Cambridge Historical Society

Where is (East) Cambridge From?

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City of Cambridge Diversity: 2011 - 2015

**Black**
- African-American - 31.2%
- Ethiopian - 18.0%
- Haitian - 17.5%
- Not Reported - 10.3%
- West Indian (not Haitian) - 6.7%
- African (General) - 5.7%
- Hispanic - 3.1%
- Somali - 2.1%
- Other - 2.1%
- African (Other Specific Country) - 2.1%
- European - 1.1%

**Asian**
- Chinese
- Asian Indian
- Korean
- Japanese
- Taiwanese
- Asian
- Filipino
- Pakistani
- Bengali
- Nepali
- Vietnamese
- Other

**White**
- Other Caucasian - 19.0%
- Irish - 16.6%
- Italian - 11.7%
- German - 10.1%
- European - Other - 9.6%
- English - 9.4%
- Polish - 3.9%
- Russian - 3.9%
- United States - 3.1%
- French - 3.1%
- Portuguese - 3.0%
- Greek - 2.4%
- Scottish - 2.3%
- French Canadian - 1.9%

**Hispanic**
- Puerto Rican
- Mexican
- Spanish
- Salvadoran
- Guatemalan
- Dominican
- Colombian
- Cuban
- Chilean
- Peruvian
- Peruvian
- Latin American (Unspecified)
- Costa Rican
- Bolivian
- Other

East Cambridge Population Trend: 1950 - 2010

East Cambridge Population Change: 1990 - 2010

East Cambridge Population Change
by Census Block
1990 to 2010
Cambridge, Massachusetts

City of Cambridge and East Cambridge

City of Cambridge and East Cambridge
Speak Language other than English: 1980 – 2016

East Cambridge Ethnic Change: 1980 & 2012-16

What other groups have a notable presence in East Cambridge now unlike 1980?

- Arab
- German
- Non-Hispanic West Indian

The great majority of 2010 residents claim ancestry in other groups – 78%.

In 1980 only 18% of residents did not belong one of the top four ancestry groups.

East Cambridge Country of Birth: 1950 & 2012-16

1950

- **Italy**
- **Poland**
- **Ireland**

2012 - 2016

- **China**
- **India**
- **Argentina**

East Cambridge Diversity: 2012 - 2016


Just How Accurately Does the Census Reflect Reality?

• The Census Bureau constantly strives to improve and modernize its statistical and analytical techniques.

BUT

• What we count, who we count, and how we count them is subject to the biases, choices and politics of decision making. Here are some examples:
  • Non-Family Households - 1950
  • Same Sex Couples – 1990, 2000 and now
  • Citizenship - 2020
  • Black Ancestry - ??