancy</b>	
890	(4.7 per acre)
172	(19.3% of total)
630	(70.8% of total)
-	(< 1% of total)
88	(9.9% of total)

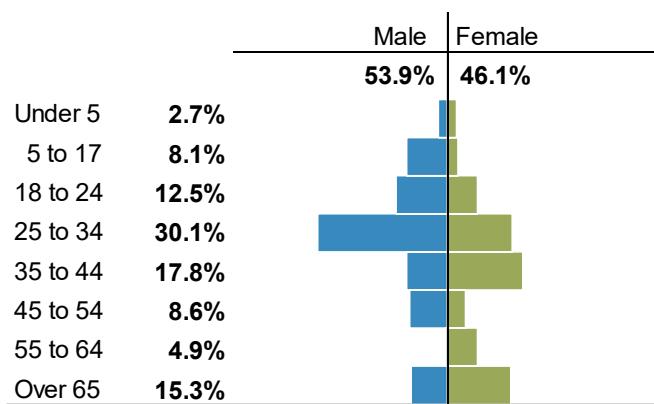
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### POPULATION TRENDS



### AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



### DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

#### Race



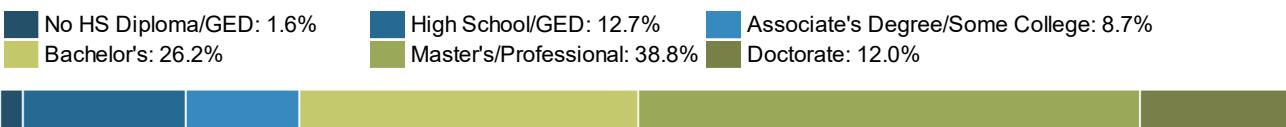
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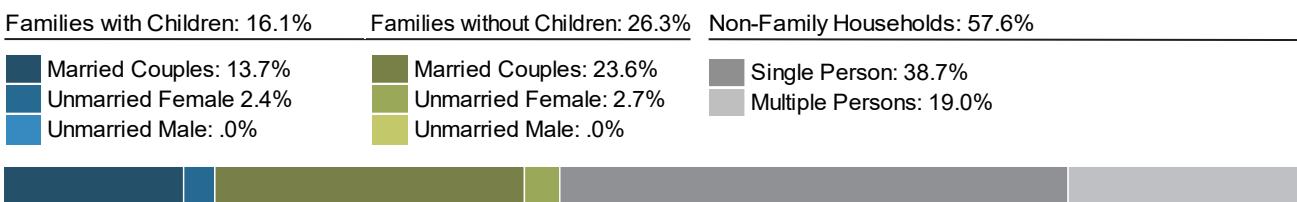
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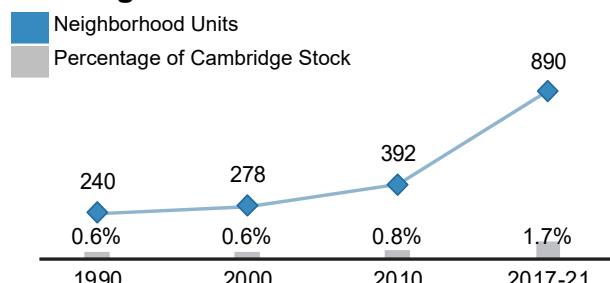
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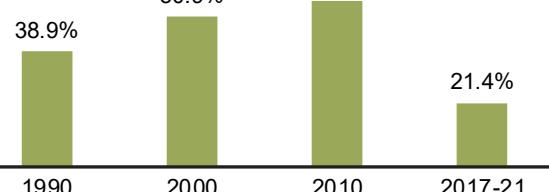
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## HOUSING TRENDS

### Dwelling Units



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)



### Median Market Rents Asked

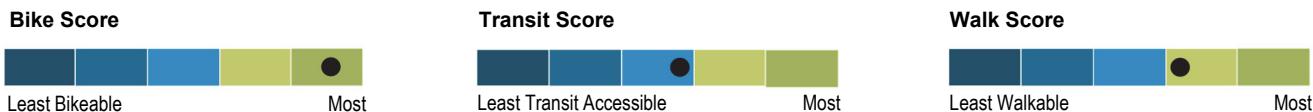


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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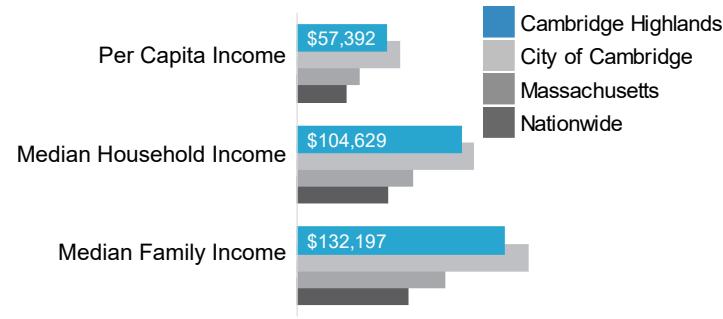


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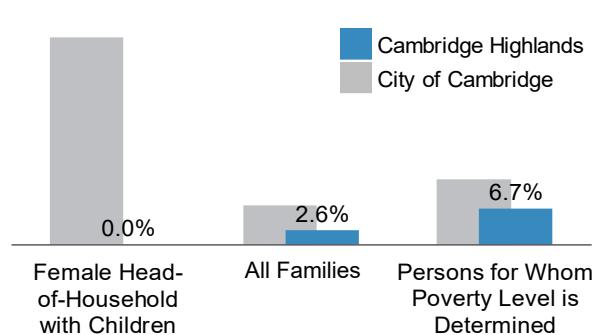


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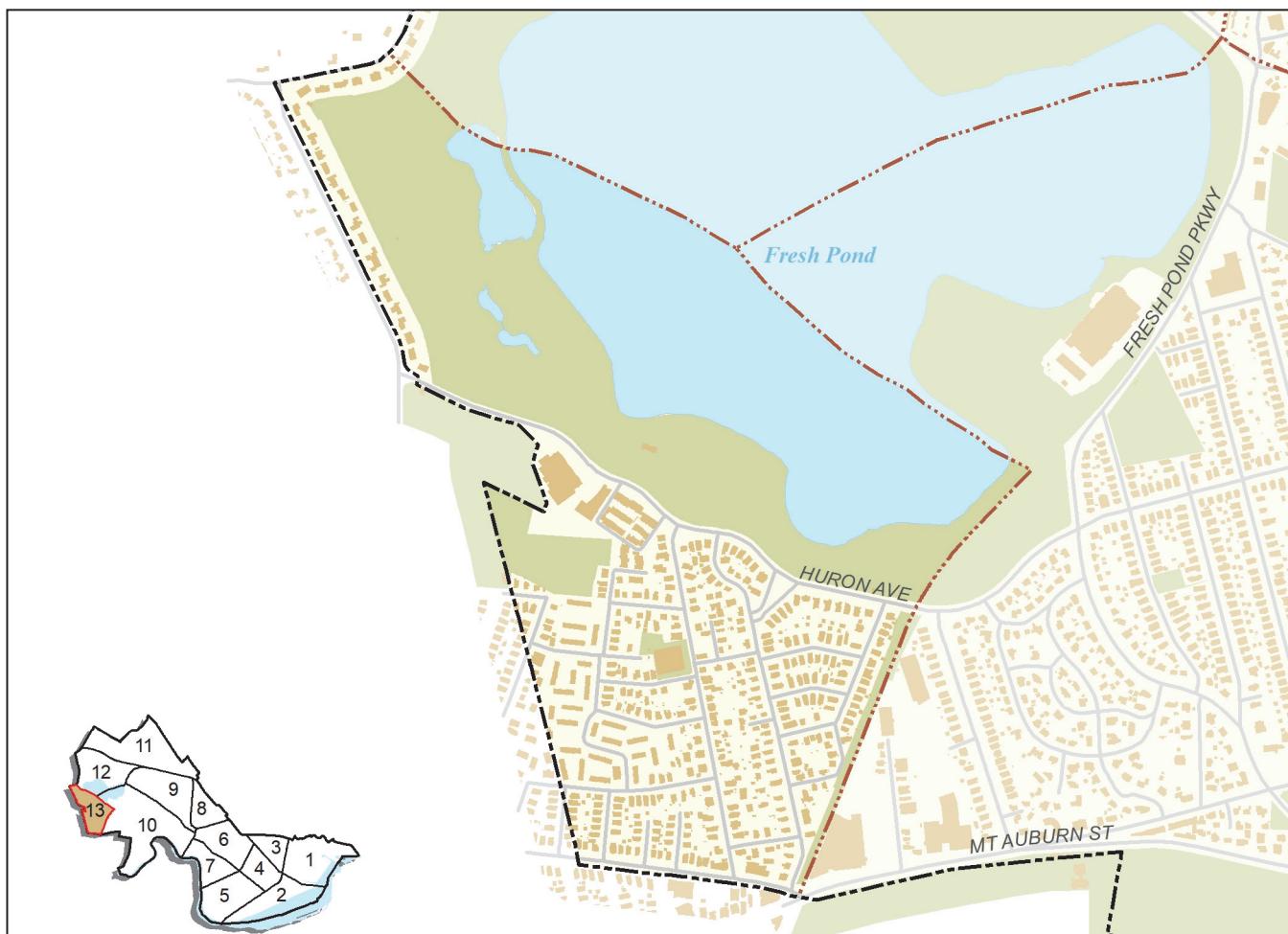
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# **STRAWBERRY HILL / AREA 13**

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE



<b>Land Area</b>	<b>244 acres</b>	(0.38 sq. mi.)
<b>Persons per Acre</b>	11.2	
<b>Dwelling Units per Acre</b>	4.8	
<b>Population</b>	<b>2,733 residents</b>	
In Households	2,630	(96.2% of total)
In Families	1,956	(71.6% of total)
In Group Quarters	103	(3.8% of total)
Persons per Household	2.27	
Persons per Family	2.73	
17 Years or Younger	523	(19.1% of total)
65 Years or Older	492	(18.0% of total)
<b>Diversity Index<sup>1</sup></b>		
White / Black / Asian / Other	0.57	
Black / All Others	0.25	
<b>Households</b>		
Households	1,161	
Families	716	(61.7% of total)



	% of Units	% of Properties
<b>Single Family</b>	9.7%	31.4%
<b>2 to 4 Units</b>	48.8%	67.1%
<b>5 to 12 Units</b>	1.0%	0.3%
<b>13 to 25 Units</b>	0.0%	0.0%
<b>26 Units or More</b>	40.6%	1.1%

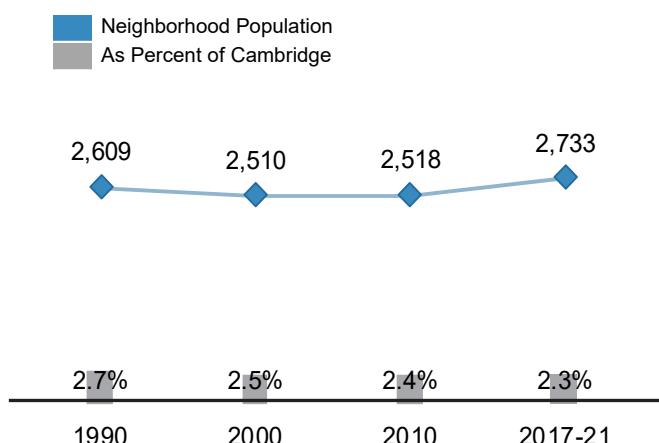


<b>Housing Occupancy</b>		
Dwellings	1,178	(4.8 per acre)
Owner-Occupied	421	(35.7% of total)
Renter-Occupied	740	(62.8% of total)
Market Vacant	17	(1.4% of total)
Other Vacant	-	(< 1% of total)

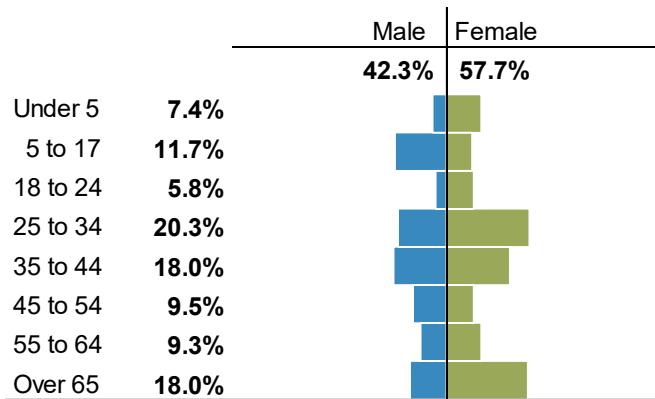
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# STRAWBERRY HILL / AREA 13

## POPULATION TRENDS



## AGE AND SEX BREAKDOWN



## DEMOGRAPHICS & DIVERSITY

### Race



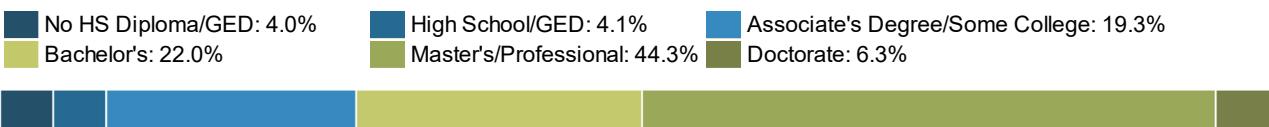
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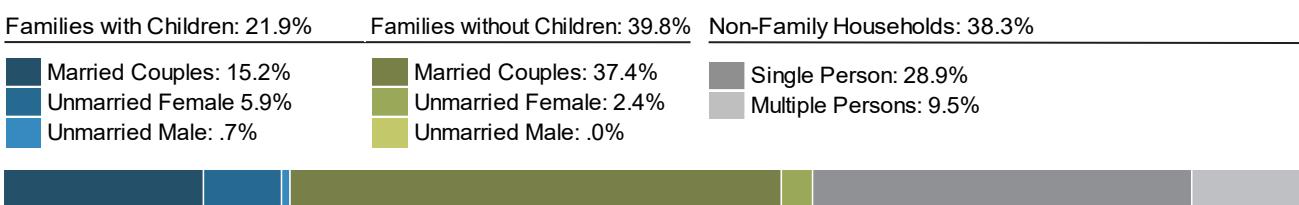
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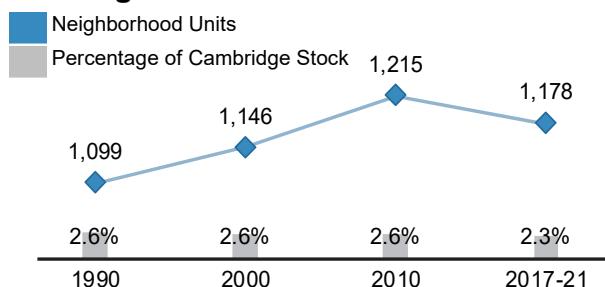
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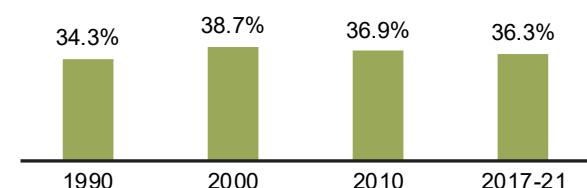
# STRAWBERRY HILL / AREA 13

## HOUSING TRENDS

### Dwelling Units



### Owner Occupied Units (as % of occupied units only)

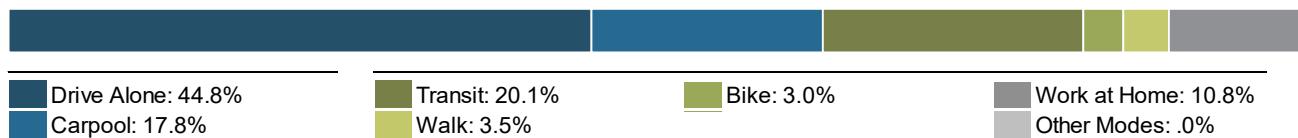


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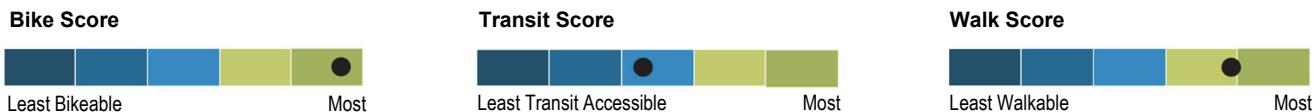


## TRANSPORTATION

### Journey to Work



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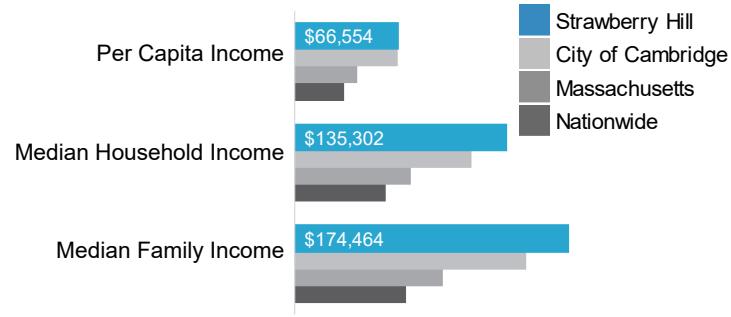


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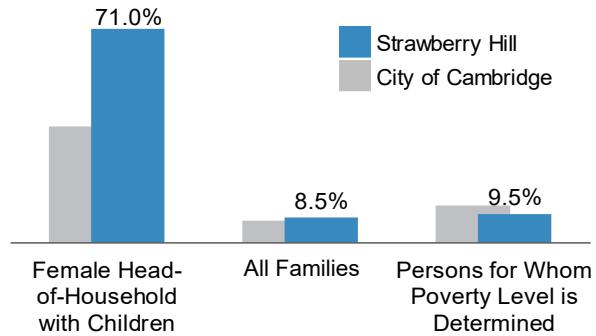


## ECONOMIC MEASURES

### Income (all figures adjusted to 2021 levels)



### Poverty Rates



Housing stock and residential property data as of 6/30/22 from Cambridge Assessing and Community Development Depts. Transit, Bike and Walk Score are registered trademarks of Walk Score Inc., current as of March 2023. For more information visit: <https://www.walkscore.com/MA/Cambridge>. All other data from 2017-2021 American Community Survey.

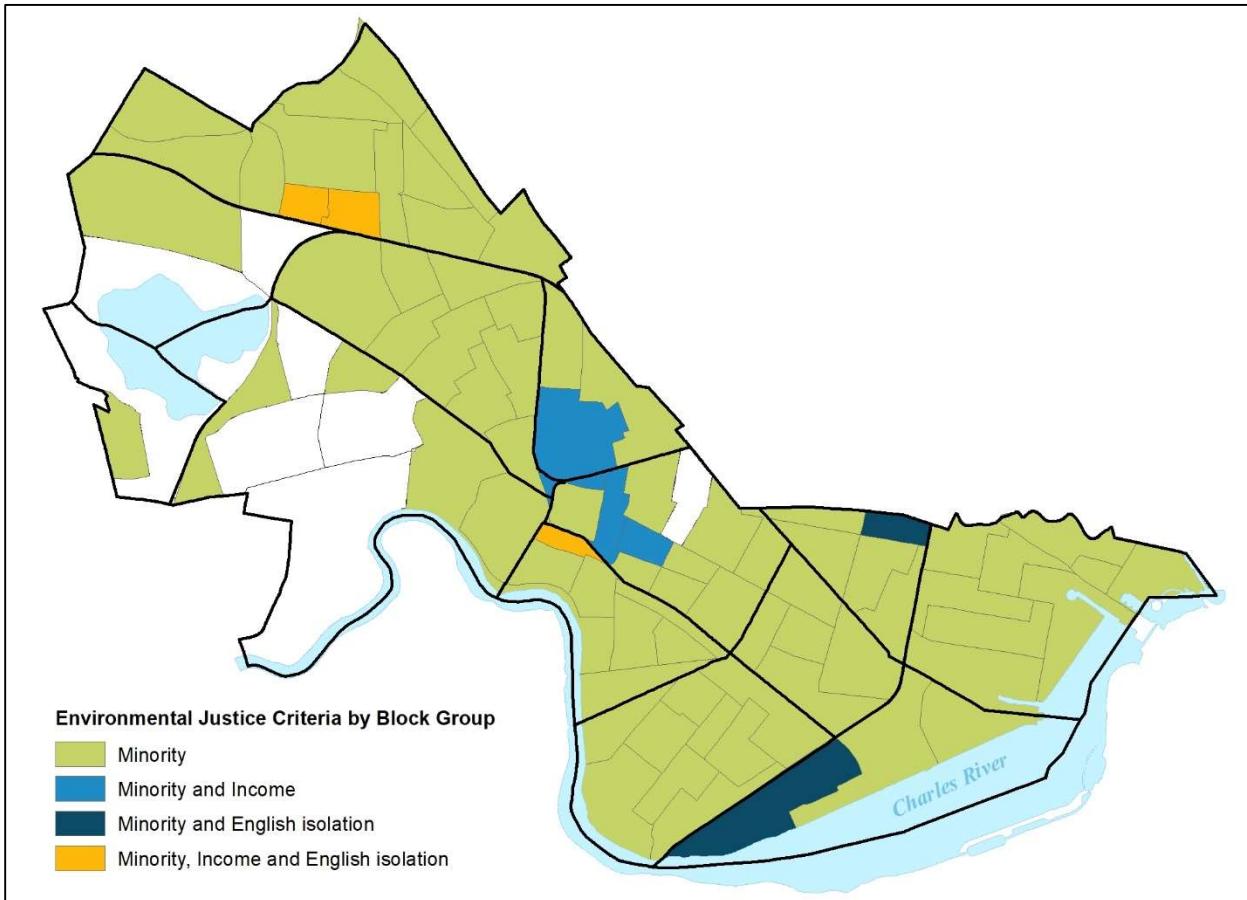


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## Environmental Justice Populations



# Environmental Justice Populations in Cambridge



## Environment Justice Criteria

An environmental justice population is a census blockgroup where one or more of the following criteria are true:

1. The annual median household income is 65% or less of the statewide annual median household income.
2. Minorities make up 40% or more of the population.
3. 25% or more of households identify as speaking English less than "very well."
4. Minorities make up 25% or more of the population and the annual median household income of the municipality in which the block group is located does not exceed 150% of the statewide annual median household income.

This data are made available by the State of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). The data is sourced from the 2019 American Community Survey. More information can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmental-justice-populations-in-massachusetts>.



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## Demographics Profile Comparison Tables



***Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics***  
**Total Population: 2000 - 2021**

							Change	
	Total Population			As % of City Population			2000 - 2021	
	2000	2010	2017-21	2000	2010	2017-21	Net	%
<b>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</b>	101,355	105,162	116,892	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	15,537	15.3%
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	7,294	9,234	12,370	7.2%	8.8%	10.6%	5,076	69.6%
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	5,486	5,057	5,155	5.4%	4.8%	4.4%	-331	-6.0%
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	7,345	6,516	7,083	7.2%	6.2%	6.1%	-262	-3.6%
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	7,263	6,792	6,437	7.2%	6.5%	5.5%	-826	-11.4%
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	10,052	12,220	13,984	9.9%	11.6%	12.0%	3,932	39.1%
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	13,589	12,991	13,957	13.4%	12.4%	11.9%	368	2.7%
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	10,897	12,695	12,750	10.8%	12.1%	10.9%	1,853	17.0%
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	5,241	4,977	5,378	5.2%	4.7%	4.6%	137	2.6%
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	11,794	11,399	12,937	11.6%	10.8%	11.1%	1,143	9.7%
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	8,149	8,023	7,982	8.0%	7.6%	6.8%	-167	-2.0%
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	11,237	11,908	14,466	11.1%	11.3%	12.4%	3,229	28.7%
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	498	832	1,660	0.5%	0.8%	1.4%	1,162	233.3%
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	2,510	2,518	2,733	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	223	8.9%

*Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics*  
**Population Density: 2000 - 2021**

	Land Area		Population per Acre			Population per Square Mile		
	Acres	Sq. Miles	2000	2010	2017-21	2000	2010	2017-21
<b>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</b>	4,087	6.39	25	26	29	15,872	16,468	18,305
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	405	0.63	18	23	31	11,526	14,592	19,548
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	242	0.38	23	21	21	14,508	13,374	13,633
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	152	0.24	48	43	47	31,007	27,508	29,901
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	191	0.30	38	36	34	24,337	22,759	21,569
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	338	0.53	30	36	41	19,033	23,138	26,479
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	293	0.46	46	44	48	29,682	28,376	30,486
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	202	0.32	54	63	63	34,525	40,222	40,396
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	192	0.30	27	26	28	17,470	16,590	17,927
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	410	0.64	29	28	32	18,410	17,794	20,194
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	679	1.06	12	12	12	7,681	7,562	7,524
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	550	0.86	20	22	26	13,076	13,857	16,833
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	189	0.30	3	4	9	1,686	2,817	5,621
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	244	0.38	10	10	11	6,584	6,605	7,169

*Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics*  
**Persons per Household and Family: 2000 - 2021**

	Persons per Household			Change 2000 - 2021		Persons per Family			Change 2000 - 2021	
	2000	2010	2017-21	Net	%	2000	2010	2017-21	Net	%
	CITY OF CAMBRIDGE	2.03	2.00	2.09	0.06	3.1%	2.83	2.76	2.80	-0.03
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	1.90	1.82	1.89	-0.01	-0.3%	2.74	2.55	2.68	-0.06	-2.1%
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	2.17	1.93	1.78	-0.39	-18.1%	2.45	2.48	2.29	-0.16	-6.5%
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	2.43	2.25	2.40	-0.03	-1.2%	3.08	2.86	2.95	-0.13	-4.3%
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	2.58	2.49	2.50	-0.08	-3.2%	3.30	3.18	3.09	-0.21	-6.4%
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	2.09	2.04	2.08	-0.01	-0.5%	2.84	2.75	2.80	-0.04	-1.5%
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	1.76	1.79	1.95	0.19	10.6%	2.57	2.52	2.54	-0.03	-1.2%
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	1.93	1.88	2.08	0.15	7.6%	2.73	2.73	2.86	0.13	4.7%
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	1.85	1.93	2.07	0.22	11.8%	2.57	2.57	2.75	0.18	6.9%
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	1.88	1.89	2.13	0.25	13.5%	2.75	2.74	3.00	0.25	9.1%
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	1.96	2.02	2.08	0.12	6.0%	2.64	2.72	2.75	0.11	4.1%
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	2.24	2.20	2.14	-0.10	-4.4%	3.01	2.91	2.83	-0.19	-6.2%
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	1.85	1.88	1.89	0.04	2.0%	2.63	2.71	2.58	-0.05	-1.8%
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	2.22	2.13	2.27	0.05	2.0%	2.97	2.91	2.73	-0.24	-8.0%

*Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics*  
**Persons Residing in Group Quarters 2000 - 2021**

	Group Quarters Population <sup>1</sup>			As % of Citywide Group Quarters Population			As % of Neighborhood Population			Change 2000 - 2021	
	2000	2010	2017-21	2000	2010	2013-17	2000	2010	2017-21	Net	%
<b>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</b>	14,663	17,102	16,923	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	14.5%	16.3%	14.5%	2,260	15.4%
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	283	54	44	1.9%	0.3%	0.3%	3.9%	0.6%	0.4%	-239	-84.5%
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	3,855	4,435	4,510	26.3%	25.9%	26.7%	70.3%	87.7%	87.5%	655	17.0%
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	7	43	10	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.7%	0.1%	3	42.9%
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	466	195	166	3.2%	1.1%	1.0%	6.4%	2.9%	2.6%	-300	-64.4%
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	460	1,921	1,822	3.1%	11.2%	10.8%	4.6%	15.7%	13.0%	1,362	296.1%
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	2,384	1,907	2,093	16.3%	11.2%	12.4%	17.5%	14.7%	15.0%	-291	-12.2%
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	3,698	5,040	4,424	25.2%	25.2%	26.1%	33.9%	39.7%	34.7%	726	19.6%
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	1,572	1,588	1,942	10.7%	9.3%	11.5%	30.0%	31.9%	36.1%	370	23.5%
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	1,355	1,152	1,157	9.2%	6.7%	6.8%	11.5%	10.1%	8.9%	-198	-14.6%
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	323	430	411	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%	4.0%	5.4%	5.1%	88	27.2%
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	175	116	95	1.2%	0.7%	0.6%	1.6%	1.0%	0.7%	-80	-45.7%
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	3	136	146	0.0%	0.8%	0.9%	0.6%	16.3%	8.8%	143	4766.7%
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	82	85	103	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	3.3%	3.4%	3.8%	21	25.6%

1. Residents of Group Quarters include residents of dormitories, hospitals, nursing homes, jails and group homes. All persons who do not reside in group quarters reside in households.

*Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics*  
**Diversity Index: 2000 - 2021**

	Diversity Index <sup>1</sup> White / Black / Asian / Other			Change 2000 - 21		Diversity Index Black / All Other Races			Change 2000 - 21	
	2000	2010	2017-21	Net	%	2000	2010	2017-21	Net	%
	CITY OF CAMBRIDGE	0.50	0.52	0.61	0.11	21.7%	0.21	0.21	0.19	-0.02
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	0.43	0.48	0.60	0.17	39.3%	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.02	24.6%
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	0.60	0.61	0.65	0.05	7.5%	0.12	0.11	0.11	-0.01	-5.1%
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	0.53	0.51	0.60	0.07	12.8%	0.22	0.25	0.20	-0.02	-9.3%
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	0.67	0.64	0.70	0.03	5.1%	0.42	0.40	0.37	-0.05	-12.6%
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	0.54	0.54	0.62	0.08	13.8%	0.27	0.23	0.20	-0.07	-26.3%
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	0.38	0.42	0.54	0.16	42.5%	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.01	12.3%
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	0.56	0.57	0.65	0.09	16.6%	0.24	0.20	0.19	-0.05	-21.7%
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	0.35	0.38	0.54	0.19	55.8%	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.02	27.4%
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	0.45	0.45	0.55	0.10	22.2%	0.22	0.21	0.21	-0.01	-4.4%
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	0.24	0.26	0.41	0.17	67.4%	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.00	2.0%
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	0.56	0.60	0.65	0.09	15.6%	0.29	0.32	0.27	-0.02	-7.1%
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	0.27	0.43	0.58	0.31	113.3%	0.03	0.14	0.16	0.13	405.1%
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	0.41	0.50	0.57	0.16	38.1%	0.22	0.29	0.25	0.03	11.1%

1. As used in this report, the Diversity Index represents the probability that two individuals chosen at random from a given population will belong to different groups. A higher Diversity Index value indicates that a population is more diverse. This measure takes into account both the number of groups and the number of individuals in each group. For example, a large population with two groups of equal sizes would have a Diversity Index of 0.50. For more information, please see the "About the Data" section.

***Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics***  
**Housing Stock: 2000 - 2021**

	Housing Units						As % of Citywide Units		Change 2000-2021	
	2000	2010	2017-21	2000	2010	2017-21	Net	%		
	CITY OF CAMBRIDGE	44,725	47,291	51,966	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	7,241	16.2%	
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	4,062	5,938	7,308	9.1%	12.6%	14.1%	3,246	79.9%		
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	811	336	403	1.8%	0.7%	0.8%	-408	-50.3%		
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	3,125	2,996	3,077	7.0%	6.3%	5.9%	-48	-1.5%		
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	2,720	2,791	2,828	6.1%	5.9%	5.4%	108	4.0%		
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	4,430	4,760	6,105	9.9%	10.1%	11.7%	1,675	37.8%		
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	6,359	6,722	6,772	14.2%	14.2%	13.0%	413	6.5%		
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	3,647	3,877	4,367	8.2%	8.2%	8.4%	720	19.7%		
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	1,988	2,060	1,845	4.4%	4.4%	3.6%	-143	-7.2%		
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	5,474	5,799	5,851	12.2%	12.3%	11.3%	377	6.9%		
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	4,149	4,258	4,006	9.3%	9.0%	7.7%	-143	-3.4%		
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	4,916	5,107	7,336	11.0%	10.8%	14.1%	2,420	49.2%		
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	240	278	890	0.5%	0.6%	1.7%	650	270.8%		
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	1,099	1,146	1,178	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	79	7.2%		

***Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics***  
**Housing Density: 2000 - 2021**

	Land Area		Units per Acre			Units per Square Mile		
	Acres	Sq. Miles	2000	2010	2017-21	2000	2010	2017-21
<b>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</b>	4,087	6.39	10.9	12.5	12.7	7,004	8,007	8,138
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	405	0.63	10.0	15.9	18.0	6,419	10,196	11,548
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	242	0.38	3.4	3.3	1.7	2,145	2,137	1,066
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	152	0.24	20.6	19.7	20.3	13,192	12,589	12,990
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	191	0.30	14.2	14.8	14.8	9,114	9,459	9,476
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	338	0.53	14.1	18.9	18.1	9,013	12,099	11,560
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	293	0.46	22.9	22.9	23.1	14,683	14,685	14,792
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	202	0.32	19.2	21.5	21.6	12,284	13,744	13,836
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	192	0.30	10.7	10.7	9.6	6,867	6,823	6,150
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	410	0.64	14.1	14.2	14.3	9,052	9,096	9,133
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	679	1.06	6.3	6.2	5.9	4,013	3,968	3,776
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	550	0.86	9.3	11.8	13.3	5,943	7,560	8,536
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	189	0.30	1.5	4.8	4.7	941	3,065	3,014
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	244	0.38	4.7	4.6	4.8	3,006	2,961	3,090

*Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics*  
**Median Household Income: 1999 - 2021**  
(2021 Dollars)

	Median Household Income <sup>1</sup>			As % of City Median Income			Change 1999-2021	
	1999	2010-14	2017-21	1999	2010-14	2017-21	Net	%
<b>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</b>	\$78,265	\$87,135	\$112,152	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	\$33,887	43.3%
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	\$67,832	\$88,621	\$110,156	86.7%	101.7%	98.2%	\$42,324	62.4%
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	\$60,824	\$90,185	\$76,609	77.7%	103.5%	68.3%	\$15,785	26.0%
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	\$65,085	\$70,964	\$97,939	83.2%	81.4%	87.3%	\$32,854	50.5%
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	\$55,961	\$84,829	\$97,478	71.5%	97.4%	86.9%	\$41,517	74.2%
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	\$73,885	\$85,282	\$120,946	94.4%	97.9%	107.8%	\$47,061	63.7%
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	\$82,231	\$78,328	\$114,498	105.1%	89.9%	102.1%	\$32,268	39.2%
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	\$66,478	\$77,108	\$84,557	84.9%	88.5%	75.4%	\$18,079	27.2%
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	\$90,338	\$106,891	\$121,320	115.4%	122.7%	108.2%	\$30,982	34.3%
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	\$95,767	\$93,649	\$106,015	122.4%	107.5%	94.5%	\$10,248	10.7%
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	\$131,716	\$140,854	\$135,328	168.3%	161.7%	98.4%	\$3,612	2.7%
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	\$73,053	\$76,670	\$122,628	93.3%	88.0%	109.3%	\$49,574	67.9%
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	\$92,165	\$103,037	\$104,629	117.8%	118.2%	93.3%	\$12,465	13.5%
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	\$71,949	\$51,841	\$135,302	91.9%	59.5%	120.6%	\$63,353	88.1%

1. All figures have been converted to 2021 dollars using the Consumer Price Index Research Series (CPI-U-RS).

*Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics*  
**Median Family Income: 1999 - 2021**  
(2021 Dollars)

	As % of City Median Income						Change 1999 - 2021	
	Median Family Income <sup>1</sup>			1999	2010-14	2017-21	Net	% 1999 - 2021
	1999	2010-14	2017-21					
<b>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</b>	\$96,933	\$143,485	\$147,423	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	\$50,490	52.1%
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	\$99,143	\$161,467	\$161,226	102.3%	112.5%	112.4%	\$62,083	62.6%
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	\$62,011	\$149,141	\$155,000	64.0%	103.9%	108.0%	\$92,989	150.0%
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	\$66,350	\$77,500	\$95,217	68.4%	54.0%	66.4%	\$28,866	43.5%
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	\$53,354	\$103,935	\$81,307	55.0%	72.4%	56.7%	\$27,953	52.4%
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	\$87,742	\$141,095	\$162,397	90.5%	98.3%	113.2%	\$74,654	85.1%
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	\$120,941	\$138,188	\$165,873	124.8%	96.3%	115.6%	\$44,932	37.2%
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	\$75,366	\$111,928	\$140,624	77.8%	78.0%	98.0%	\$65,258	86.6%
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	\$118,152	\$209,674	\$171,914	121.9%	146.1%	119.8%	\$53,762	45.5%
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	\$134,231	\$192,488	\$172,831	138.5%	134.2%	120.5%	\$38,600	28.8%
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	\$174,302	\$215,707	\$218,909	179.8%	150.3%	152.6%	\$44,607	25.6%
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	\$86,782	\$119,393	\$143,571	89.5%	83.2%	100.1%	\$56,789	65.4%
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	\$84,366	\$170,589	\$132,197	87.0%	118.9%	92.1%	\$47,831	56.7%
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	\$102,495	\$98,063	\$174,464	105.7%	68.3%	121.6%	\$71,969	70.2%

1. All figures have been converted to 2021 dollars using the Consumer Price Index Research Series (CPI-U-RS).

*Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics*  
**Persons in Poverty: 1999 - 2021**

	As % of Citywide						As % of Neighborhood			Change	
	Persons in Poverty <sup>1</sup>			Persons in Poverty			Population			1999 - 2021	
	1999	2010-14	2017-21	1999	2010-14	2017-21	1999	2010-14	2017-21	Net	%
<b>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</b>	11,289	13,656	12,382	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	12.9%	15.0%	12.3%	1,093	9.7%
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	1,225	1,736	1,715	10.9%	12.7%	13.9%	17.4%	17.8%	13.9%	490	40.0%
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	260	198	120	2.3%	1.4%	1.0%	16.0%	31.5%	18.6%	-140	-53.8%
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	1,090	1,260	1,026	9.7%	9.2%	8.3%	15.1%	19.0%	14.5%	-64	-5.9%
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	1,695	1,427	978	15.0%	10.4%	7.9%	23.9%	21.1%	15.4%	-717	-42.3%
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	1,245	1,420	1,415	11.0%	10.4%	11.4%	12.8%	13.6%	11.5%	170	13.7%
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	1,355	1,893	1,060	12.0%	13.9%	8.6%	11.8%	16.7%	8.9%	-295	-21.8%
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	1,500	1,699	1,506	13.3%	12.4%	12.2%	20.9%	20.7%	17.8%	6	0.4%
<b>Baldwin / Area 8</b>	405	332	347	3.6%	2.4%	2.8%	11.2%	9.7%	10.1%	-58	-14.3%
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	1,065	1,078	1,600	9.4%	7.9%	12.9%	10.2%	10.2%	13.6%	535	50.2%
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	405	464	240	3.6%	3.4%	1.9%	5.1%	5.8%	3.2%	-165	-40.7%
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	870	1,614	2,019	7.7%	11.8%	16.3%	7.8%	13.3%	14.0%	1,149	132.1%
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	4	521	104	0.0%	3.8%	0.8%	1.0%	20.9%	6.7%	100	2500.0%
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	170	14	252	1.5%	0.1%	2.0%	6.8%	2.3%	9.5%	82	48.2%

1. The Census Bureau uses income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is poor. With the exception of Hawaii and Alaska, the poverty thresholds do not vary geographically. They are updated annually using the Consumer Price Index to reflect the effects of inflation. The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and does not include capital gains and noncash benefits. In 2021 the poverty threshold for a one person household was \$13,788.

*Cambridge Neighborhood Statistics*  
**Families in Poverty: 1999 - 2021**

	Families in Poverty <sup>1</sup>			As % of Citywide Families in Poverty			As % of Neighborhood Families			Change 1999 - 2021	
				1999	2010-14	2017-21	1999	2010-14	2017-21	Net	%
	1,562	1,833	1,451	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	8.9%	10.2%	7.4%	-111	-7.1%
<b>CITY OF CAMBRIDGE</b>											
<b>East Cambridge / Area 1</b>	124	199	103	7.9%	10.9%	7.1%	8.9%	10.3%	4.9%	-21	-16.9%
<b>MIT / Area 2</b>	43	0	6	2.8%	0.0%	0.4%	10.1%	0.0%	10.9%	-37	-86.0%
<b>Wellington-Harrington / Area 3</b>	164	170	200	10.5%	9.3%	13.8%	10.3%	14.3%	14.7%	36	22.0%
<b>The Port / Area 4</b>	347	246	201	22.2%	13.4%	13.9%	25.8%	20.1%	17.8%	-146	-42.1%
<b>Cambridgeport / Area 5</b>	82	120	128	5.2%	6.5%	8.8%	4.6%	6.5%	5.3%	46	56.1%
<b>Mid-Cambridge / Area 6</b>	140	205	57	9.0%	11.2%	3.9%	7.2%	10.8%	2.6%	-83	-59.3%
<b>Riverside / Area 7</b>	219	167	143	14.0%	9.1%	9.9%	17.0%	12.7%	8.9%	-76	-34.7%
<b>Agassiz / Area 8</b>	41	24	24	2.6%	1.3%	1.7%	6.1%	3.7%	3.6%	-17	-41.5%
<b>Neighborhood Nine / Area 9</b>	174	198	206	11.1%	10.8%	14.2%	8.1%	8.9%	9.0%	32	18.4%
<b>West Cambridge / Area 10</b>	58	64	16	3.7%	3.5%	1.1%	3.1%	3.2%	0.8%	-42	-72.4%
<b>North Cambridge / Area 11</b>	114	340	297	7.3%	18.5%	20.5%	4.7%	11.5%	10.5%	183	160.5%
<b>Cambridge Highlands / Area 12</b>	0	0	9	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	9	0.0%
<b>Strawberry Hill / Area 13</b>	28	100	61	1.8%	5.5%	4.2%	4.7%	18.0%	8.5%	33	117.9%

1. The Census Bureau uses income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is poor. With the exception of Hawaii and Alaska, the poverty thresholds do not vary geographically. They are updated annually using the Consumer Price Index to reflect the effects of inflation. The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and does not include capital gains and noncash benefits. In 2021 the poverty threshold for a three person household was \$21,559.



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## Appendix – About the Data



## About the Data

The majority of the information used here derives from U. S. Census Bureau surveys and censuses, which have evolved over the decades and which both have inherent limitations. A true census attempts to measure a characteristic by counting, (i. e., censusing) every member of a population. Such efforts are subject to sources of non-sampling error, such as incomplete address lists or recording errors by survey staff. Surveys, as practiced by the Census Bureau, measure a characteristic by interviewing (i. e., surveying) a randomly selected sample of a population. In addition to non-sampling error, surveys are subject to sampling error, which represents the difference between the measured value in the sample and the actual value across the entire population. Unlike non-sampling error, mathematical techniques exist for estimating the size of sampling error.

The following sections provide information about the sources of and the limitations of the data used here.

### Data Sources

Unless otherwise noted, material used throughout this document derives from various U.S. Census Bureau programs as follows:

- **2000 data:** From either the SF1 data file compiled from results of the Census Short Form questionnaire completed by all residents or from a special tabulation of the Census Long Form questionnaire completed by one in six households and compiled by the U. S. Census Bureau under contract for the Cambridge Community Development Department
- **2010 data:** From the SF1 data file compiled from the results of the 2010 Census questionnaire completed by all residents.
- **2010 - 2014 and 2017 - 2021 data:** From the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates. The ACS surveys approximately 1% of the population each calendar year, and five years of results are compiled to create this data source. 2010 - 2014 and 2017 - 2021 refers to the years during which the data was collected.

Other sources include:

- **Bike, Transit and Walk Scores:** Provided by Walk Score, Inc.
- **Housing stock and residential property data:** Compiled from various City of Cambridge sources.
- **Rental medians:** Values calculated from data collected by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

## Collection of Census Bureau Data

- **2000 Census:** During the latter half of the twentieth century, the U. S. Census Bureau used two different questionnaires when conducting the decennial census, which is the census conducted every ten years as required by the U.S. Constitution. The entire population completed the Short Form instrument, providing basic demographic data about themselves or family members (e. g., population, age, race, family relationship, etc.). Data collected with the Short Form constitute a true census; all members of the population or their representative answered the questions. During these decennial censuses one in six households also completed the Long Form instrument, answering questions about socioeconomic topics, such as income, employment, and rents. The Long Form sampled the population and did not produce a true census. The U. S. Census Bureau extrapolated Long Form data to generate statistics for the entire population. Where information on the same topic is available from both forms, the Short Form is regarded as the more accurate source. In other words, where a conflict occurs between data from the two forms, the U. S. Census Bureau recommends the use of "100% count" data.
- **2010 Census:** The 2010 Census represented a major shift in decennial census operations. The Census Bureau removed the socioeconomic questions formerly asked through the Long Form instrument and placed them in the separate American Community Survey. The 2010 Census questionnaire consisted of the questions formerly found on the Short Form instrument. All members of the population answered these questions, so the 2010 Census constitutes a true census.
- **2010 - 2014 and 2017 - 2021 American Community Survey:** During the 2000s the Census Bureau moved the socioeconomic questions formerly posed on the Long Form Survey instrument to a new survey program, named the American Community Survey (ACS). The Bureau conducts the ACS on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Each year approximately 1% of the population responds to the survey. Data are released on a rolling basis. Every year the Census Bureau releases both one and five year data sets. Five year data sets employ data collected over multiple years to produce both more accurate estimates and estimates for smaller areas of geography. The five year data sets include the blockgroup level data used to construct many of neighborhood statistics found here.

## Compiling Neighborhood Census Data

- The U.S. Census Bureau does not regularly generate statistics for Cambridge neighborhoods. Following the 1980, 1990 and 2000 Decennial Censuses the Bureau ran special programs through which organizations paid to have data recompiled to match local geographic boundaries. In all three cases the Cambridge Community Development Department purchased recompiled data for Cambridge neighborhoods.

- Data from the 2010 Census are available down to the block level and are easily recompiled to fit neighborhood boundaries.
- Aside from exceptions detailed below, blockgroup boundaries used to compile ACS data adhere to the City's neighborhood boundaries, allowing Community Development staff to manually recompile ACS data at the neighborhood level.

### Variation and Error Found in Census Data

- **Difference between Information Sources:** Figures found in the tables may differ from other information available from the U.S. Census, the Community Development Department, or third party sources. A number of programs using different techniques collect data on many of the topics found here and may report varying results.
- **Margin of Error:** American Community Survey (ACS) tables published by the Census Bureau all include a measure of the sampling error associated with the survey. There are different ways to present sampling error. In the case of the ACS, the Census Bureau publishes the 90% margin of error. Many of the neighborhood statistics found here derive from a compilation of ACS blockgroup data. While not published here, one can use Census Bureau recommended methods to calculate margins of error for aggregated ACS data. Margins of error can also be calculated for any statistics derived from the older Long Form questionnaire, though the Census Bureau did not publish these. Margins of error are not available for statistics derived from either the Short Form questionnaire or the 2010 Census; by definition a true census is not subject to sampling error.
- **Rounding Error:** Much of the 2000 neighborhood level information comes from a Special Census Tabulation compiled for the Community Development Department by the Census Bureau. In certain instances, neighborhood totals may fail to sum to the 2000 citywide figures, which are drawn directly from the SF3 data file for the City of Cambridge. Also, some subcategories were computed by using ratios drawn from the Special Tabulation and may not sum to citywide figures as a result.

### Bike Score, Transit Score and Walk Score Data

The methodology for Bike Score, Transit Score and Walk Score was developed by Walk Score, Inc. Their rating system provides quantitative measures of attributes that correlate with access to public transit, and the ease of biking and walking. Each mode is rated on a scale of 0 to 100. In some instances, WalkScore neighborhood boundaries differ from those used to compile ACS data into neighborhood statistics.

Bike, Transit and Walk Score are registered trademarks of Walk Score, Inc. More information on their methodology can be found at: <https://www.walkscore.com/methodology.shtml>. To learn more about Cambridge's score, visit: <https://www.walkscore.com/MA/Cambridge>. All data current as of May 2023.

## Neighborhood Boundaries and Census Data

The 1954 planning study *Thirteen Neighborhoods: One City* formalized the neighborhood boundaries now in effect in Cambridge; official borders have remained unchanged since that time. However, comparisons of neighborhood level Census Bureau data across the decades are complicated by changes to the boundaries used by different Census Bureau data programs, by data suppression policies, and by data compilation errors. All statistical tables reflect the following adjustments:

- **2000 Census:** When compiling results for the 2000 Census, the Census Bureau erroneously assigned the residents of Harvard University dormitories located in Harvard Yard and along Harvard Street east of Quincy Square, all of which fall in the Mid-Cambridge/Area 6 neighborhood, to a block located south of Massachusetts Avenue in the Riverside/Area 7 neighborhood. To compensate for this error, all residents of the block bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Plympton Street, and Bow Street were allocated to Mid-Cambridge for the purpose of calculating neighborhood statistics. The great majority of the persons affected were group quarters residents residing in Harvard University dormitories in Harvard Yard.
- **2010 – 2014 and 2017 - 2021 ACS Data:** Community Development Department staff constructed neighborhood level information derived from the ACS by consolidating blockgroup data. While blockgroup boundaries largely coincide with neighborhood boundaries, several exceptions occur. Several uninhabited areas were shifted between neighborhoods. The following inhabited areas were also shifted:
  - The area bounded by Cambridge Street, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street is assigned to Mid-Cambridge/Area 6 rather than Wellington-Harrington/Area 3.
  - The area bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Garden Street, Mason Street, James Street, Brattle Street, and Church Street is assigned to Neighborhood Nine/Area 9 rather than West Cambridge/Area 10.
- **All Census Bureau Data Sets:** Portions of the single census block surrounded by Huron Avenue, Grove Street, Blanchard Road, Concord Avenue and Fresh Pond Parkway, including Fresh Pond Reservation, fall in West Cambridge/Area 10, Cambridge Highlands/Area 12, and Strawberry Hill/Area 13. The West Cambridge/Area 10 portion is unpopulated. To accommodate census block boundaries, the Cambridge Highlands/Area 12 portion is included in the Strawberry Hill/Area 13 figures for all years analyzed.

## Housing Stock and Residential Property Data

To develop an accurate accounting of the state of the Cambridge housing and building stock, the Community Development Department regularly evaluates citywide data using a variety of techniques and data sources. The data incorporate information derived from the Assessing Department database, building permits, certificates of occupancy, lodging houses, and university owned housing,

as well as development project pipeline information compiled by the Community Development Department. To assure equivalent treatment across the city, all apartment-style graduate student housing operated by local universities are included in the housing and property counts. The figures used here provide a snapshot of the housing stock as of June 30, 2022 and include both existing stock and units under construction.

### Diversity Index

The Diversity Index, as it is used in this report, represents the probability that two individuals chosen at random from a population will belong to different groups. The measure takes into account both the number of groups and relative size of each group. Values range from 1.00 – every member belongs to a different group – to a 0.00 – every member belongs to the same group. Higher Diversity Index values indicate that a population is more diverse. Many variations of a “Diversity Index” exist; this report employs one called the Gini-Simpson Index.

Diversity indices were calculated twice for each Neighborhood and Citywide profile using 2017 - 2021 ACS data. One iteration uses four broad racial categories: White, Black, Asian (including Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander), and All Others (including other specific groups as well as persons who belong to two or more races). The second Diversity Index divides the population into Blacks and All Others. Hispanic origin is not taken into account in either case.

For more information about diversity indices, please refer to the following:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diversity\\_index](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diversity_index).

### Rental Housing Data

Calculations of median rental prices for studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom units rely upon data gathered by the Metro Boston Rental Listings Database Collaboration, organized through MAPC. This collaboration among five communities provides quarterly data on rental listings advertised for units found in each municipality. MAPC uses automated methods to gather data from rental listing websites and cleans the data to remove duplicate records and atypical advertisements, such as those for furnished units and apartment shares. Cambridge applies additional cleaning steps before analyzing the data. An interactive dashboard displays quarterly statistics and trends across time. The dashboard is available at <https://tinyurl.com/39jh84vz>.





