

# City of Newton

## Department of Planning and Development

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### **FY16-FY20 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

### **Data Presentation**

**May 6, 2014**



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# Program for Evening

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  - Federal Grants
  - Consolidated Plan
  - Process
  - Timeline
  - Data
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# Federal Grants

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- Newton receives
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
    - ✦ Enacted in 1974
  - HOME Investment Partnerships Program
    - ✦ Enacted in 1990
  - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
    - ✦ Enacted in 1987; revised 2011

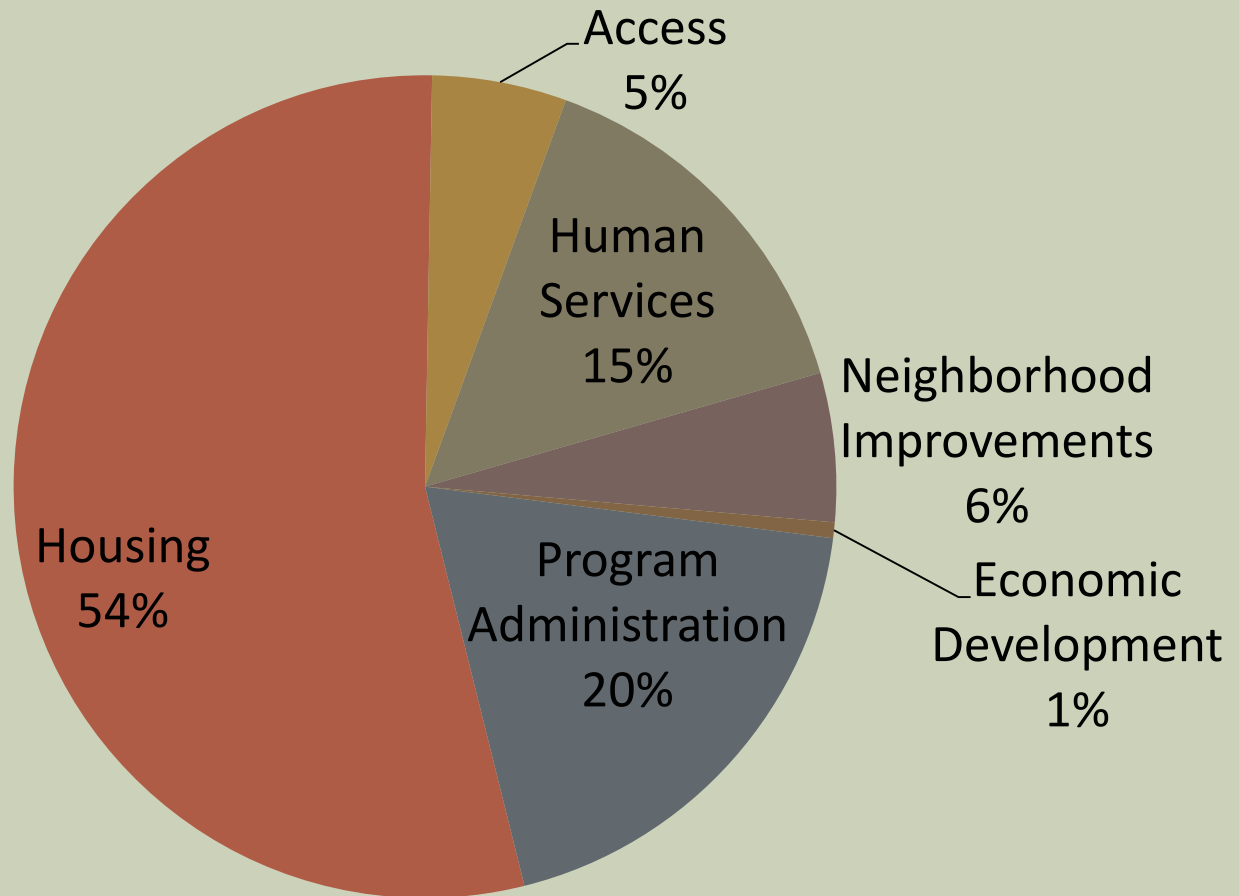
# Federal Grants

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- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  - Develop viable urban communities through
    - Decent housing
    - Suitable living environment
    - Expanded economic opportunities

# Newton's CDBG Allocations, FY 2011-FY 2015\*

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\*Program budgets only – Includes Program Income from loan repayments

# Federal Grants

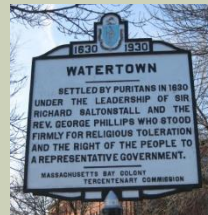
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- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
  - Provide decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing to lower-income households
  - Leverage private sector participation
- Emergency Solutions Grant
  - Support operations and services of homeless shelters
  - Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless
  - Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families

# WestMetro HOME Consortium

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- Newton is lead member and responsible for distributing funds to 13 other communities
  - Bedford
  - Belmont
  - Brookline
  - Concord
  - Framingham
  - Lexington
  - Lincoln
  - Natick
  - Needham
  - Sudbury
  - Waltham
  - Watertown
  - Wayland





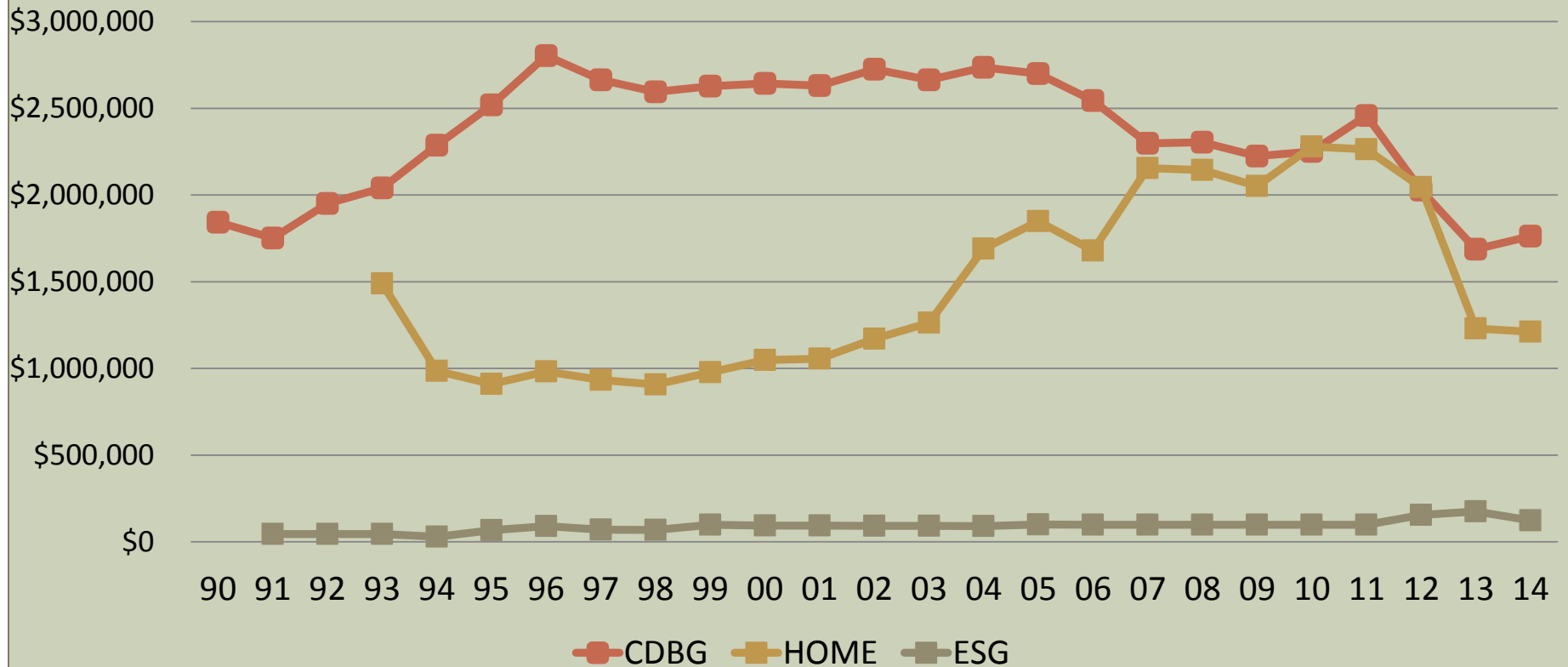
# Emergency Solutions Grant

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- Newton is lead agency for a Continuum of Care, which serves people facing housing instability.
- The following communities are part of the Continuum of Care:
  - Brookline
  - Waltham
  - Watertown

# Annual Allocations to Newton Formula Grants

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# What is a Consolidated Plan and why is it important ?

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- Required every five years by HUD to be eligible for federal funds
- Assessment of needs
- Strategic Plan to meet these needs
- Guiding document for allocating federal funds
- Opportunity for the community to set spending priorities for the next five years



## CONSOLIDATED PLAN

FOR THE  
CITY OF NEWTON  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM AND THE  
WESTMETRO HOME CONSORTIUM

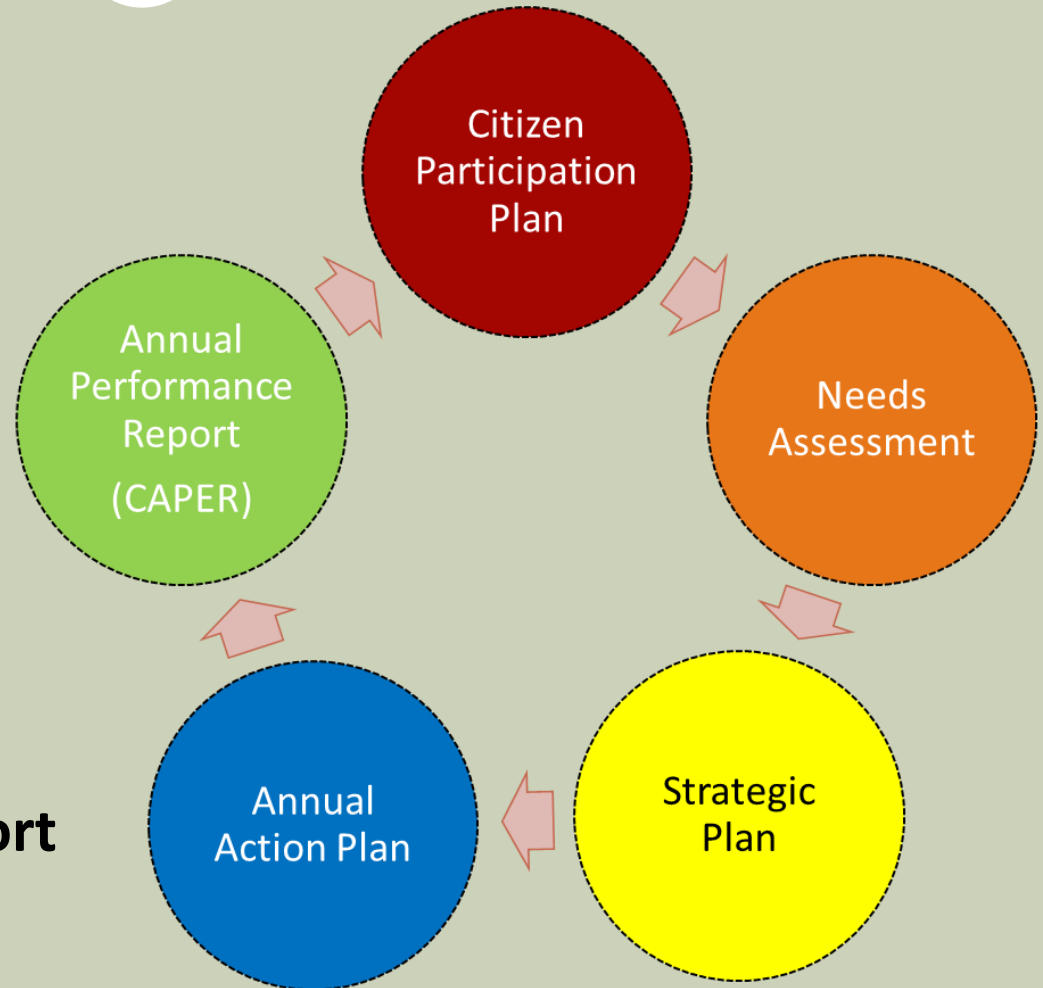
July 1, 2010—June 30, 2015

*For submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development  
May 15, 2010*

# Consolidated Plan: Process

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- **Citizen Participation Plan**
- **Needs Assessment**
- **Strategic Plan**
- **Annual Action Plan**
- **Annual Performance Report**

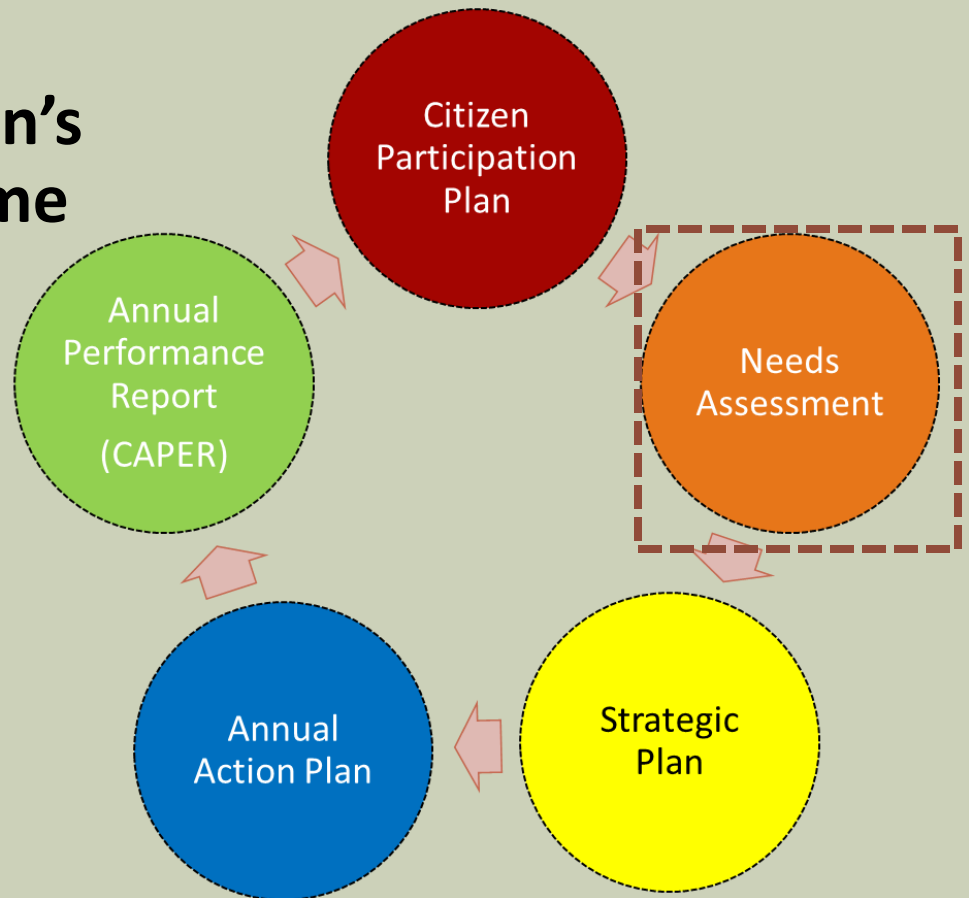


# Needs Assessment

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- **Evaluate needs of Newton's low- and moderate-income residents**

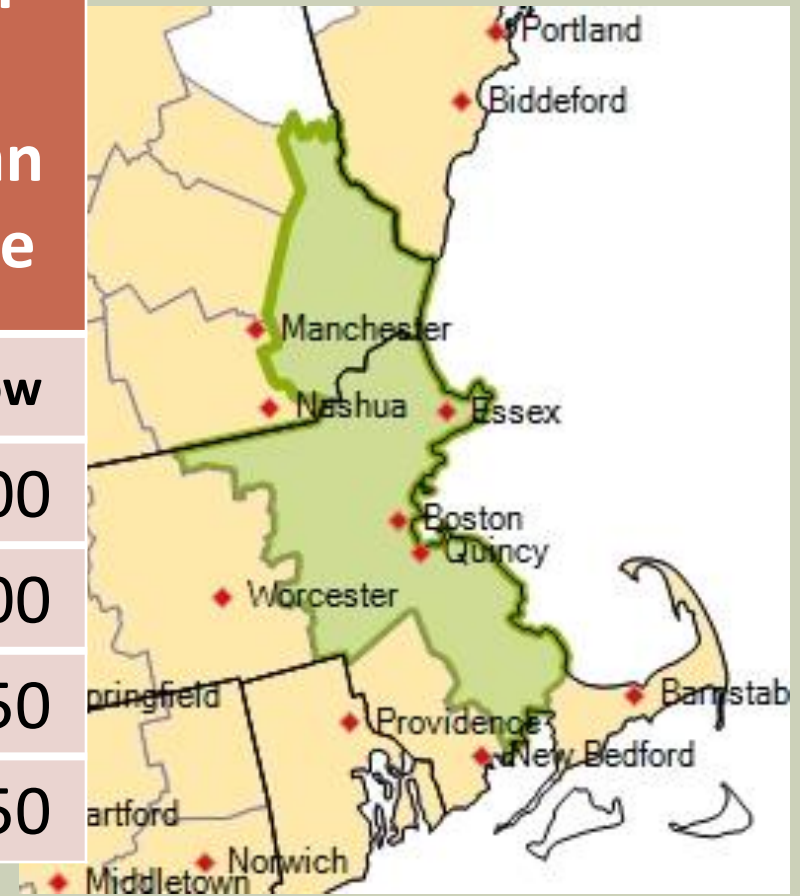
- Housing & Homelessness
- Community Development
- Phase I: Data collection
- Phase II: Citizen outreach



# Low and moderate incomes

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Household Size	80% of Area Median Income (capped by HUD)	50% of Area Median Income	30% of Area Median Income
	Moderate	Low	Very Low
1	\$47,450	\$33,050	\$19,800
2	\$54,200	\$37,650	\$22,600
3	\$61,000	\$42,350	\$25,450
4	\$67,750	\$47,050	\$28,250



# Who has a low or moderate income?

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- Clerks
- Engineering technicians
- Title examiners
- Family, school social workers
- Human resources assistants
- Machinist
- Transit police
- Travel agents
- Cement masons
- Dental assistants
- Library technicians
- Massage therapists
- Nursing assistants
- Cooks
- Dishwashers
- Taxi drivers
- Also assumed low/mod
  - Abused children
  - Survivors of domestic violence
  - Adults with severe disabilities
  - Older adults (> 62 years)
  - Homeless persons
  - Illiterate persons
  - Persons with AIDS

# Who has low or moderate income?

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In Massachusetts, depending on family situations, people in these professions may be eligible for assistance:

- Clergy
- Firefighter
- Emergency services dispatcher
- Artist
- Flight Attendant
- Teacher
- Real Estate Agent
- Curator
- Guidance Counselor
- Interior Designer
- Librarian
- Commercial pilot
- Market Research analyst
- Computer Tech support
- Editor
- Surveyor



# Long-Term Timeline

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Fall 2013	FY16-20 Consolidated Plan Kick-off
Winter	Needs Assessment – Data Collection
Spring 2014	Needs Assessment – Public Meetings & Input
Fall	Public hearing: Needs Assessment
Fall	Formulate objectives & strategies
Winter	Public hearing: draft document
Spring 2015	Board of Aldermen grant review/acceptance
Spring	Mayoral approval
May 2015	HUD submission

# DATA

# Topic Areas & Inclusion in Public Engagement

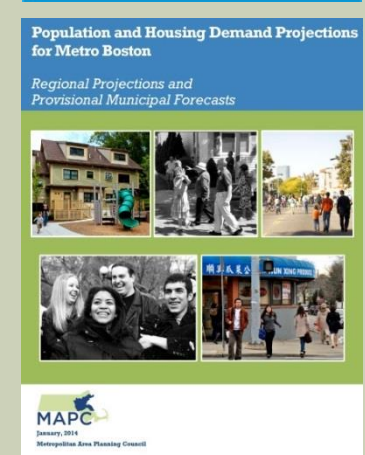
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- Demographics
- Target Neighborhoods
- Persons with Disabilities
- Housing
- Homelessness
- Economic Development
- Q & A after presentation
- Note Slide #
- Schedule of Events
- Topic-specific activities
- Request additional data

# Data Sources

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- U.S. Census Bureau
  - 2010 Decennial Census
  - American Community Survey Estimates
- U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.
  - Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
  - Office of Community Planning & Development Maps
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- MA Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council's Population and Housing Demand Projections for Metro Boston
- 2014 Homelessness Point-in-Time Count
- City of Newton
  - Departments of Assessing and Inspectional Services
- The Warren Report
- Northeastern University Dukakis Center

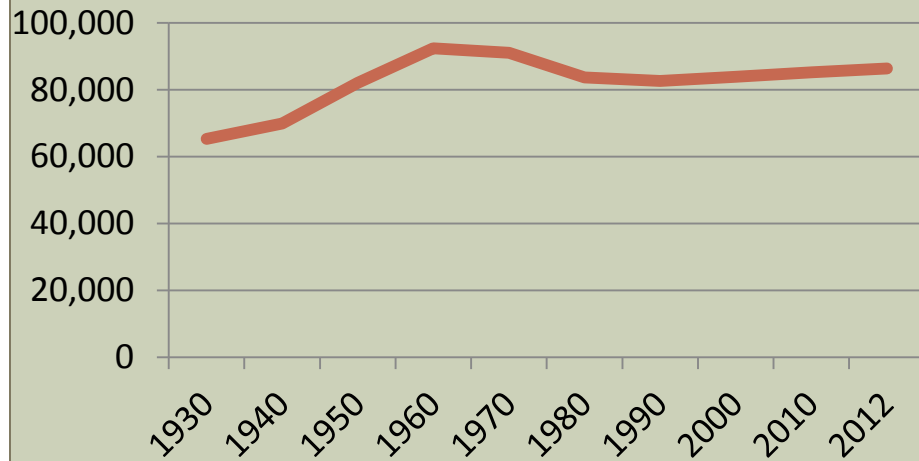


# DEMOGRAPHICS

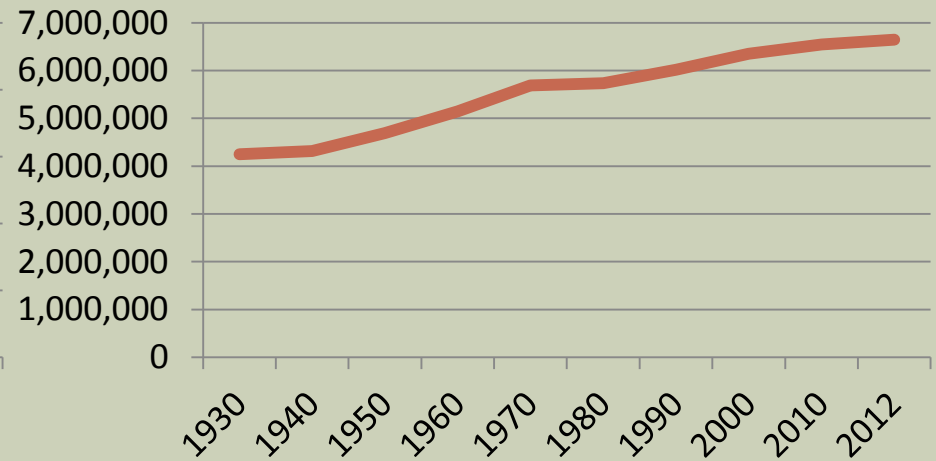
# Historic Population Change

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## Newton



## Massachusetts



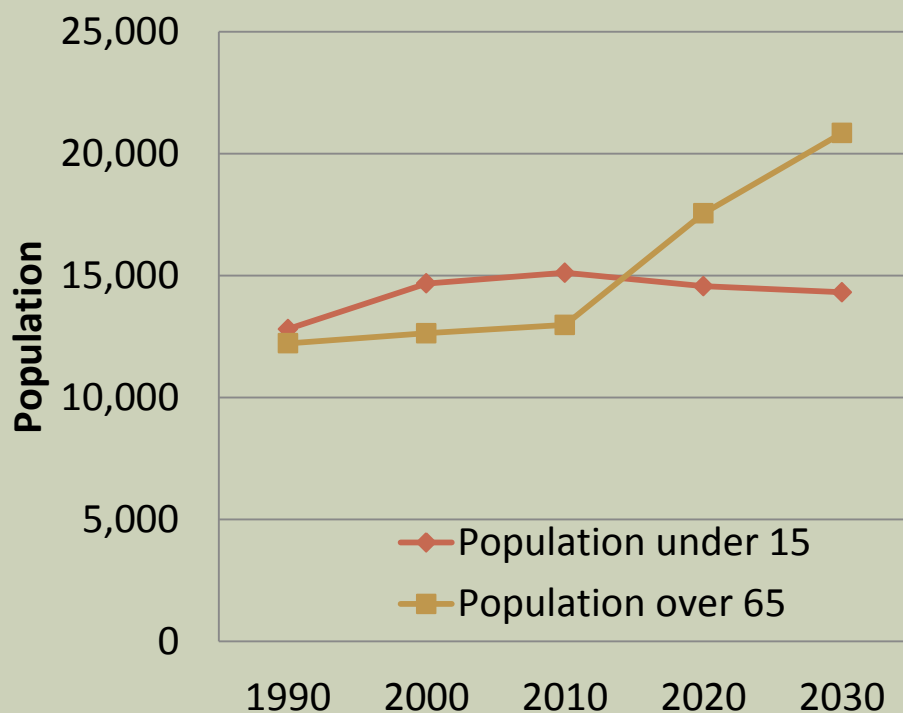
	<b>Base Year: 2000</b>	<b>Most Recent Year: 2012</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Population</b>	83,829	86,304	3%
<b>Households</b>	31,221	32,344	4%

# Newton Population Projections

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- 1990-2010
  - Total population: +3%
  - 0-15 years old: +18%
  - 65+ years old: +6%

### Population Projections by Age Group

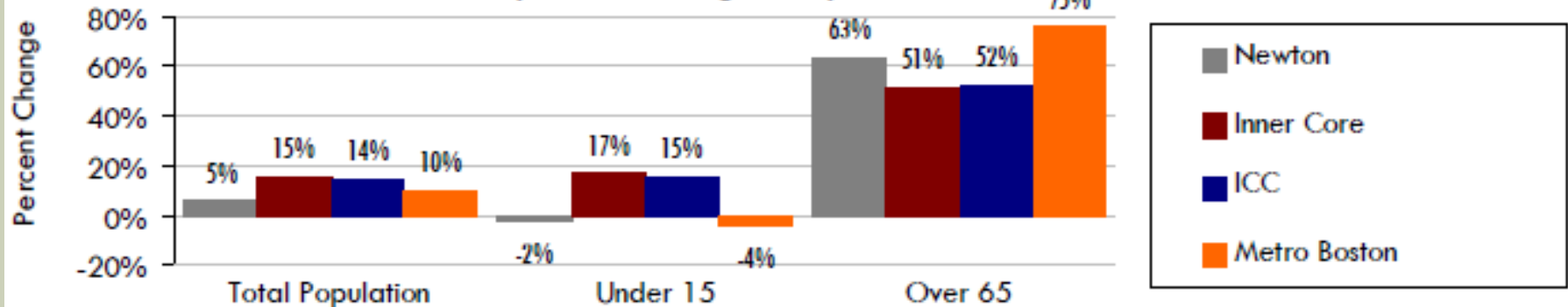


# Newton & Regional Comparison – Projections

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- 2010-2030 MAPC projections
  - Total population projected to increase by 5%
  - 0-15 years old projected to decrease by 2%
  - 65+ years old projected to increase by 63%

Population Change Comparison, 2010-2030

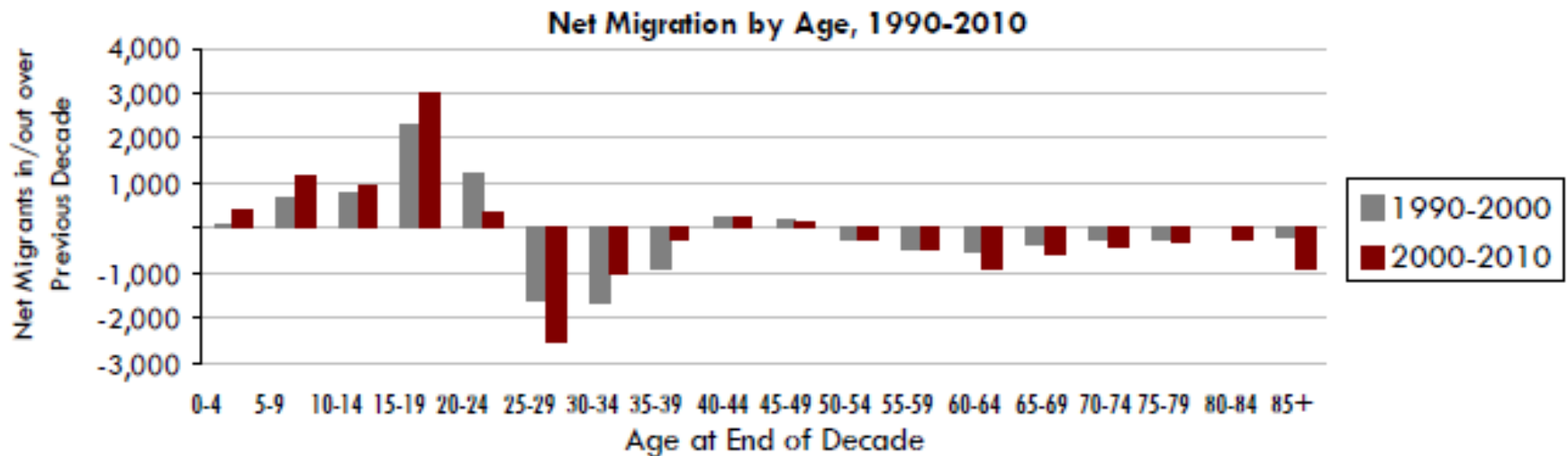




# Net Migration by Age

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- Young professionals and older adults are moving out more than moving in, and at a faster rate



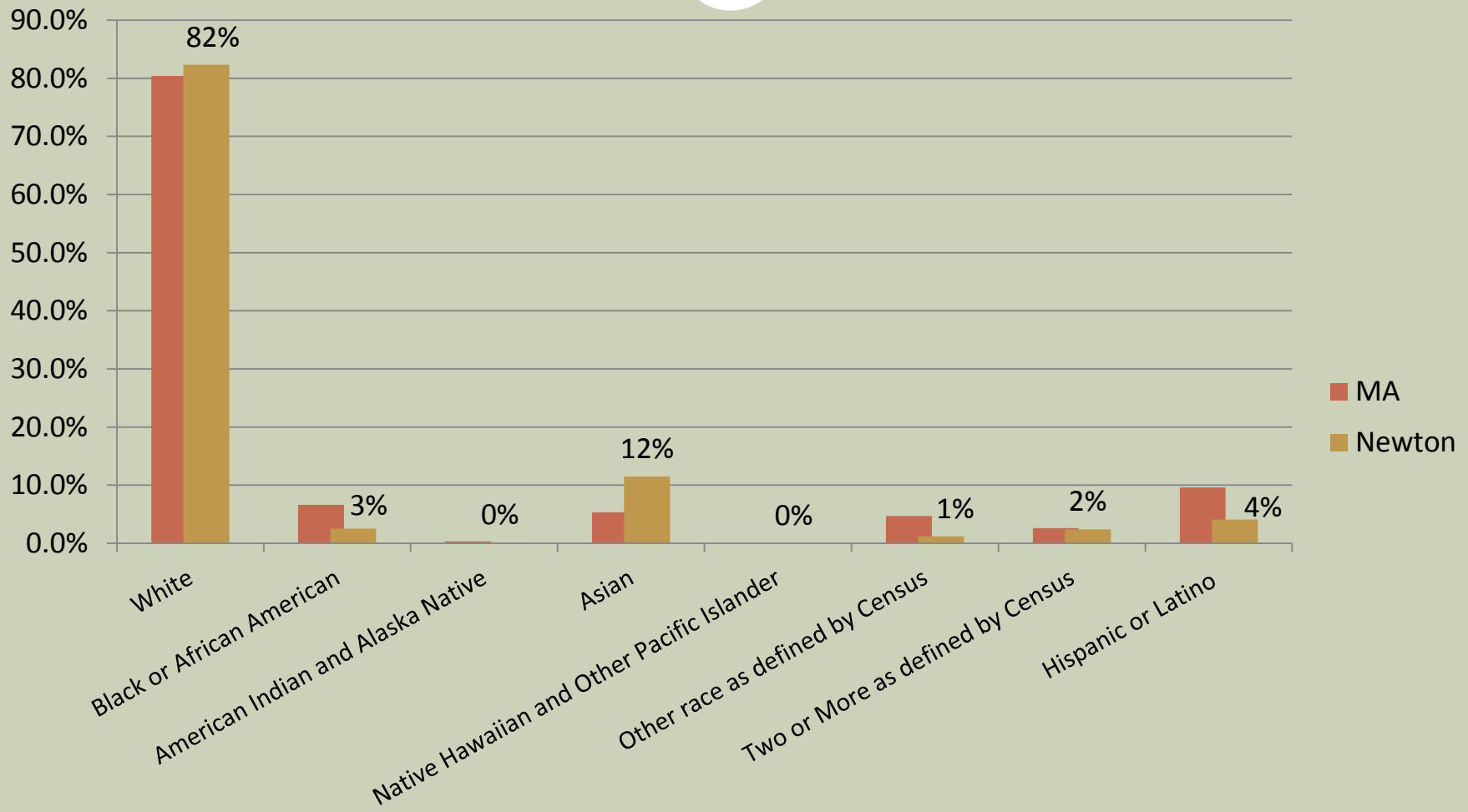
# Income

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	Median HH Income	Mean HH Income
Newton	\$113,416	\$167,881
MA	\$66,658	\$89,965

	Population Below Poverty Line	LMI Residents
Newton	6.2%	20.7%
MA	11%	51.2%

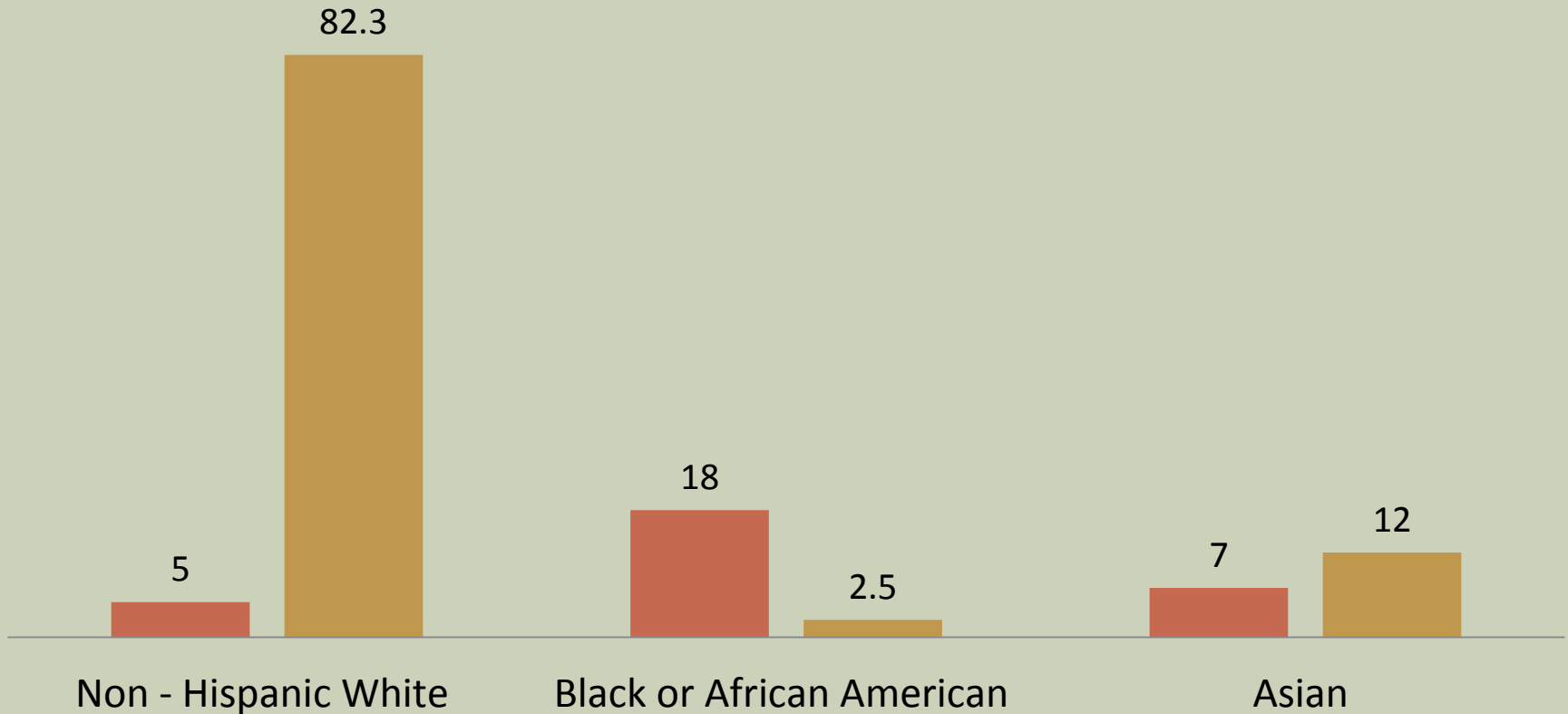
# Race and Ethnicity – Newton and MA



# Race and Poverty

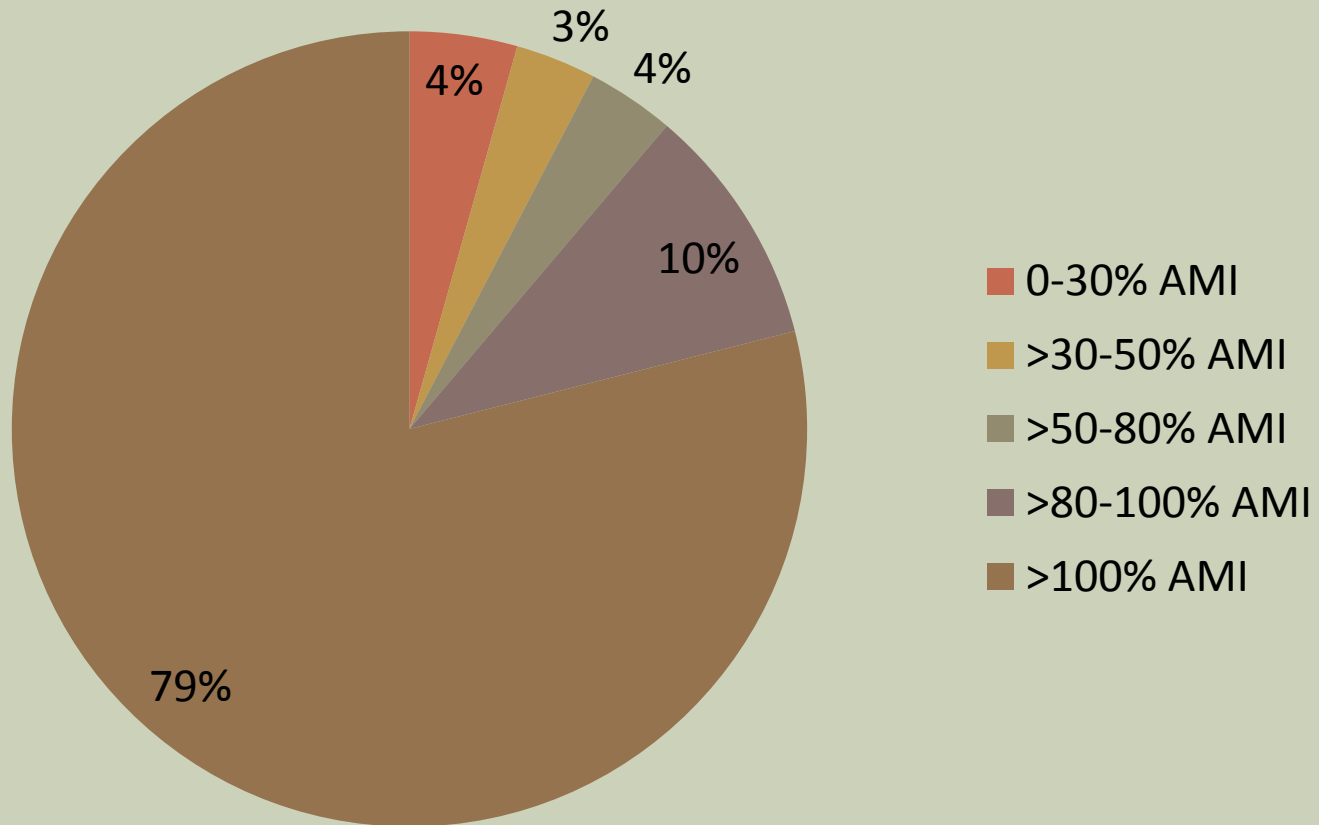
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■ % of Households Below Poverty    ■ % of Total Households



# Family Size in Newton

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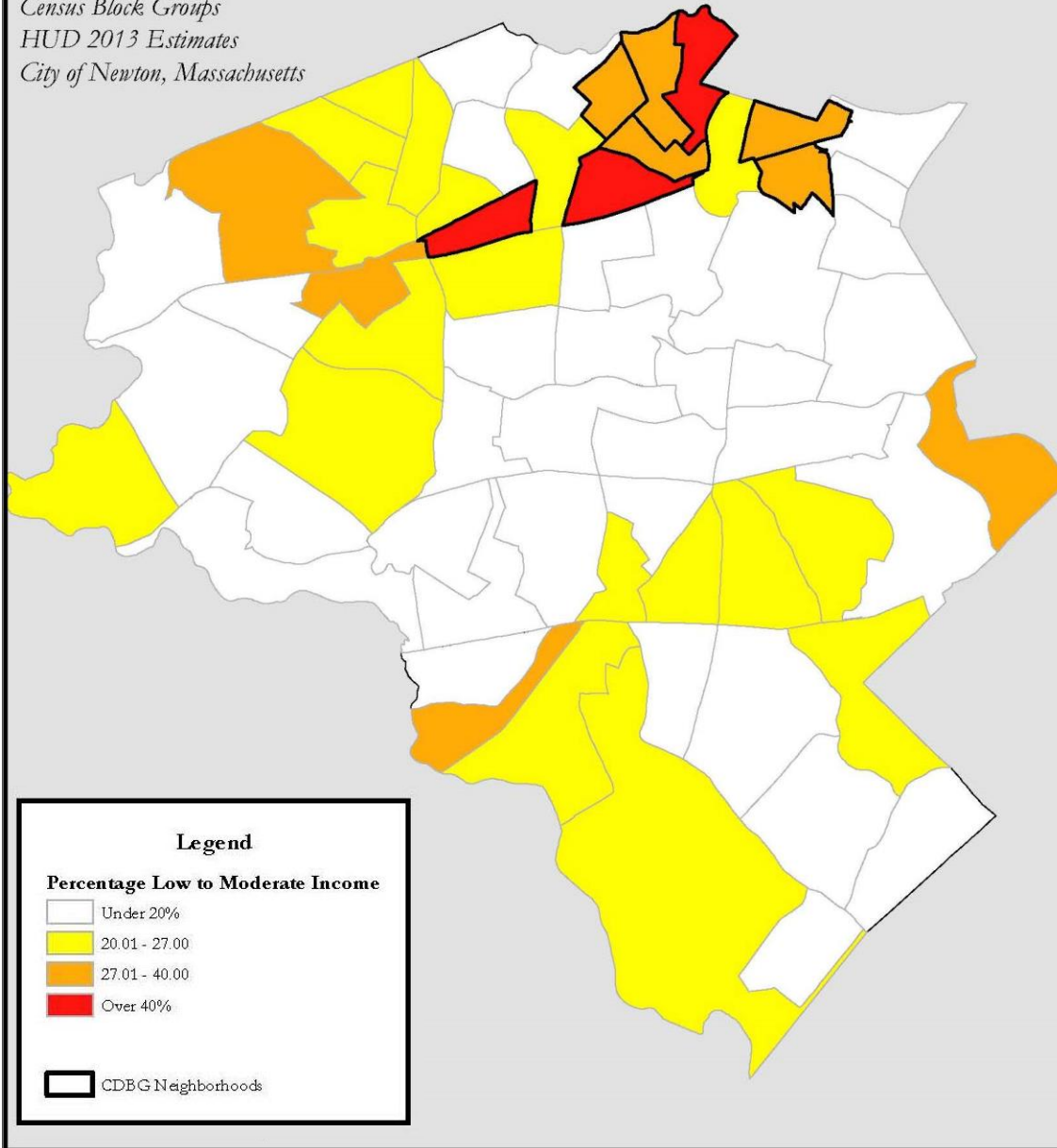


\*Large families defined by HUD as a family of five or more persons

# **NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS**

# Low to Moderate Income

*Census Block Groups  
HUD 2013 Estimates  
City of Newton, Massachusetts*



# **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**



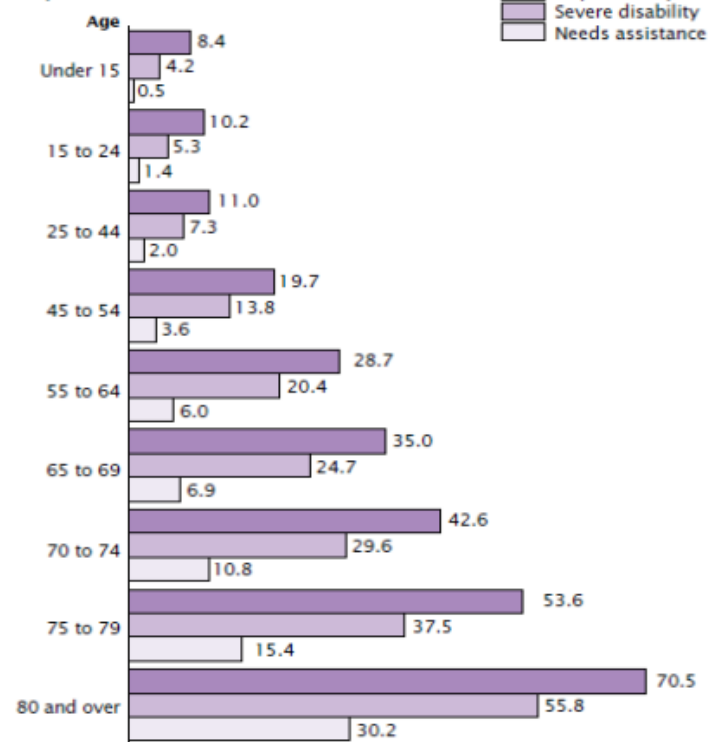
# Persons with Disabilities

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- National statistics indicate that the older you are with a disability, the more likely you are to need assistance

Figure 2.  
**Disability Prevalence and the Need for Assistance  
by Age: 2010**

(In percent)



Note: The need for assistance with activities of daily living was not asked of children under 6 years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, May–August 2010.

# Persons with Disabilities

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- In 2012, 5,988 individuals or 7% of the Newton population reported a disability.
- More than half of these individuals (3,706) are reported to be over 65 years of age.
- Nearly 30% of persons over 65 years of age have a disability

- ADA/Section 504 Transition Plan underway
  - Evaluating public buildings and facilities and developing a plan to make all accessible

## CITY OF NEWTON AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TRANSITION PLAN

April 22, 1991

*Note:* This plan and report was prepared by the Human Services Department and the Community Development Office of the City of Newton with assistance by the Mayor's Committee on the Environment of the Handicapped.

**The Americans with Disabilities Act** – commonly known as the **ADA** – is Public Law 336 of the 101st Congress, enacted July 26, 1990. The ADA prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation. It also mandates the establishment of TDD/telephone relay services.

Subtitle A of Title II of the ADA is "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services." Subtitle A is implemented by **28 CFR, PART 35**.

Subtitle A protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, or activities of all State and local governments. It



# HOUSING

# Newton Housing Projections

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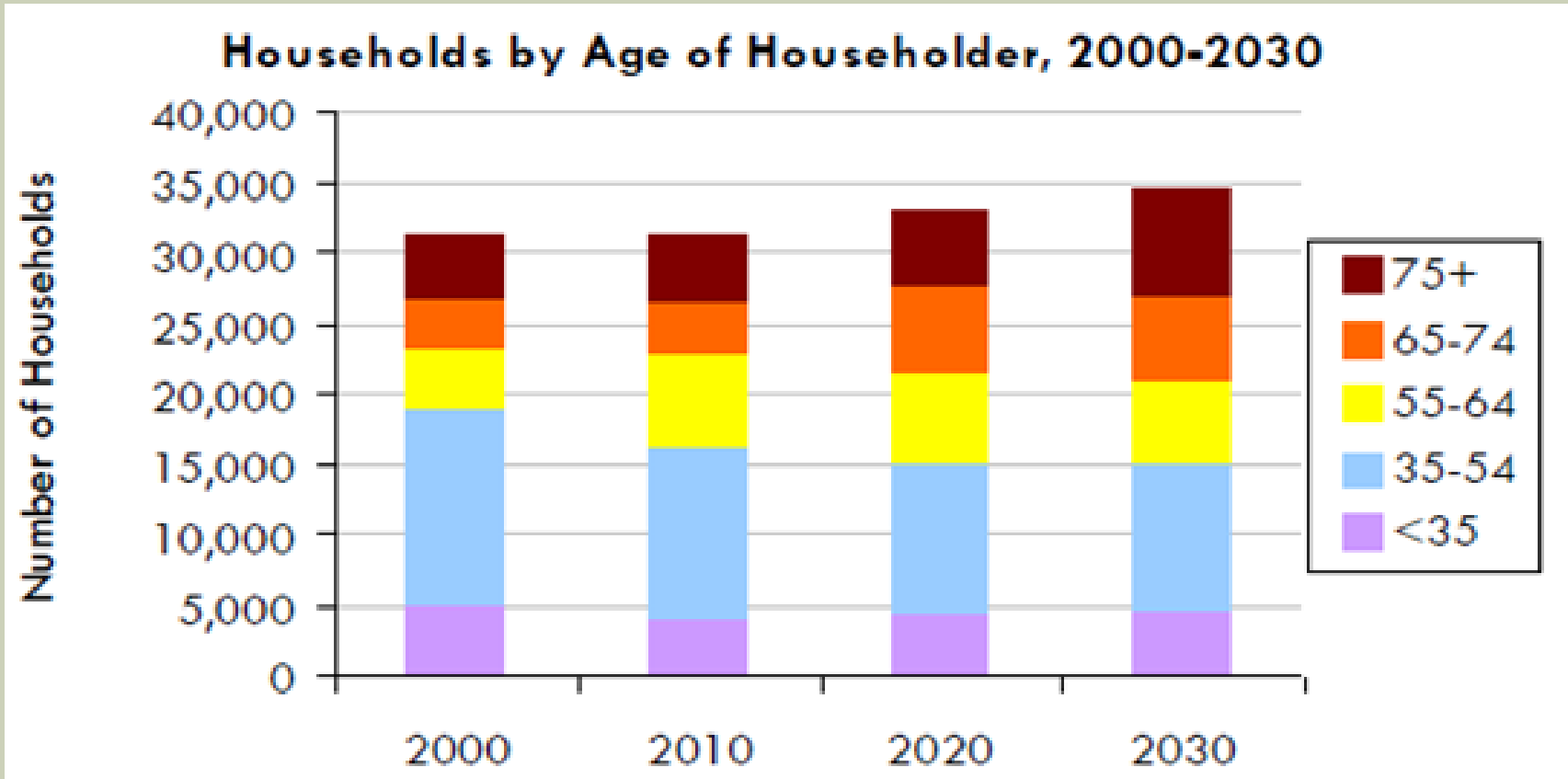
- The number of households in Newton is expected to increase by 10% from 2010-2030
- Demand for housing units will increase over this same time by 11%
- But the population of Newton will only increase by 5%
- Projected decrease in household size

**Households and Housing Demand, 2000-2030**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2030</b>
Households	31,201	31,168	32,799	34,410
Housing Units	32,112	32,648	34,593	36,267

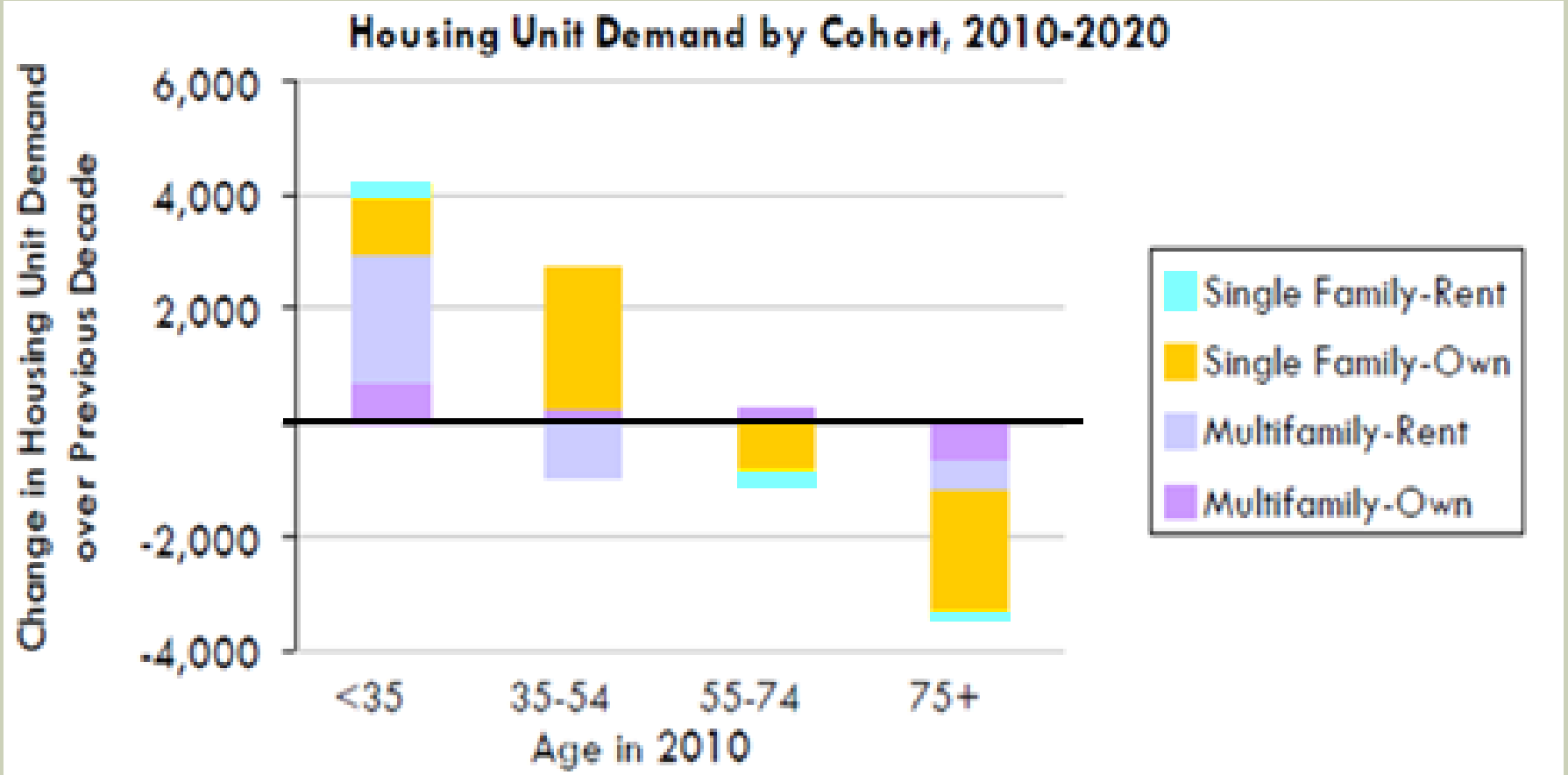
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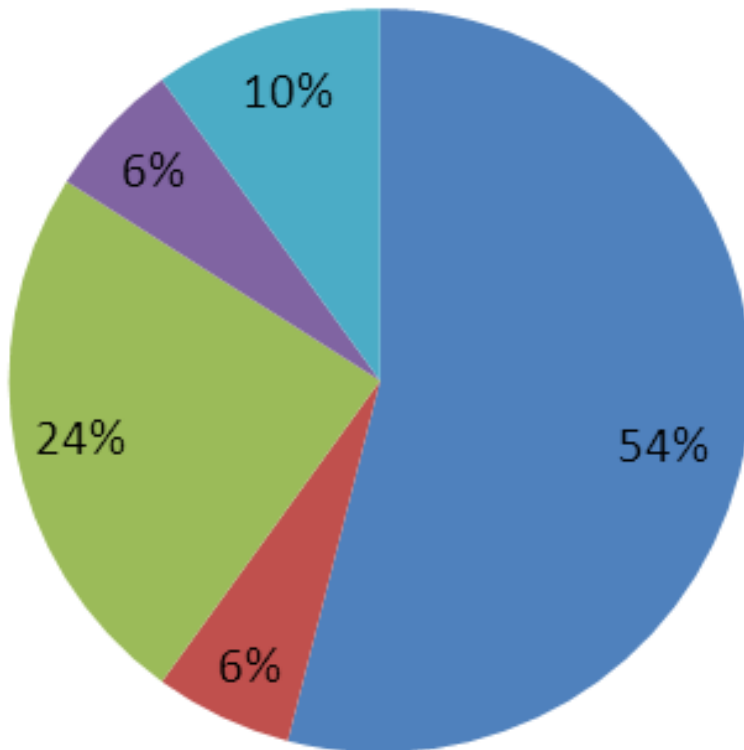
# Age and Housing

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# Housing Units by Type

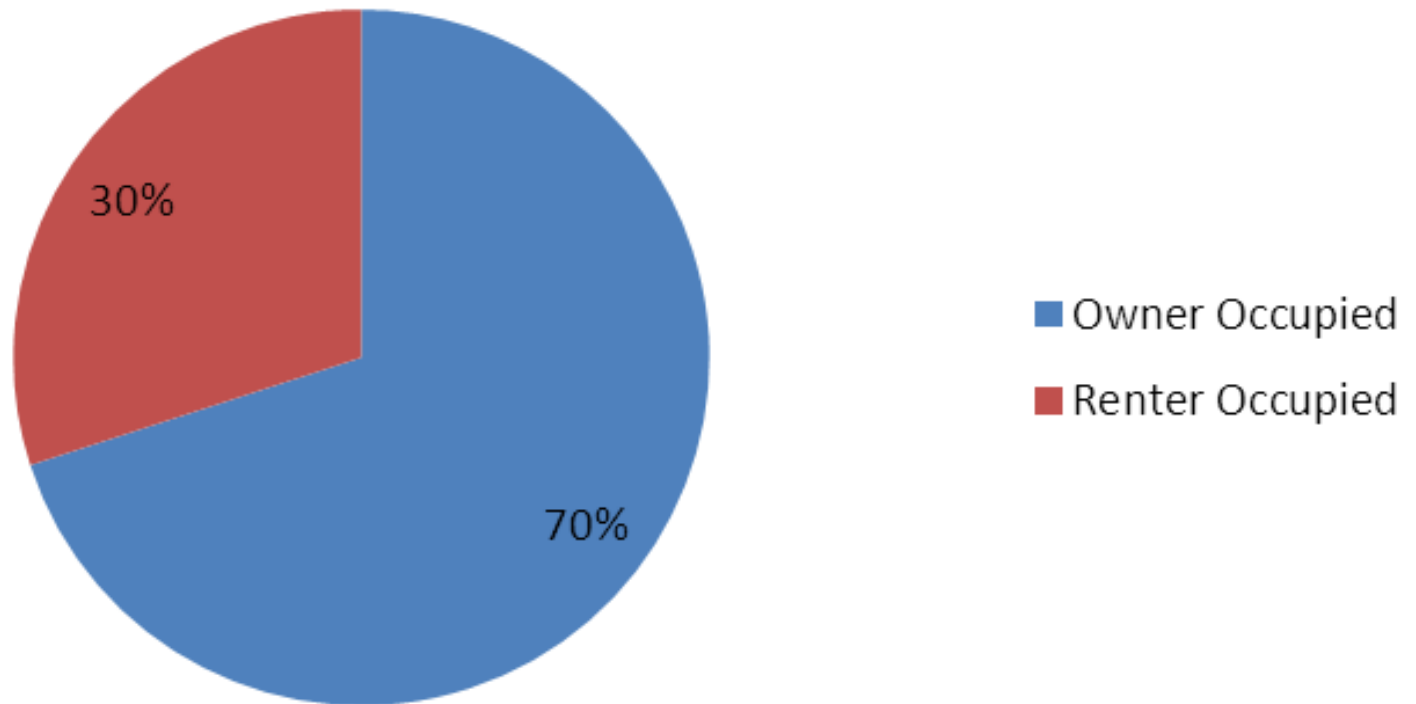
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- Single Family detached structure
- Single Family attached structure
- Residential Building with 2-4 units
- Residential Building with 5-19 units
- Residential Building with 20 or more units

# Housing Units by Tenure

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# HUD - Housing Problems

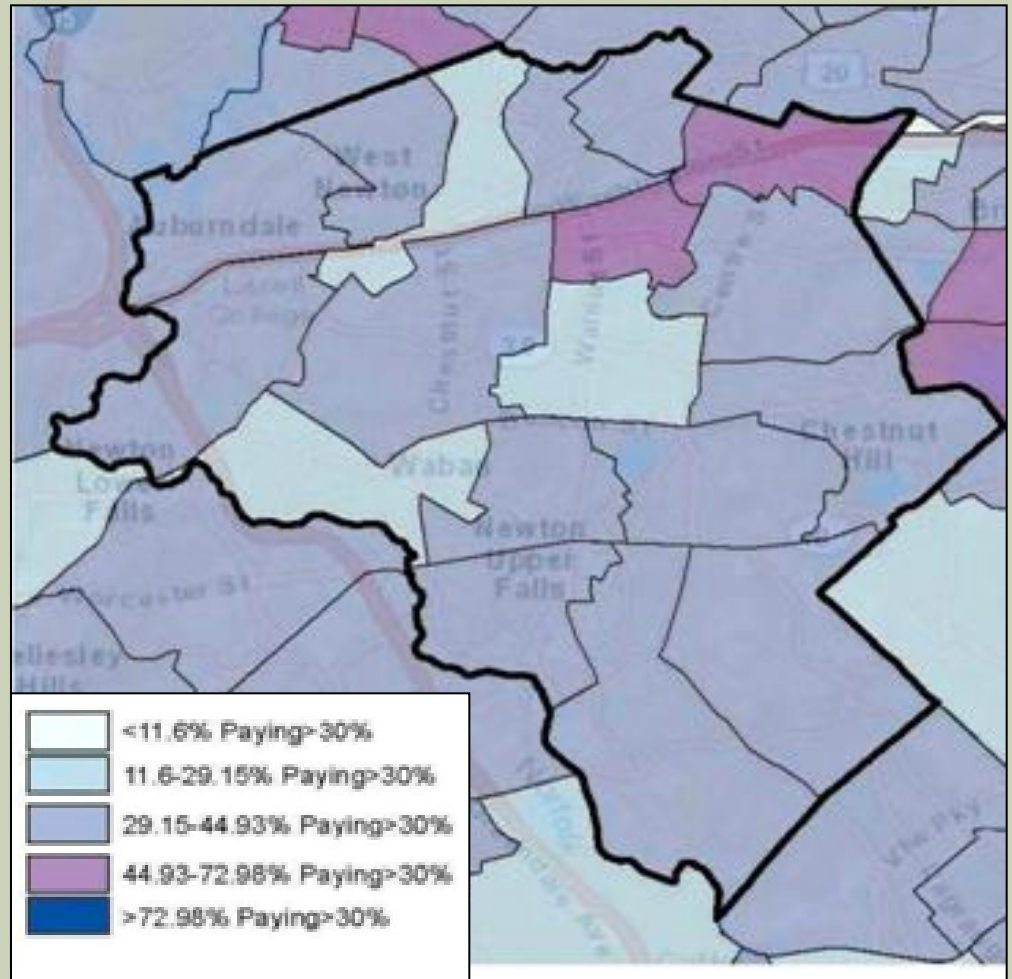
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- **Substandard Housing**
  - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities
- **Overcrowding**
  - Overcrowded housing: 1.01-1.5 people per room
  - Severely overcrowded housing: >1.51 people per room
- **Housing Cost Burden**
  - Cost burdened: Housing cost > 30% of income
  - Severely cost burdened: Housing cost > 50% of income

# Housing Cost Burden

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- HUD guidelines recommend a housing cost burden of no more than 30% of gross annual income
- 17% of Newton households have a cost burden at or above 30%.
- 12% of Newton households have a cost burden at or above 50%

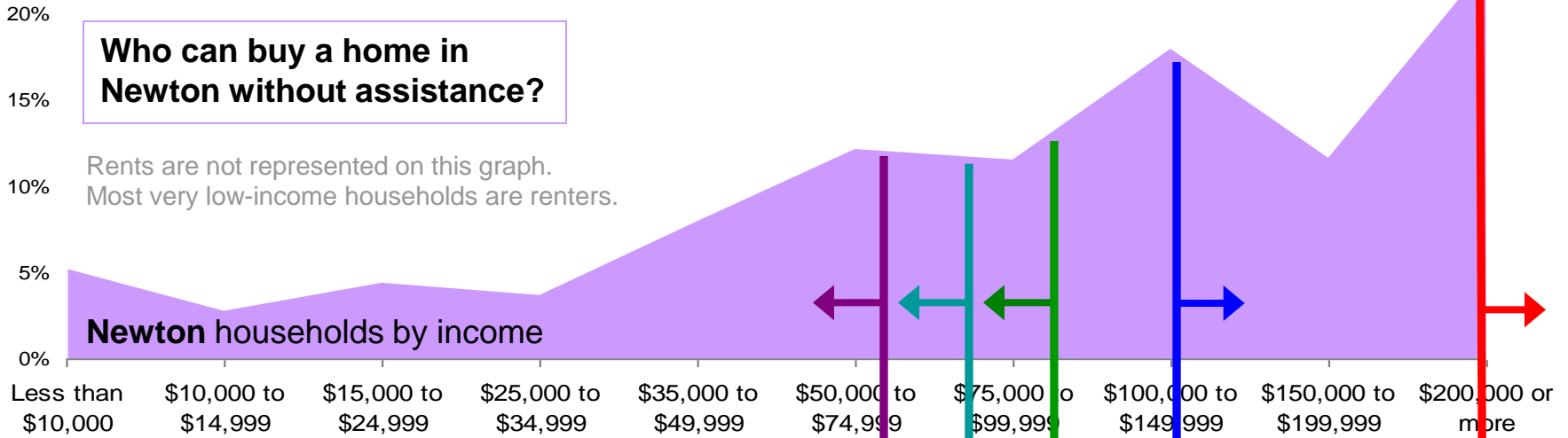


Source: Office of Community Planning and Development Maps

# Purchasing a Home in Newton

## Who can buy a home in Newton without assistance?

Rents are not represented on this graph.  
Most very low-income households are renters.

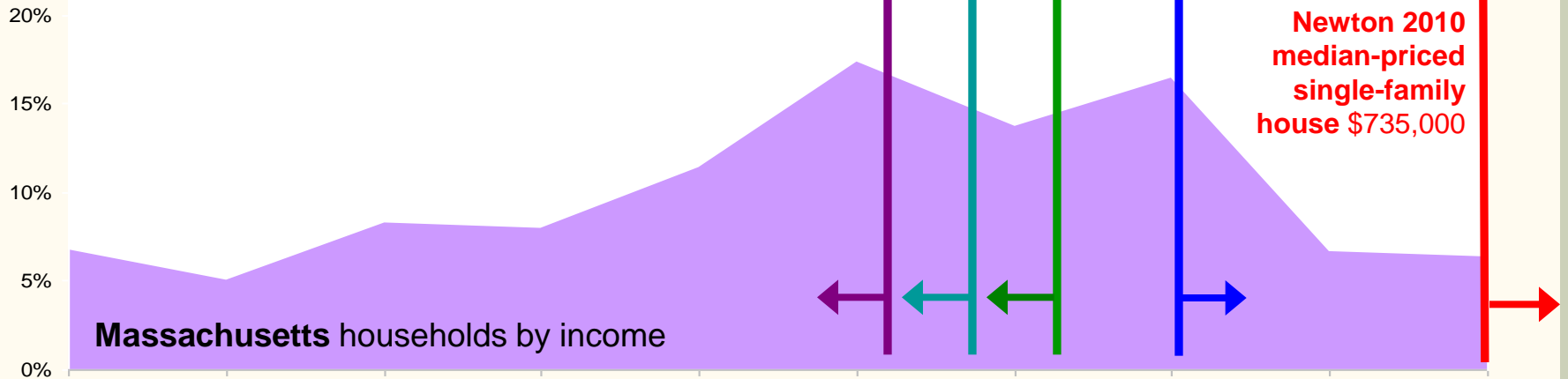


% of greater Boston area median income for a household of 4 people:

60% 80% 100%

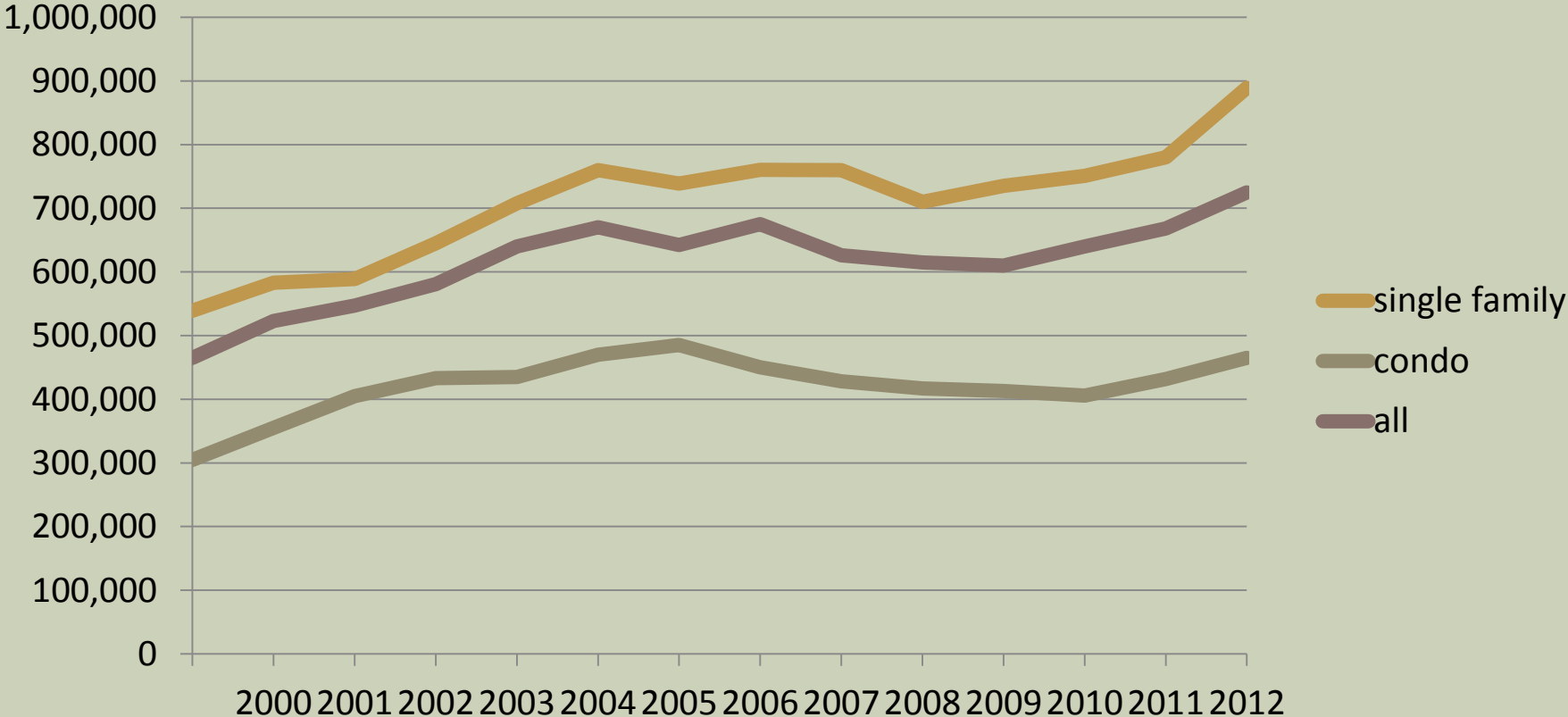
**Newton 2010 median-priced condo \$416,000**

**Newton 2010 median-priced single-family house \$735,000**



# Median Sales Price

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# HOMELESSNESS

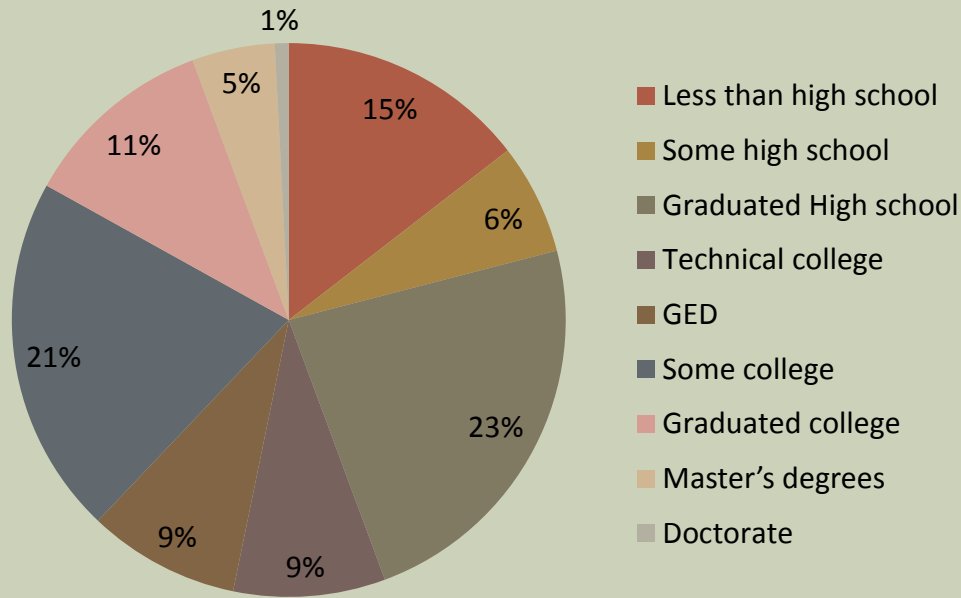
# Homelessness Data

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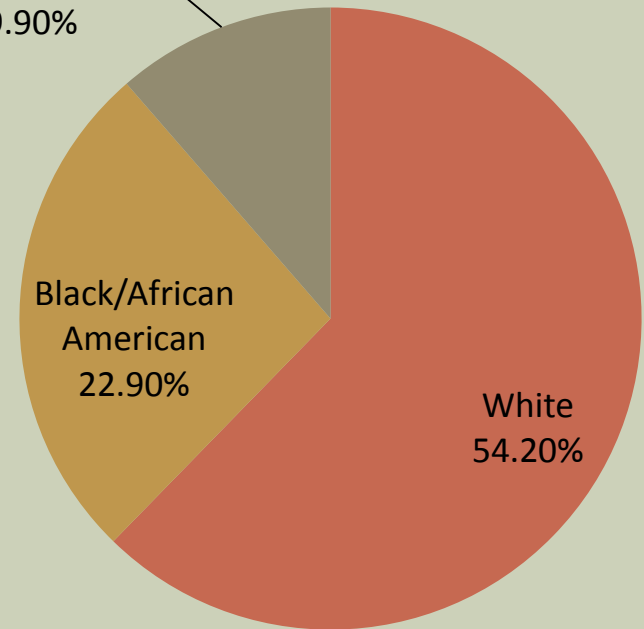
- HUD requires an annual Census of Homeless individuals throughout the country
- January 29, 2014 – Brookline-Newton-Waltham-Watertown Continuum of Care conducted Point-in-Time Count (PIT)
- Survey found:
  - 114 Sheltered Individuals/Families within Brookline, Newton, & Waltham
  - 80% individuals; 20% families
  - 46% male; 54% female

# Homelessness Data

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Hispanic/  
Latino  
9.90%



38.9% are chronically homeless individuals.

# Homelessness Data

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- Unsheltered Homeless:
  - 25 unsheltered (2 in Newton)
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (24 or under):
  - 5 youth identified in 1-week period
  - Reasons included:
    - ✦ Fighting with parent or guardian
    - ✦ Abusive parent or guardian
    - ✦ Parent or guardian abuse of drugs or alcohol
    - ✦ Sexual orientation
  - Staying with/at:
    - ✦ Family or Friend
    - ✦ Transitional housing
    - ✦ Shelter

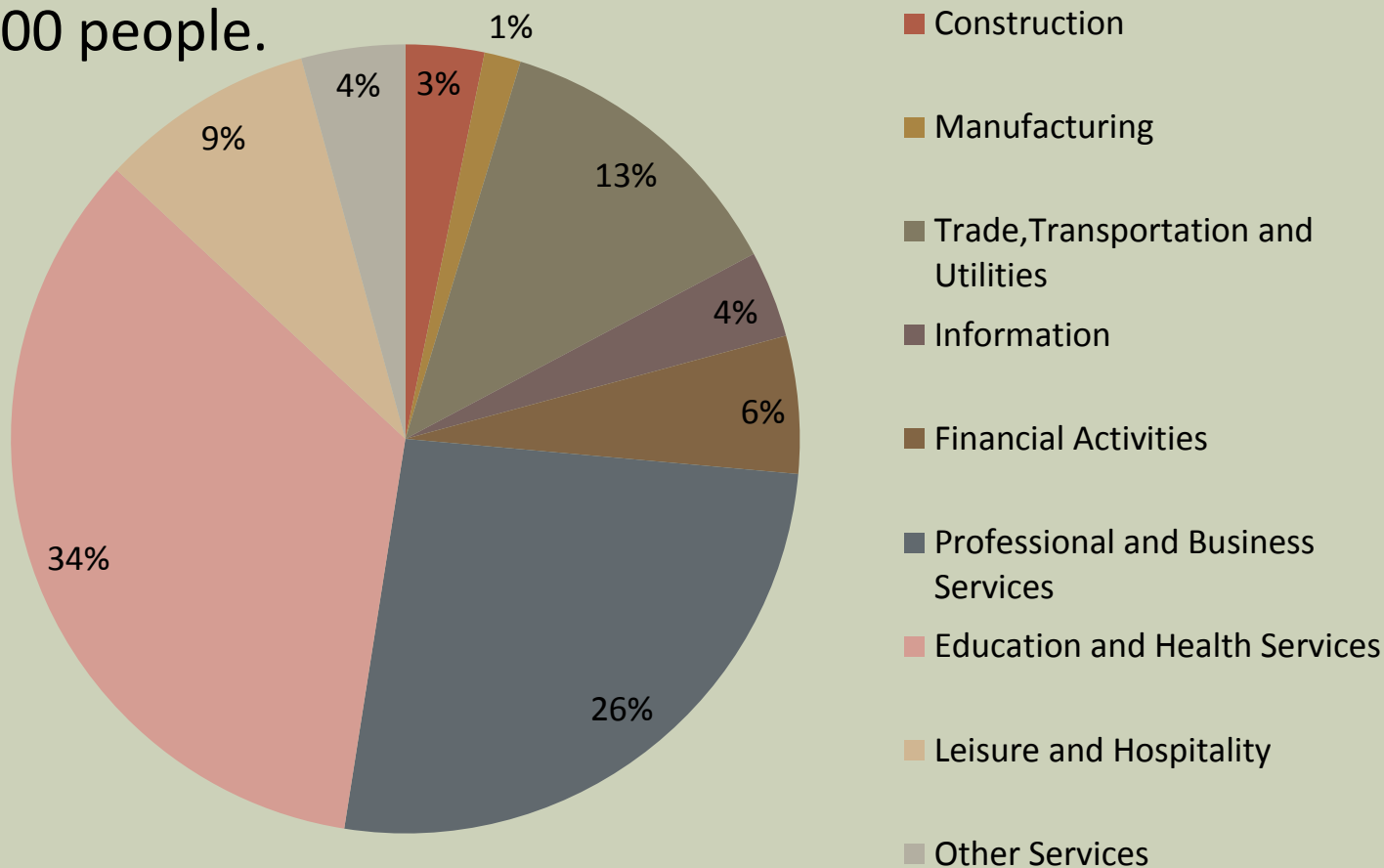


# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

# Economic Development

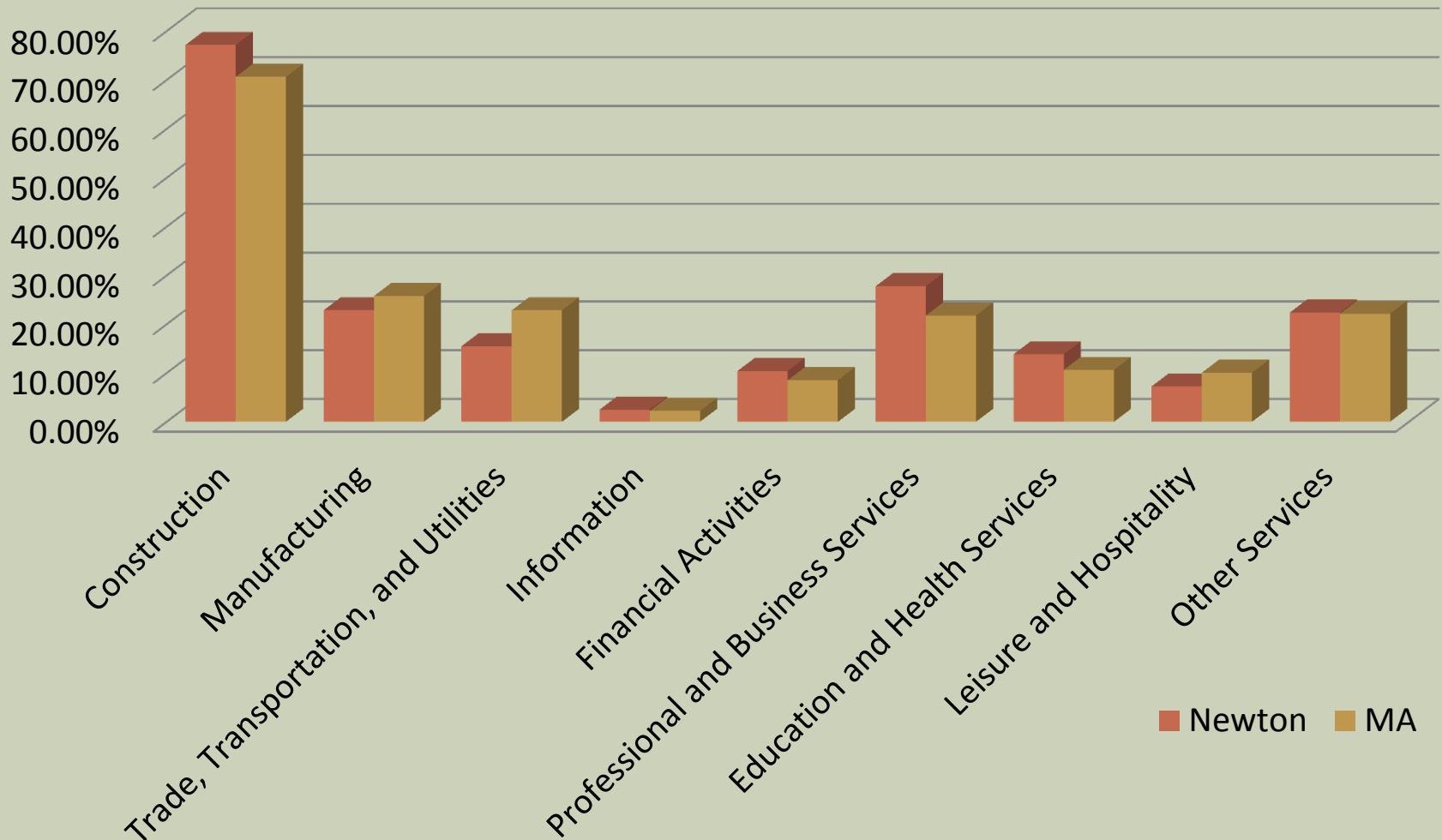
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There are 3,742 business establishments in Newton employing over 53,000 people.



# Number of Businesses by Industry

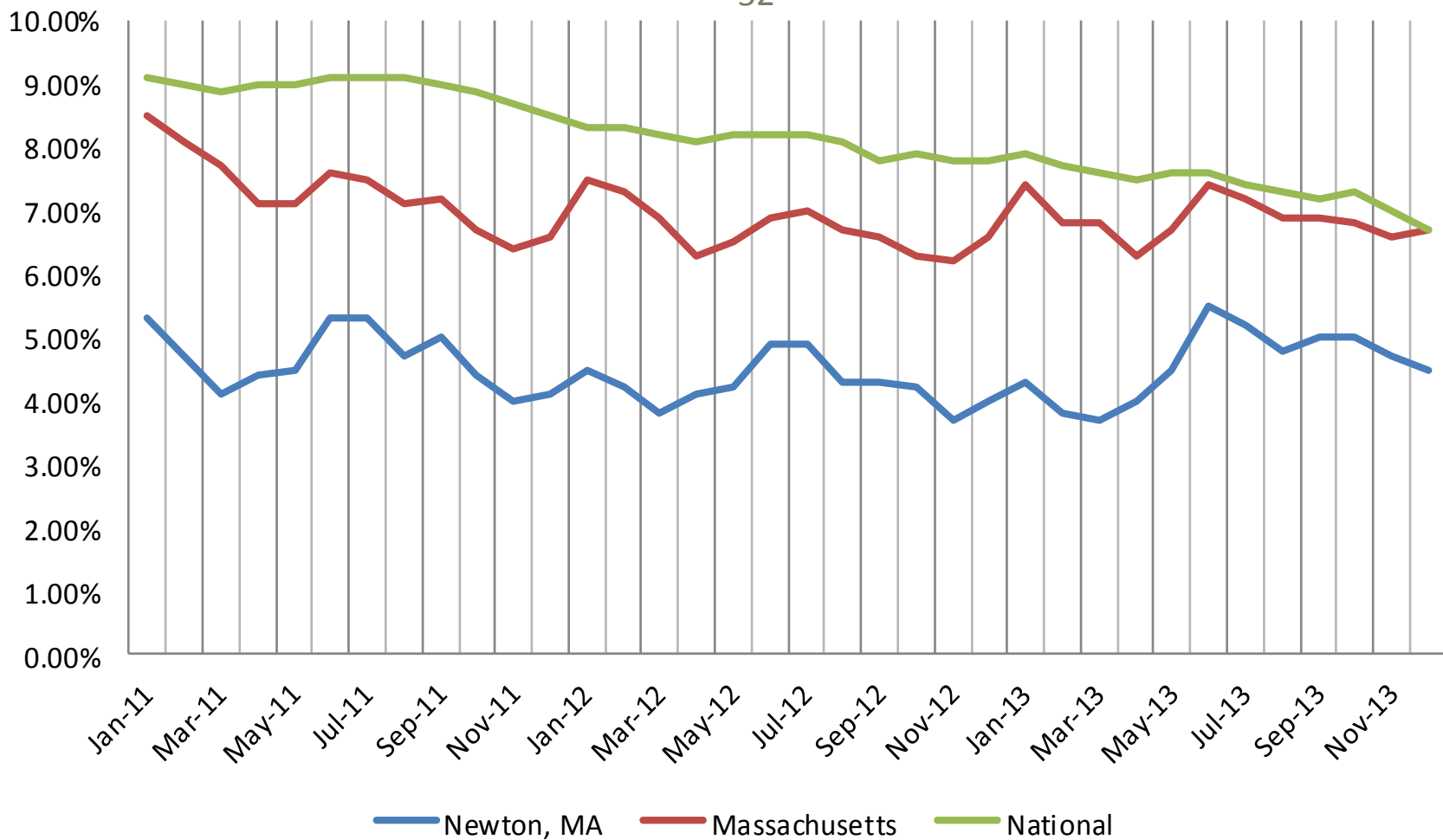
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Source: Massachusetts' Department of Labor and Workforce Development, 2010

# Unemployment Rate

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# NEXT STEPS

# Needs Assessment Timeline

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May 6	Needs Assessment Kick-off Meeting
May 12	Persons with Disabilities Roundtable
May 13	Housing Rehabilitation Discussion
May 13	Economic Development
May 19	Human Services Summit
May 20	Fair Housing Discussion
May 27	Seniors
May 29	Homelessness
June 3	Target Neighborhoods
June 5	Affordable Housing
June 12	Summary Presentation

# Consolidated Plan Survey

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- Opportunity to weigh in on priorities
- Online: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/NewtonConPlanSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NewtonConPlanSurvey)
- Print copies available

## FY16 - 20 Consolidated Plan Survey

Considering that resources are limited, please indicate how you would prioritize the following community development activities.

### 1. Accessibility

	No Opinion	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Access to curb cuts and sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to parks and open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to public buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased Affordable, accessible housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day programs or supportive services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing Modifications for accessibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 2. Affordable Housing Development/Programs

	No Opinion	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Create affordable ownership housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create affordable rental housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create affordable housing with supportive services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create affordable senior housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase efforts to prevent homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Newton, MA 02459  
Attn: Consolidated Plan
- Call the Planning Department at 617.796.1120
- Sign up for the Department's Friday Report by e-mailing [vfram@newtonma.gov](mailto:vfram@newtonma.gov) with Friday Report in subject line
- Stop by City Hall and talk to a planner