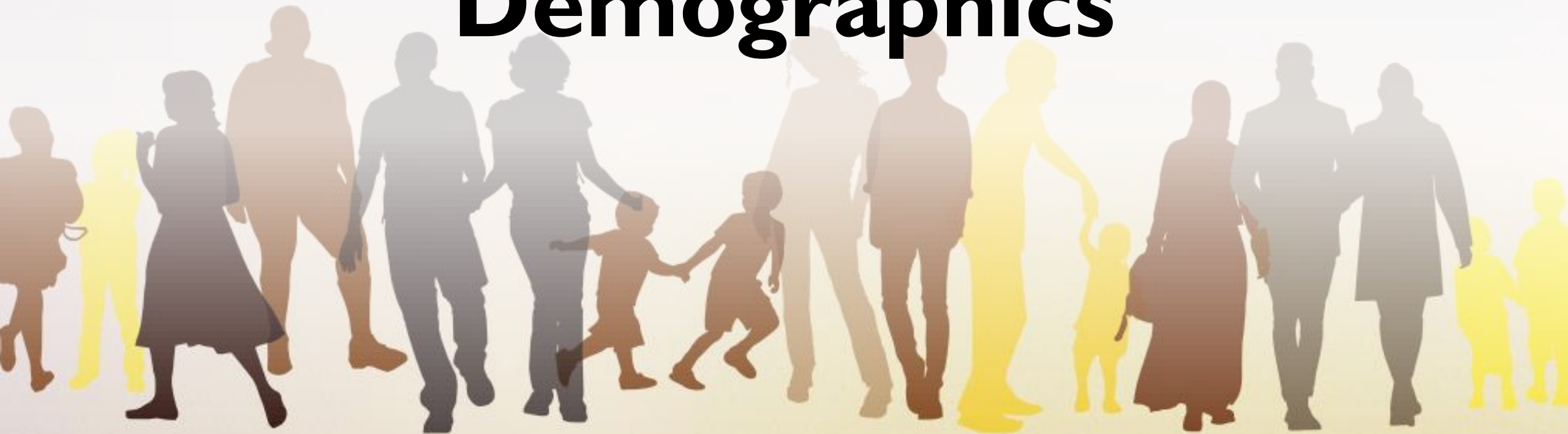


The background features a light-colored city skyline with various building shapes. In the foreground, a diverse group of people is shown in silhouette, walking from left to right. The silhouettes are filled with different colors, including shades of brown, grey, and yellow, representing a multicultural population. The people include men, women, and children of various ages, some holding hands, suggesting a family or community group.

# **What Census Data Can Tell Us About Boston**

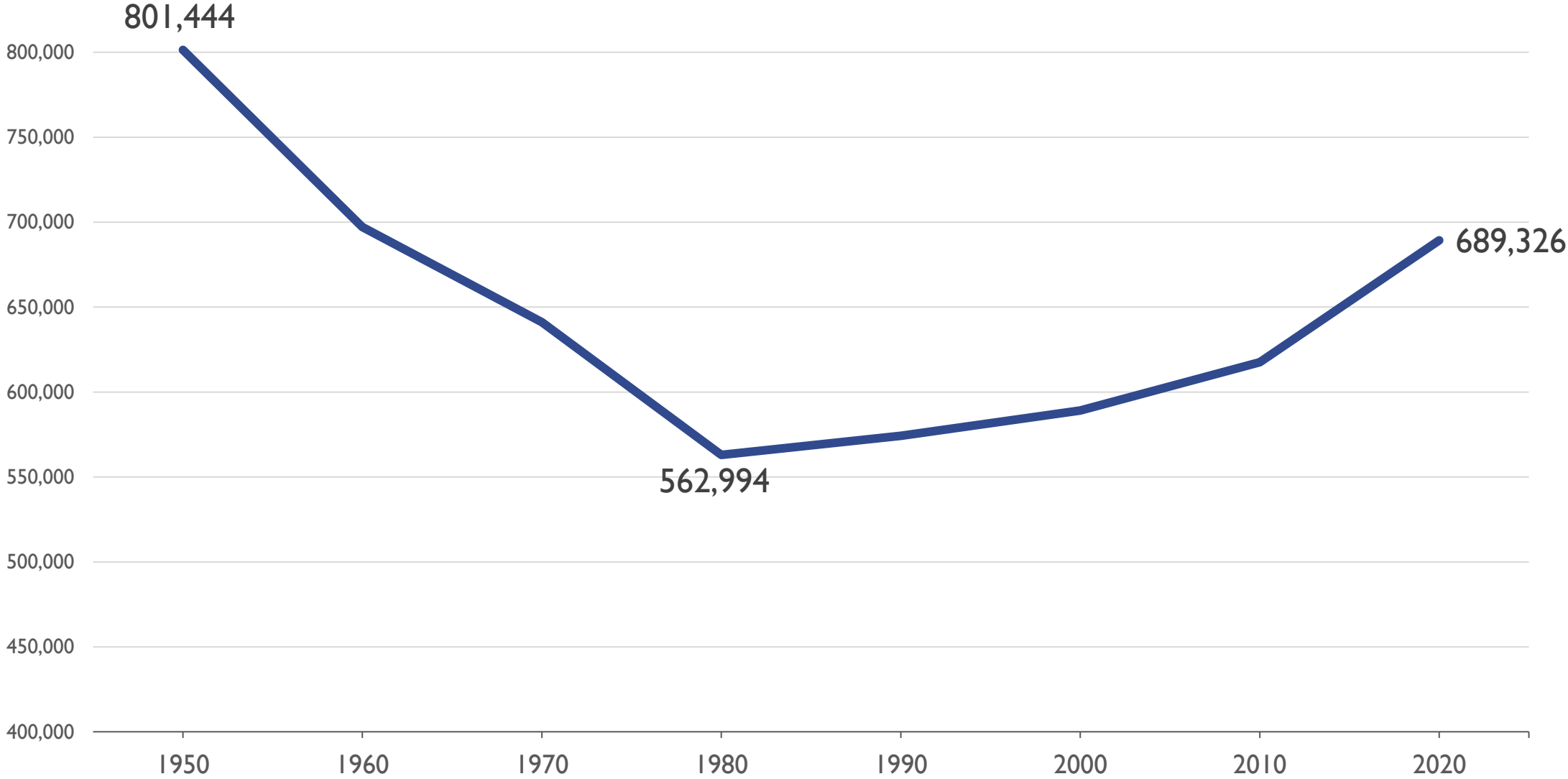
**Peter Ciurczak, Boston Indicators**

# Demographics



# Boston has grown significantly since its population low-point in 1980.

Total Population.

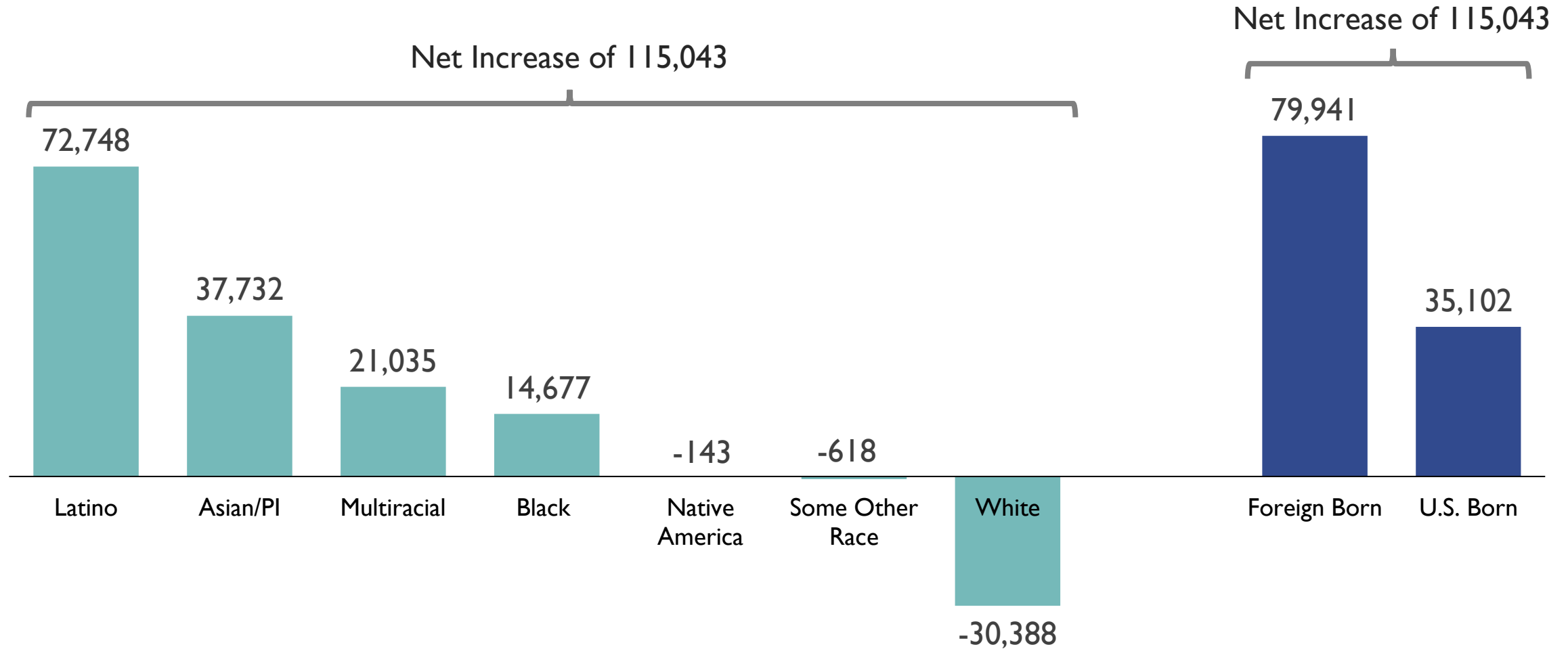


Source: 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 Census, 2006-2010, 2016-2020 American Community Survey



# Boston's recent population growth has been driven largely by immigrants of color.

Net population change, Boston, 1990-2020

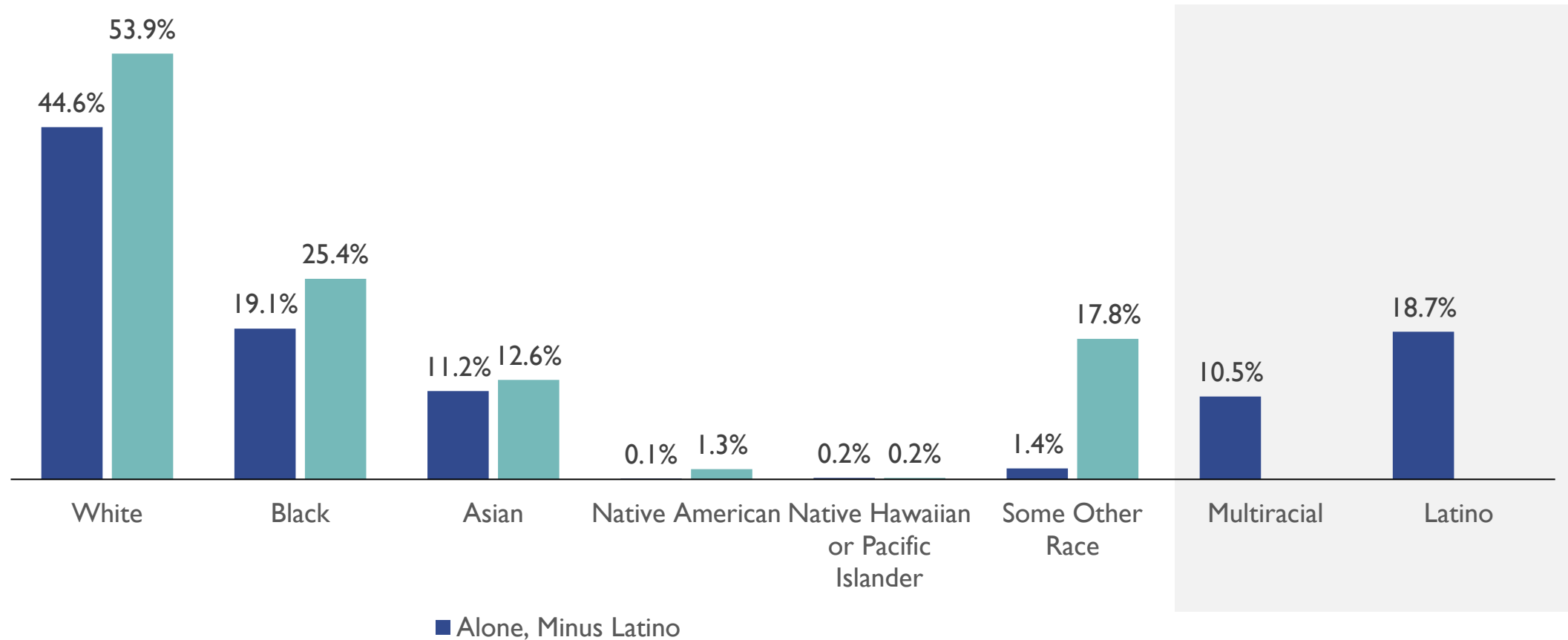


Note: "Other" includes "two or more races," which was not an option in 1990, and "Some Other Race Alone." Racial groups other than "Latino" do not include Latino members.  
Source: 1990 U.S. Census. 2016-2020 5-year American Community Survey. Native American estimate should be interpreted with caution due to small sample size.



# Race totals appear lower when subtracting Latino ethnicity and those who select more than one race.

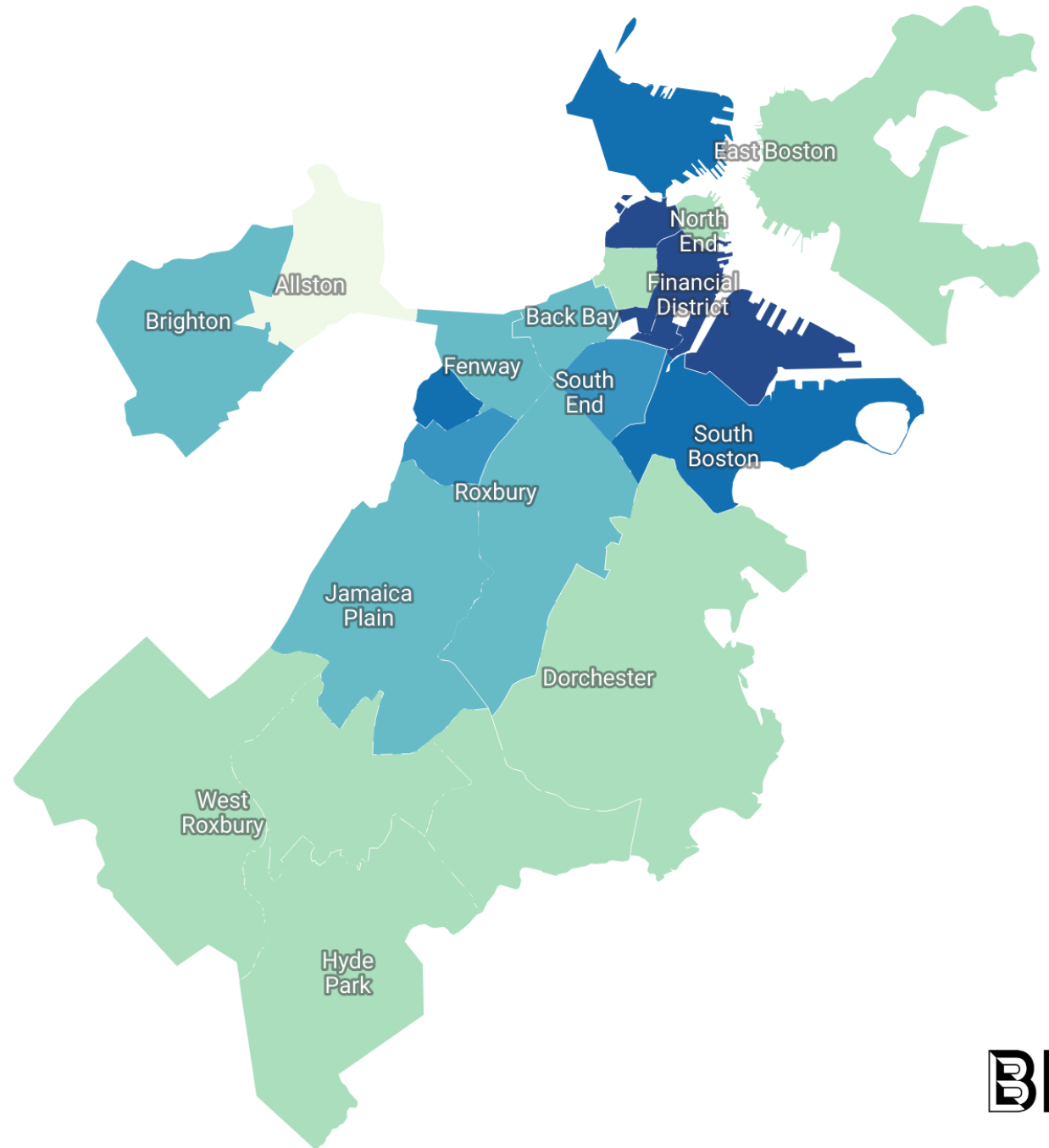
Population breakdown by race and ethnicity. Boston. 2020.



# Nearly all Boston neighborhoods have grown over the last decade.

Population percent change. Boston neighborhoods. 2010 – 2020.

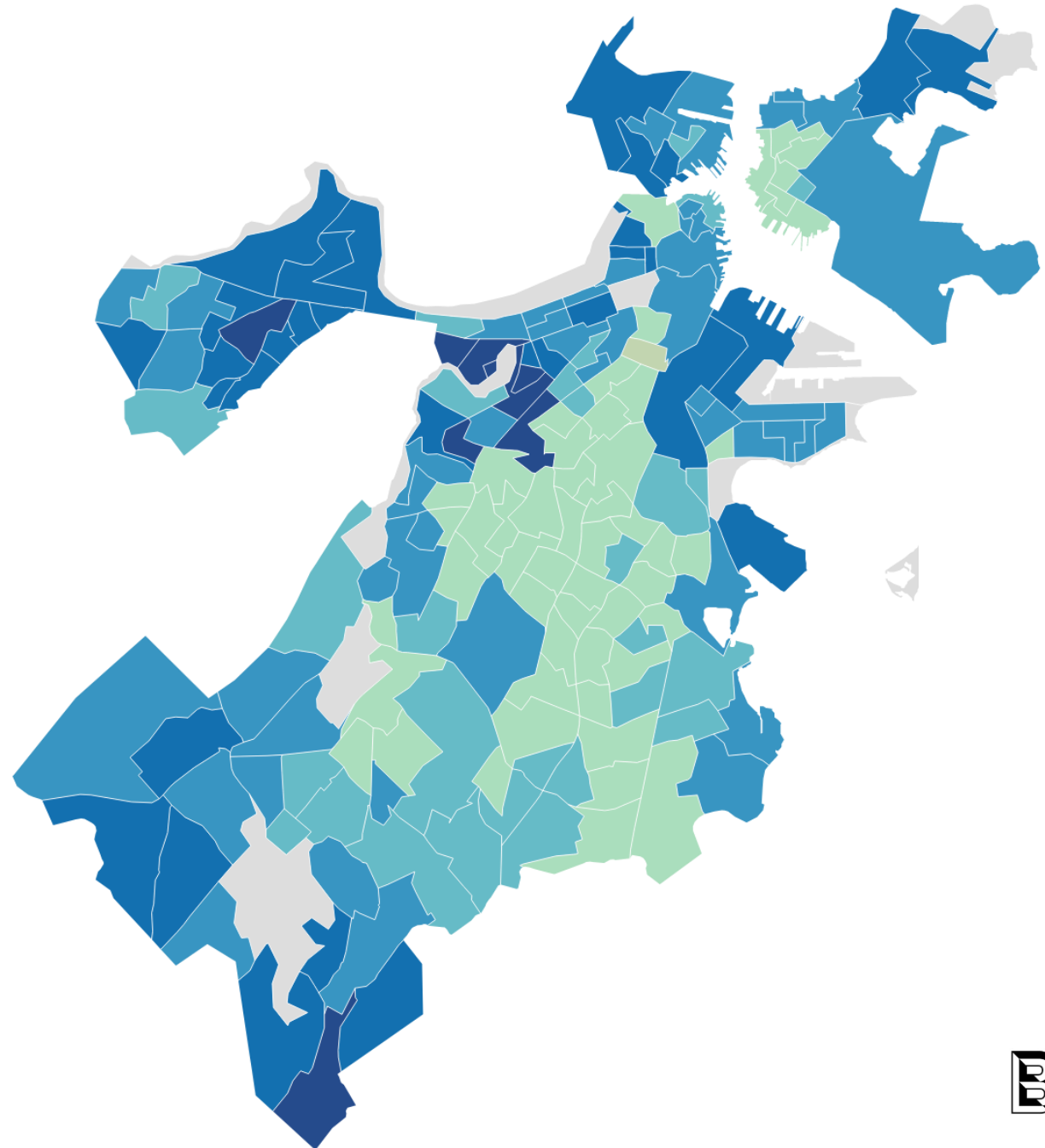
< 0% 0%–8% 8%–12% 12%–15% 15%–33% ≥ 33%



Source: 2010 – 2020 U.S. Decennial Census. BPDA Research Division Analysis.

< -10%   -10%-0%   0%-3%   3%-7%   7%-13%   ≥ 13%

## Change in population share of people of color. Census Tracts. 2010-2020.



Note: Population of color denoted here as total population less population of White, non-Latinos. Tracts with populations less than 10 have been excluded.

Source: IPUMS NHGIS, University of Minnesota, [www.nhgis.org](http://www.nhgis.org)

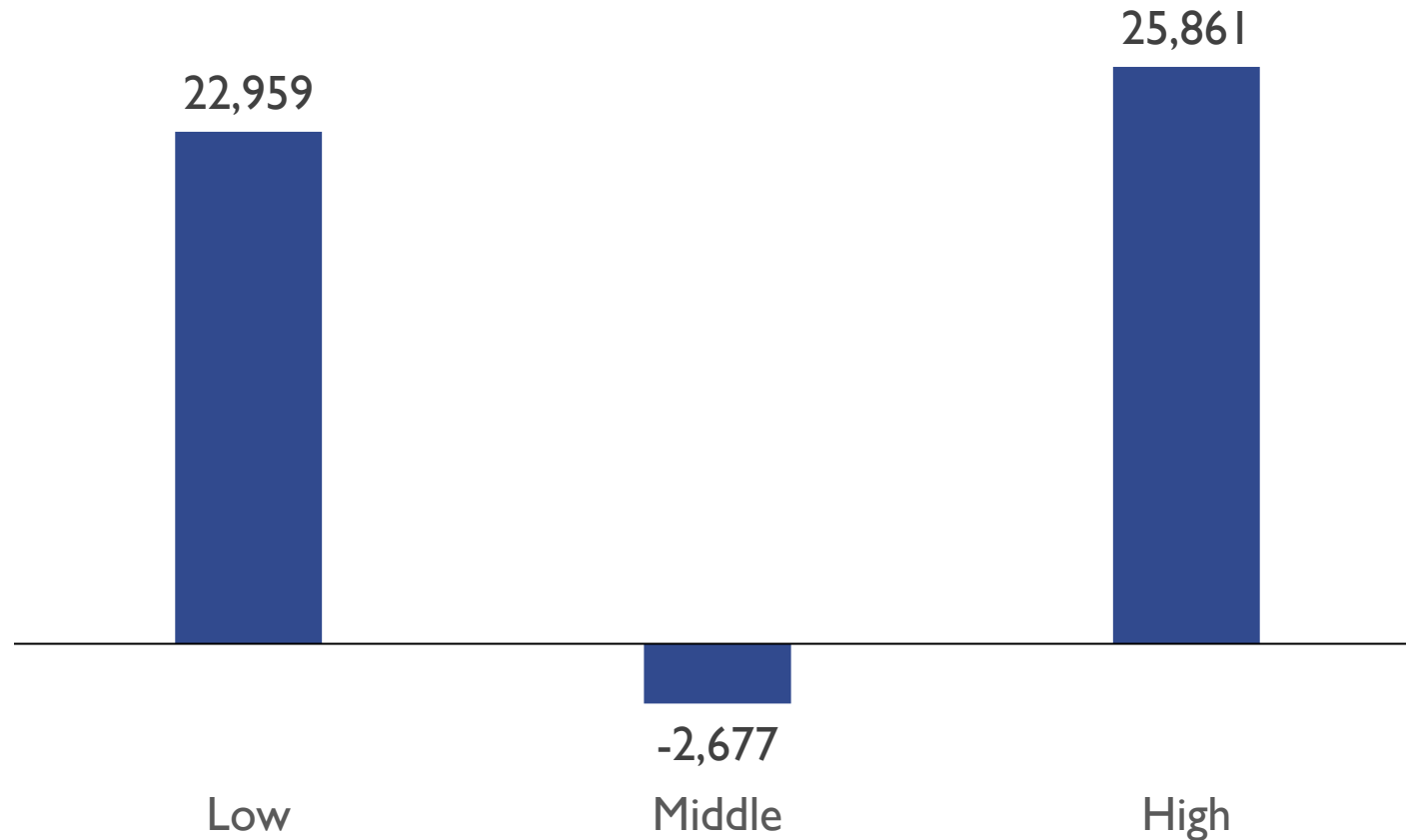
# Inequality





# Boston has lost middle-income households while gaining low- and high-income.

Change in number of households by income bracket. 1980 – 2017.



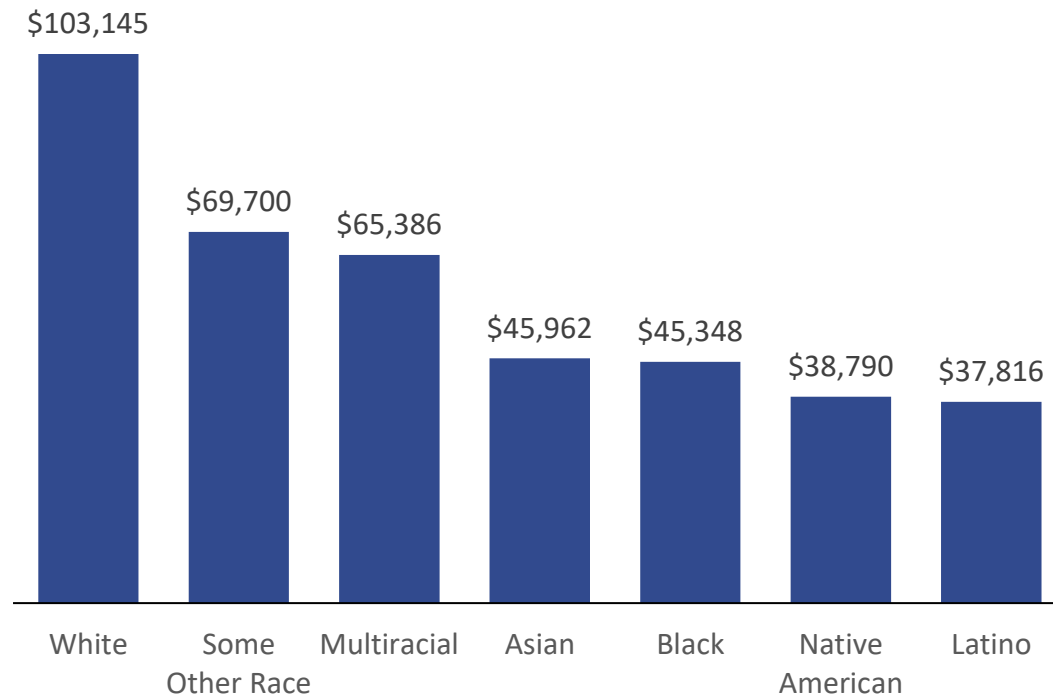
Note: Middle-Income bracket includes households between 100 and 200 percent of median household income in Boston  
Source: 1980 U.S. Census, 2013-2017 American Community Survey.



# White Bostonians have higher incomes and are less likely to be in poverty than any other group.

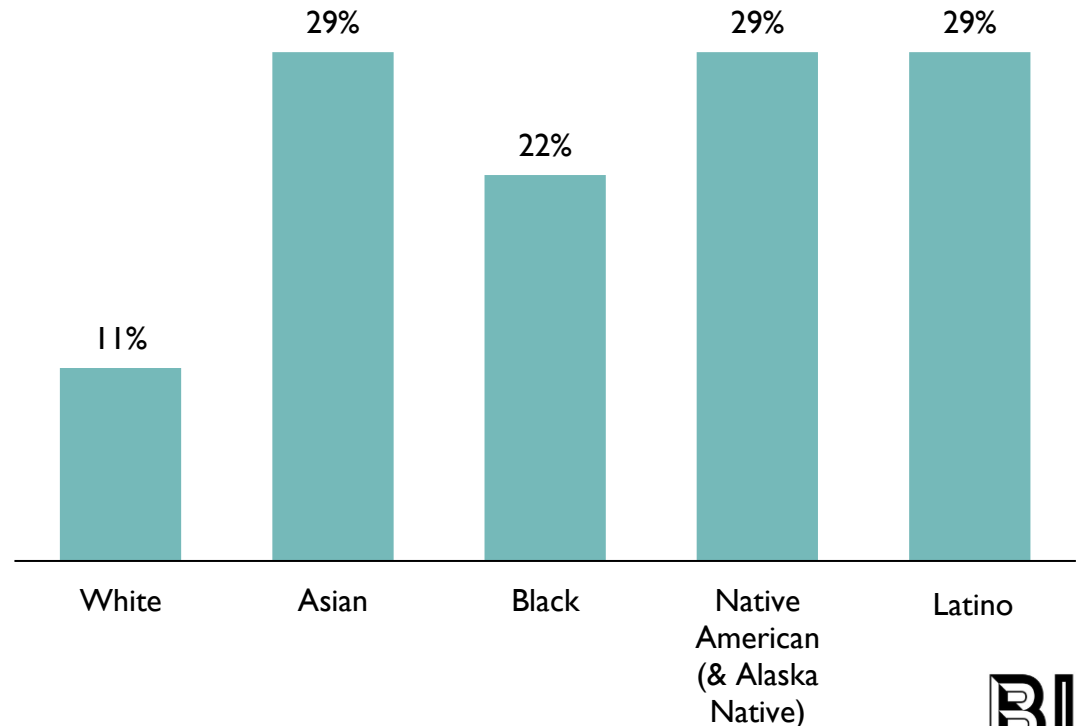
**Median Household Income by Race, Boston. 2020.**

*Single race, non-Latino unless otherwise indicated.*



**Share in Poverty by Race, Boston, 2020.**

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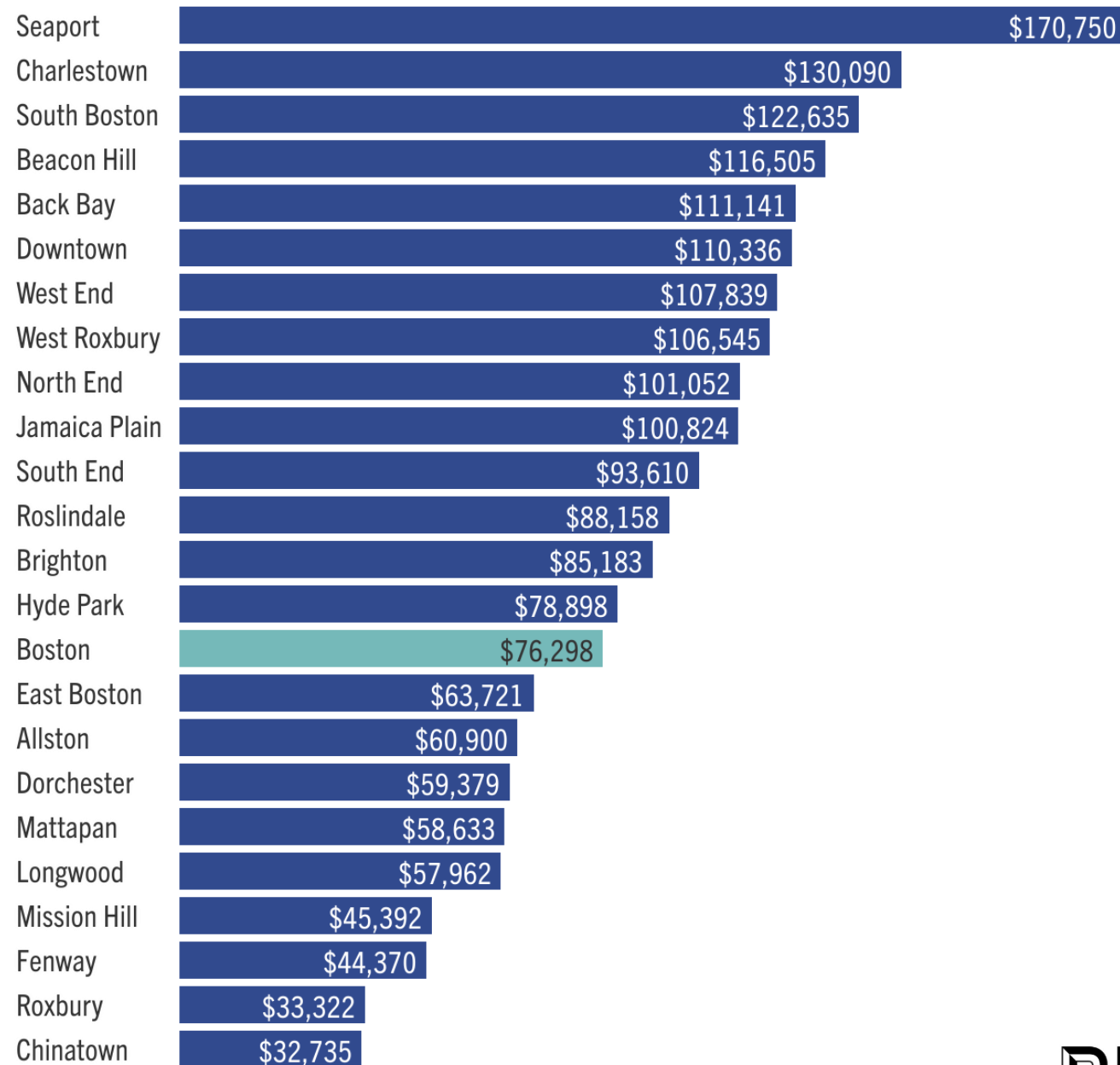
Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey



# Households in the Seaport make more than 5 times the median incomes of households in Chinatown.

Median household incomes. Boston neighborhoods. 2020.

Source: 2020 5-Yr American Community Survey. BPDA Research Division Analysis.



The image features a diverse group of people in silhouette, walking from left to right across the bottom half of the frame. The silhouettes are filled with various colors including brown, grey, and yellow. In the background, a city skyline is depicted with several buildings of varying heights and shapes, rendered in a light, faded grey. The overall background has a soft, light-colored gradient.

**Thank You**