

BOSTON, MA



22nd happiest city

Bottom 50% of cities

Most like:
Cincinnati
Washington D.C.

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8 out of 10 say:

"It's the best place to live"



65%

"My home makes me proud"



54%

"My home is my favorite place to be"



69%

"I plan to stay in my community for the next 5 years"

What Makes Boston's Homeowners Happy?

Our research shows that homeowner happiness boils down to a combination of three important factors:

1. DWELLING

Affordable, well-functioning homes offering enjoyable accommodations



48 years

average home age

81%

have renovated their homes

65%

are happy with their home's size and layout

50%

say they have adequate storage

\$658,000

Average Home Price (M.S.A., U.S. Census)

44%

"The cost of living is reasonable"

2. COMMUNITY

A sense of diversity, safety and a strong neighborhood network



DIVERSITY

30%

"I feel that my community is racially diverse"

41%

"I feel that my community is religiously diverse"

SAFETY

73%

"I live in a community that makes me feel safe"

70%

"My community offers good fire, police and medical services"

NEIGHBORHOOD

54%

"I have neighbors I enjoy"

70%

"I trust my neighbors"

4,774,321

Population (M.S.A., U.S. Census)

3. ACCESSIBILITY

Practical commutes and access to important attractions and services



COMMUTING AND TRAVEL TIMES

51%

live and work in close proximity

59%

have a reasonable commute

79%

have easy access to highways

ACCESS TO ATTRACTIONS AND SERVICES

81%

live within one hour of a major metro area

68%

have access to shopping that meets their needs

68%

live close to body of water

50 MINUTES

Average travel time to work