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## Census analysis: Boston has highest ratio of 20- to 34-year-olds among big cities

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**Boston has the highest proportion of 20- to 34-year-olds among the nation's biggest cities, according to 2010 Census figures analyzed by Boston's Redevelopment Authority.**

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More than one-third of the 617,594 people counted in the Hub during last year's Census reported that they are between age 20 and 34. The 216,213 Bostonians in that age range during 2010 was an 11 percent jump from the figure reported one decade before.

The demographic represents 35 percent of the city, which is the highest ratio for that age group among the 25 most-inhabited US cities, according to the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

The 2000 Census reported Boston had the second-highest ratio of 20- to 34-year-olds, the authority said. Ten years ago, the Hub

trailed Austin, Texas. Now, Austin ranks second, with 32 percent in that age range, according to Census figures. Washington D.C., is third with 31 percent.

Both statewide and nationwide, the average proportion of that demographic is around 20 percent, officials said.

The large number of college students and jobs in biotech and financial services contributes to Boston's drawing power for the age group.

"Boston continues to be an attractive city for this highly sought after age group," Mayor Thomas M. Menino said in a statement. "We're proud that they call Boston home – they represent a large proportion of our knowledge-based workforce and their spending power is great for our economy. We've been

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