

Guide to Boston Neighborhoods

Mission Hill, Roxbury

<https://www.boston.gov/neighborhood/mission-hill>

Mission Hill is part of the Roxbury neighborhood. It has a very diverse population which includes college students, medical students, and families. Mission Hill is within walking distance to the College, and offers affordable housing, mainly in two family homes and triple deckers. Roxbury has many community centers, community gardens, and parks/recreation areas.

T Stops:

Green Line (E)
Longwood Medical,
Brigham Circle,
Fenwood Road,
Mission Park, South
Huntington, Heath
Street;
Orange Line
Ruggles, Roxbury
Crossing, Jackson
Square

Bus Services:

- Route 14
Heath St via
Dudley
Station, Grove
Hill & Jackson
Square Station
- Route 19
Kenmore or
Ruggles
Station via
Grove Hill &
Dudley Station
- Route 22
Ruggles
Station via
Talbot Ave & Jackson Square
- Route 29 Mattapan Station Jackson Square Station via Seaver St & Columbus Ave
- Route 39 Forest Hills Station & Back Bay Station via Huntington Ave
- Route 41- Centre & Eliot Sts JFK/UMass Station via Dudley Station, Centre St & Jackson Square Station
- Route 66 Harvard Square Dudley Station via Allston & Brookline Village



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Average Monthly Rental Costs*:

Bedrooms	Rent
Studio	\$1,535.28
1 Bedroom	\$1,899.09
2 Bedrooms	\$2,349.33
3 Bedrooms	\$3,109.43
4 Bedrooms	\$3,826.33

Back Bay

<https://www.boston.gov/neighborhood/back-bay>

Back Bay was one of the country's first planned urban areas. The major residential streets are Beacon Street, Marlborough Street and Commonwealth Avenue, with many expensive and trendy boutiques and cafes on Newbury Street. Its elegant Victorian townhouses, architecture and broad boulevards make it unique. Apartments in Back Bay are among the most expensive in the city.

T Stops:

Green Line- Hynes, Copley, Arlington

Orange Line- Back Bay

Bus Services:

- Route 1 Harvard/Holyoke Gate Dudley Station via Mass. Ave
- Route 39 Forest Hills Station & Back Bay Station via Huntington Ave
- Route 55 Jersey & Queensbury Copley Square or Park & Tremont Sts via Ipswich St
- Route 70A Cedarwood, No. Waltham or Watertown Square University Park via Central Square, Cambridge, Arsenal St & Western Ave
- Route CT1 Central Square, Cambridge B.U. Medical Center/Boston Medical Center via M.I.T.

Average Monthly Rental Costs*:

BEDROOMS	RENT
Studio	\$1,715.34
1 Bedroom	\$2,444.46
2 Bedroom	\$3,196.41
3 Bedrooms	\$3,919.28
4 Bedrooms	\$5,066.00

The Fenway/Kenmore Square

<https://www.boston.gov/neighborhood/fenway-kenmore>

Home of Fenway Park, the Fenway neighborhood is also home to many Boston institutions, including the Museum of Fine Arts, Symphony Hall, many colleges and universities, and medical institutions. The Fenway/Kenmore area has a large resident

concentration of students and young adults. Many apartments are within walking distance to the college

T Stops:

Green Line (E) Symphony, Northeastern, Museum;(B,C,D) Kenmore

Bus Services:

- Route 8 Harbor Point/UMass Kenmore Station via B.U. Medical Center & Dudley Station
- Route 9 City Point Copley Square via Broadway Station
- Route 19 Kenmore or Ruggles Station via Grove Hill & Dudley Station
- Route 47 Central Square, Cambridge Broadway Station via B.U. Medical Center, Dudley Station & Longwood Medical Area
- Route 55 Jersey & Queensbury Copley Square or Park & Tremont Sts via Ipswich St
- Route 57 Watertown Yard Kenmore Station via Newton Corner & Brighton Center
- Route 60 Chestnut Hill Kenmore Station via Brookline Village & Cypress St
- Route 65 Brighton Center Kenmore Station via Washington St, Brookline Village & Brookline Ave
- Route CT2 Sullivan Station Ruggles Station via Kendall/MIT

Average Monthly Rental Costs*:

Bedrooms	Rent
Studio	\$1,752.55
1 Bedroom	\$2,324.04
2 Bedrooms	\$2,781.80
3 Bedrooms	\$3,660.73
4 Bedrooms	\$4,625.00

Jamaica Plain

<https://www.boston.gov/neighborhood/jamaica-plain>

Jamaica Plain is one of Boston’s most diverse neighborhoods. It contains every type of housing, from triple decker homes to modern apartment buildings to suburban style ranches. Surrounded by the Emerald Necklace, including Jamaica Pond, Jamaica Plain residents fund many opportunities to discover nature in the city.

T Stops:

Green Line (E) Heath Street

Orange Line Jackson Square, Stonybrook, Green Street, Forest Hills

Bus Services:

- Route 22 Ruggles Station via Talbot Ave & Jackson Square
- Route 29 Mattapan Station Jackson Square Station via Seaver St & Columbus Ave
- Route 35 Dedham Mall/Stimson St Forest Hills Station via Belgrade Ave & Centre Street
- Route 38 Wren St Forest Hills Station via Centre & South Street
- Route 39 Forest Hills Station & Back Bay Station via Huntington Ave

- Route 41- Centre & Eliot Sts JFK/UMass Station via Dudley Station, Centre St & Jackson Square Station
- Route 42 Forest Hills Station Dudley or Ruggles Station via Washington St
- Route 44 Jackson Station Ruggles Station via Seaver St & Humboldt Ave
- Route 48 Jamaica Plain Loop Monument Jackson Square Station via Green St & Stony Brook Stations

Average Monthly Rental Costs*:

Beds	Rent
Studio	\$1,227.65
1 Bedroom	\$1,708.96
2 Bedrooms	\$2,173.63
3 Bedrooms	\$2,905.63
4 Bedrooms	\$3,368.52

Allston/Brighton

<https://www.boston.gov/neighborhood/allston>

<https://www.boston.gov/neighborhood/brighton>

Allston/Brighton is a popular neighborhood with students from colleges all around Boston. The predominant type of housing is a wood framed single family unit, often shared by groups of students. There are also multi-family houses, and medium sized apartment buildings. It is most convenient to commute to the College by car, but frequent bus service is also available.

Bus Services:

- Route 51 Cleveland Circle Forest Hill Station via Hancock Village
- Route 52 Dedham Mall or Charles River Loop Watertown Yard via Oak Hill & Newton Center
- Route 57 Watertown Yard Kenmore Station via Newton Corner & Brighton Center
- Route 64 Oak Square University Park, Cambridge or Kendall/MIT via North Beacon St
- Route 65 Brighton Center Kenmore Station via Washington St, Brookline Village & Brookline Ave
- Route 66 Harvard Square Dudley Station via Allston & Brookline Village
- Route 86 Sullivan Square Reservoir (Cleveland Circle) via Harvard/Johnston Gate

Average Monthly Rental Costs*:

Bedrooms	Allston	Brighton
Studio	\$1,584	\$1,542
1 Bedroom	\$1,756	\$1,847
2 Bedrooms	\$2,164	\$2,171
3 Bedrooms	\$2,832	\$2,702
4 Bedrooms	\$3,424	\$3,569
5 Bedrooms	\$3,872	\$4,344

Brookline

<https://www.brooklinema.gov>

Brookline is a large town bordering Boston, with Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury on one side and Brighton on the other. Its housing is extremely varied, ranging from brick townhouses, to multi-family dwellings, to extravagant single family mansions. Brookline tends to be more expensive than other surrounding neighborhoods. It offers a wide range of services, and shopping areas.

T Stops:

Green Line: B, C, and D lines, after Kenmore

Bus Services:

- Route 51 Cleveland Circle Forest Hill Station via Hancock Village
- Route 60 Chestnut Hill Kenmore Station via Brookline Village & Cypress St
- Route 86 Sullivan Square Reservoir (Cleveland Circle) via Harvard/Johnston Gate

Average Monthly Rental Costs*:

Bedrooms	Rent
Studio	\$1,609
1 Bedroom	\$2,100
2 Bedrooms	\$2,799
3 Bedrooms	\$3,533
4 Bedrooms	\$4,266
5 Bedrooms	\$4,899

For more information on:

Boston Neighborhoods - <http://www.cityofboston.gov/neighborhoods/>
Public Transportation and the MBTA - www.mbta.com
Current average rental costs: <https://bostonpads.com/blog/boston-rental-market/average-rent-prices-boston-by-town/>

*Please note these prices were collected in January 2021 from the resource above. Visit the site above for more current information.

