

populations boomed from 2000 often be a sign of gentrification.

The ratio of total residents 18 years or older grew in all but five neighborhoods; in Charlestown it grew from 81.4 to 83.7 percent. Citywide, that ratio grew from 80 to 83 percent.

The total number of housing units in Charlestown grew over the past 10 years by around 11.5 percent to 8,648 – still the third fewest of any neighborhood. Vacant housing rose causing the percentage of occupied units to drop from 94.8 to 92.9 percent.

Citywide, housing grew by around 25,000 units, or 8 percent, however, vacancies also rose by 60 percent. Around 5 percent of Boston homes were empty in 2000; in 2010, around 7.25 percent of housing was vacant.

Boston's neighborhoods have no officially-defined boundaries, according to the BRA. In order to sort census data by neighborhood, the city department said it used a combination of ZIP codes and zoning boundaries to define each neighborhood's borders.

While the neighborhoods the city has mapped out for census number crunching by-and-large match how most perceive Boston's configuration, the city acknowledged some may dispute how the BRA has defined where neighborhoods begin and end.

"Everyone has their own definition of 'their' neighborhood -- the best part about Boston is there is such pride in the question -- and therefore there are no official boundaries because if there were, we'd have 617,594 different opinions," said spokeswoman Susan Elsbree.

The department plans to release additional maps and is also fielding individual requests to have data provided based on customized neighborhood boundaries.

To simplify city data analyzed for this report, Boston.com grouped, as follows, smaller neighborhoods and districts into other, larger areas creating a total of 18 city subsections: Beacon Hill includes the West End; Downtown includes Chinatown and the Leather District; Roxbury includes Mission Hill and the Longwood Medical Area; South Boston includes the South Boston Waterfront; and the South End includes Bay Village. The Harbor Islands – with a combined population of 640 and 535 residents during the 2000 and 2010 census, respectively – were not used in this analysis.

However, raw data is still available here for each smaller neighborhood, district and islands that the BRA defined.

E-mail Matt Rocheleau at mjrochele@gmail.com.

Twitter |  Digg |  Like

You like this.  Yahoo! Buzz
Page · Insights 

[Previous entry](#)

[Next entry](#)

MORE FROM BOSTON.COM

Pinkberry serving free swirls tonight for Harvard Square opening (*Your Town*)

MORE FROM THE WEB

The First Man to Be Cured of AIDS: An Update on the Amazing Story (*TheBody.com*)

Charlestown Headlines

- Stages: Fired up over British comedy (1 day ago)
- English gets more time for Olives repairs (2 days ago)
- UConn scored with Mass. assist (4/1)
- A Tank Away: Just a tank of gas away to spring skiing in Gorham, N.H. (3/9)



Local advertising by PaperG

Also From Charlestown

COMMUNITY

Robbed of its new image? Charlestown hopes not

PHOTOS

Nine things to know about Charlestown

THE CHARLES

Defending Boston from the sea

BOSTON HARBOR

A port in stormy times

Charlestown On Twitter

Man allegedly stopped at two Charlestown doughnut shops -- to rob them - <http://bo.st/h8BN4s> about 25 hours ago

English gets more time for Olives repairs - <http://bo.st/eWdyTf> about 25 hours ago

Man killed in Conn. woodchipper incident *(Local News)*

Missing Belmont teen spotted at her house *(Your Town)*

Budget battle tests Boehner's leadership *(Politics)*

Time's up: shutdown looms without agreement *(Business)*

'Brady 6' documentary upcoming *(Extra Points)*

Fox News: Obese Ohio Man Dies After Being Fused to Chair for 2 Years *(FoxNews.com)*

Rent your rung on the housing ladder *(Financial Times)*

Drinking On the Job Makes a Comeback *(AOL Jobs)*

Is the world running out of oil? *(ExxonMobil's Perspectives)*

Police Officer Shoots Himself to Get Award *(AOL Jobs)*

[Sponsored links]

Man arrested in Charlestown Dunkin' Donuts shop robberies - <http://bo.st/fgpsHt> 1 day ago

Two Charlestown Dunkin' Donuts shops robbed, in quick succession - <http://bo.st/gAcRDM> 2 days ago

Good news: #MBTA riders get 1 more year w/o fare

Follow other Boston.com Tweets | What is Twitter?

READER COMMENTS »

View reader comments (0) » Comment on this story »

Home | News | Events | Schools | Sports | Discussions | Marketplace

Contact Us | Contact Boston.com | Contact The Boston Globe | Privacy Policy | Your Ad Choices | Help | Advertise | © 2011 NY Times Co.

Ads by Google what's this?

Industrial Janitorial Service
Get Customizable Facility Services
with UGL Services. Submit an RFP.
www.ugl-unicco.com