

Changing Black Cambridge

Highlights of a decade of change in Cambridge's Black community

ETHNICITY

Growing Black/Latinx Population

Share of Black residents who also identify as Latinx

5.9% → 10.4%

2009 2018

AGE

Fewer children, more seniors

Under 18

28.5% → 21.6%

2009 2018

65 and older

8% → 12.6%

2009 2018

TENURE

Greater share of homeowners

Owned with a mortgage/
Owned free and clear

18% → 22.4%

2009 2018

RECENT MOVERS

More recent immigrants

Share of movers within the last year coming from another country

7.6% → 11.4%

2009 2018

TOP OCCUPATIONS

Education and sales replaced by transportation and management

2009

11.6% Office & administration

11.1% Sales

10.8% Education

2018

12% Office & administration

11% Transportation

10.8% Management

PLACE OF BIRTH

Fewer foreign-born

Share of Black residents born in another country

42.6% → 37.4%

2009 2018

HOUSEHOLDS

Fewer families with kids, more nonfamily roommates

Families with kids

61.7% → 42.8%

2009 2018

Nonfamily, not alone

8.1% → 20.2%

2009 2018

RESIDENTIAL STABILITY

More long-term residents

Share of residents living in current home for more than 10 years

24.6% → 32.3%

2009 2018

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Higher post-secondary credentials

Share of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher

30.6% → 33.5%

2009 2018

NEIGHBORHOODS

with the greatest share of Black residents



The Port: 22.9%



North Cambridge: 22.7%



Strawberry Hill: 17.4%

Lt. Col. Enoch Woodhouse participates in a Tech Goes Home program.

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Sources: 2005-2009 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.