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## DEFINITIONS

This Report uses several terms as defined in the "1980 Census of Population and Housing, Boston, Massachusetts, Census Tracts," Appendix A and B, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Census Tract: Census tracts are small, relatively permanent areas into which standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSAs) and certain other areas are divided for the purpose of providing statistics for small areas. When census tracts are established, they are designed to be homogenous with respect to population characteristics, economic status, and living conditions. Tracts generally have between 2,500 and 8,000 residents.

Household: A household includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit.

Family: A family consists of a householder and one or more other persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage or adoption.

Housing Unit: A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied as a separate living quarters or, if vacant, intended for occupancy as a separate living quarters.

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Report is to provide a socio-economic and demographic overview of predominantly black and Latino geographic areas in the City of Boston. This Report is primarily in response to a request for assistance from several community-based groups and organizations, including Project FATE, the Center for Community Action, the Urban League, and the Bank of Commerce. Representatives of these organizations approached the William Monroe Trotter Institute for assistance in compiling information and data useful for economic analysis of several issues facing the citizenry of the Greater Roxbury neighborhood area. The Director of the Trotter Institute, Dr. Wornie Reed, and Dr. James Jennings, Senior Fellow and Director of the Trotter Institute's Community Research and Technical Assistance Program, as well as Ms. A. Jean Burnett, Research Assistant to Dr. Jennings, met several times with the representatives of these community organizations and groups to plan how to collect and present the desired information and data.

Based on specific requests and feedback from several individuals representing the organizations mentioned, it was decided that a "Community Profile" based on electoral districts in Boston would be useful. The request from the community organizations listed several possible items for inclusion in the final report:

Total population by race of selected Boston electoral districts;

Total population and distribution of population by age within selected Boston electoral districts;

Median family income by selected Boston electoral districts;

Civilian labor force and employment status, by selected Boston electoral districts; and

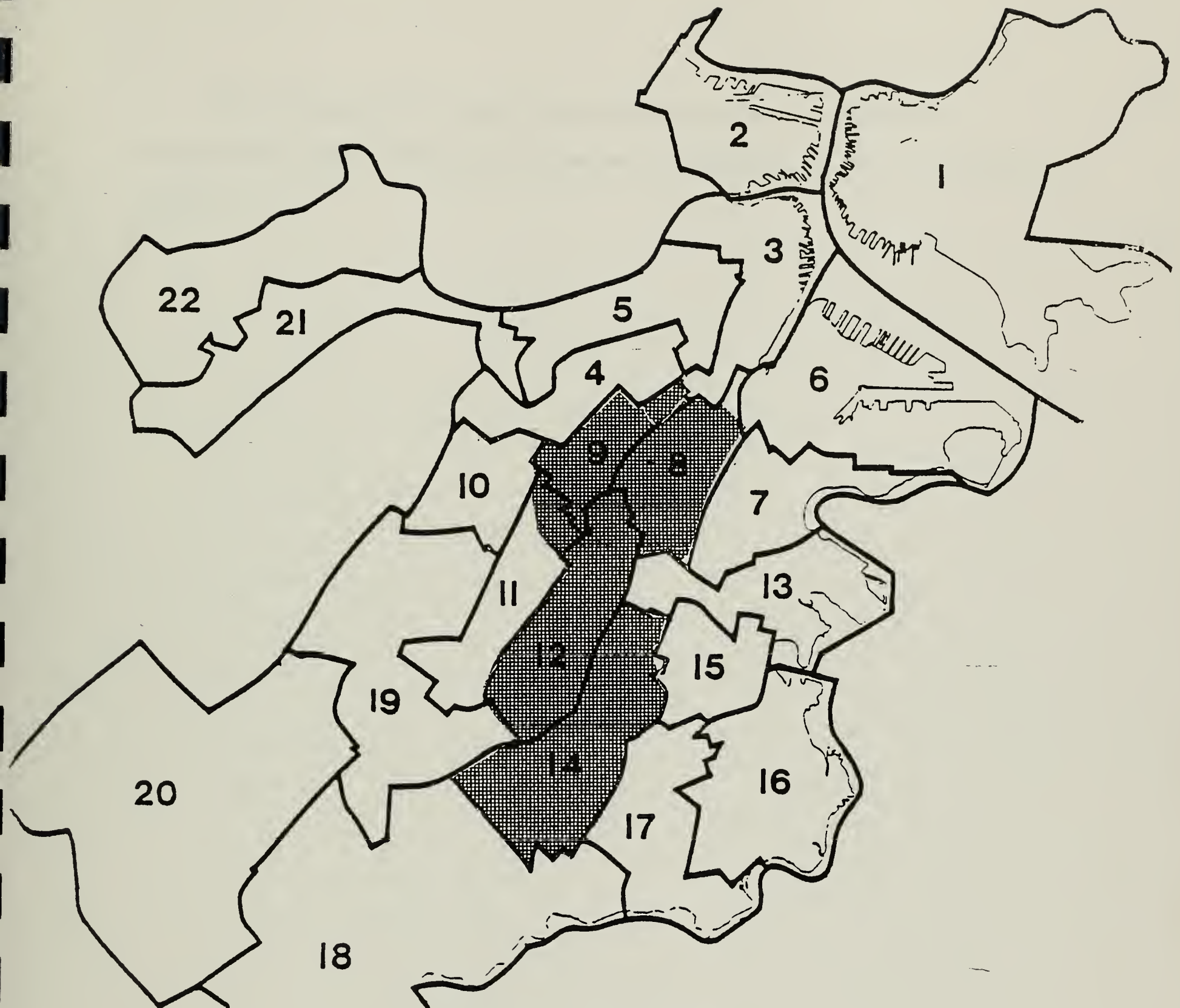
Median family wealth as defined by homeownership by selected Boston electoral districts.

This Report includes these items in addition to several other items (see list of Tables and Maps). The additional items pertain to demographic and social data and information for Greater Roxbury.

After James Jennings reviewed the list of items and discussed it with Wornie Reed it was decided that the William Monroe Trotter Institute could effectively respond to some of these items by: (a) developing a "Community Profile" based on the demographic items listed above and organized by Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14, and (b) appointing a panel of social scientists to plan a major publication on the economic status of blacks in Boston, incorporating the various concerns of the community groups who approached the Trotter Institute. The suggested response was discussed with all parties involved in this effort. This Report represents the "Community Profile" mentioned above.

The profile presented here may be unique in terms of its format. The data, which is extracted from the 1980 reports of the U.S. Bureau of the Census for Boston is organized according to electoral districts, as specifically requested by community representatives. All of the data is presented for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14. These four wards contain the overwhelming majority of black and Latino persons in the City of Boston. Map 1 outlines, by wards, the areas covered by this Report.





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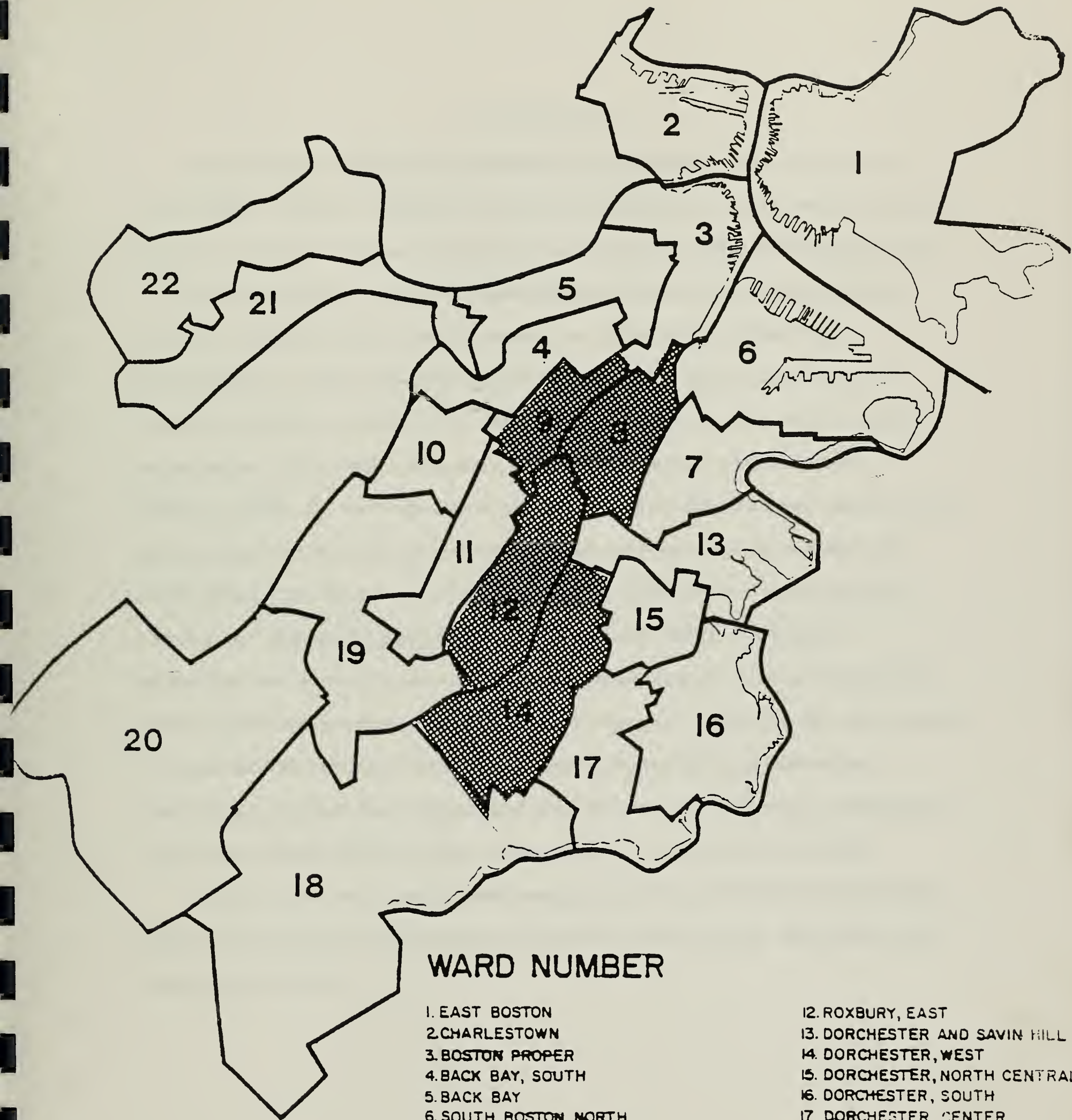
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| 1. EAST BOSTON  | 12. ROXBURY, EAST                |
| 2. CHARLESTOWN  | 13. DORCHESTER AND SAVIN HILL    |
| 3. BOSTON PROPER                                      | 14. DORCHESTER, WEST             |
| 4. BACK BAY, SOUTH                                    | 15. DORCHESTER, NORTH CENTRAL    |
| 5. BACK BAY   | 16. DORCHESTER, SOUTH            |
| 6. SOUTH BOSTON, NORTH                                | 17. DORCHESTER, CENTER           |
| 7. SOUTH BOSTON, SOUTH                                | 18. HYDE PARK AND MATTAPAN       |
| 8. ROXBURY, EAST AND SOUTH                            | 19. JAMAICA PLAIN AND ROSLINDALE |
| 9. ROXBURY, CENTRAL                                   | 20. WEST ROXBURY, ROSLINDALE     |
| 10. ROXBURY, WEST                                     | 21. BRIGHTON, SOUTH              |
| 11. ROXBURY, SOUTH; EGGLESTON SQUARE AND FOREST HILLS | 22. BRIGHTON, NORTH              |

Map 1 Wards, City of Boston

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority

Map 2 illustrates the official Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) designated neighborhoods that correspond to Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 in the City of Boston.





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Map 2 Neighborhoods, City of Boston

Source: Redevelopment Authority

## METHODOLOGY

The data for this Report was compiled by utilization of what is known as “social areas” research. Basically, this means that electoral districts and census tracts for the City of Boston are superimposed on each other in order to determine social and economic characteristics of the areas contained within the electoral districts. James Jennings was one of the first researchers in this City to utilize this methodology in order to gather information about the black community; his research resulted in a report to the Black Political Task Force, an electoral activist organization in the black community, entitled “The Black Voter in Boston” (February 1982). Dr. Jennings also analyzed the relationship between race and class and its impact on political behavior in the black community of Boston with this methodology, resulting in an article, “Race, Class and Politics in Boston’s Black Community” (Review of Black Political Economy, Fall 1982). The Boston Redevelopment Authority also utilized this methodology in some of its reports as did Dr. Yohel Camayd-Freixas and Mr. Russell Lopez in a major, pathbreaking report on Latino political characteristics titled “Gaps in Representative Democracy: Redistricting, Political Participation and the Hispanic Vote in Boston,” published by the Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation, Inc., in September of 1983.

Table 1 shows wards and corresponding census tracts based on methodology. It lists wards and the corresponding census tracts in these wards. The tables in this Report rely on Table 1.



Table 1

Wards and Corresponding Census Tracts

Wards	Corresponding Census Tracts
Ward 8 (Precinct 1-7)	710, 711, 712 801, 802, 803, 804 906, (913)
Ward 9 (Precinct 1-5)	705, 708, 709 805, 806, 807, 808, 814 815, 816, 817
Ward 12 (Precincts 1-9)	803, 817, 818, (819), 820, 821, (1101.01)
Ward 14 (Precincts 1-14)	901, 902, 903, (914), 918 919, 924, 1001, 1002, 1011.01 (1011.02)

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, "1980 Census of Population by Ward and Precinct and by Census Tract and Block," February 1982.

The BRA also compiled more detailed charts assigning census tracts to electoral wards and precincts and neighborhood districts in Boston. The staff for the "Community Profile" project also relied on these charts.

Table 2 shows the corresponding census tracts for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 in Boston. It provides greater detail regarding the corresponding census tracts, group and block number to the precincts in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14.

Table 2

Wards, Precincts, and  
Corresponding Census Tracts and Blocks

Ward (Precinct)	Tract	Block Group (Block)
Ward 8 (1)	712	2 (02)
	712	1 (15, 16)
	711	1 (01)
Ward 8 (2)	711	1 (05, 06, 07, 09, 10, 11)
	710	1 (03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10)
	710	10 (19)
Ward 8 (3)	803	1 (01, 02, 03, 04, 09, 10, 05)
	801	2 (14, 16)
	802	1 (02, 05, 08)
	804	1 (01, 02, 05, 09, 10, 03)
Ward 8 (4)	804	2 (02, 03, 08)
	803	1 (11)
	804	1 (12)
Ward 8 (5)	906	3 (01, 02)
	906	2 (05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 11, 03)
	913	2 (02, 03, 04, 06, 05)
	802	2 (01, 03, 04, 02,)
	906	1 (02)
Ward 8 (6)	801	1 (13, 15, 16, 17, 19)
	801	2 (09, 10, 11, 12)
	906	1 (03, 06, 04, 05, 07)
	906	2 (01, 02, 04, 09)
Ward 8 (7)	802	1 (06, 07)
	802	2 (05, 06, 07, 08)
	906	3 (03, 04, 05, 06, 07)
	803	1 (07, 08)
Ward 9 (1)	705	1 (17, 21, 19)
	705	2 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 21, 14, 15, 19, 22, 23, 24)

Table 2  
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Ward (Precinct)	Tract	Block Group (Block)
Ward 9 (2)	709	1 (02, 03, 04, 05, 10, 11, 12)
	709	2 (01, 09, 10)
	708	2 (02)
	705	2 (16, 17)
Ward 9 (3)	709	2 (02, 03, 08, 05, 06, 07)
	708	2 (03, 04, 05, 08)
	805	3 (03, 07, 08, 09)
	805	1 (01)
	805	2 (09, 10, 11, 12, 13)
	805	3 (02, 10, 11, 12)
Ward 9 (4)	805	2 (01, 04, 05, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 26)
	805	1 (09, 10)
	808	1 (10)
	806	1 (02, 05, 06, 07, 08, 17, 18)
	806	2 (19)
	814	4 (01)
	807	1 (18)
Ward 9 (5)	805	2 (02)
	807	2 (04, 05, 06, 07, 08)
	814	1 (02, 03, 05, 06)
	816	1 (02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 10, 11, 12, 14)
	815	1 (05)
	817	4 (04, 01, 02, 03)
	807	1 (20)
Ward 12 (1)	817	1 (01, 04, 05, 07, 06)
	817	2 (01)
	803	1 (12, 14, 15, 16, 17)
	818	1 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05)
Ward 12 (2)	819	1 (04, 05)
	819	2 (02, 03[by 2/3])
	820	3 (03, 04, 05, 06, 07)
Ward 12 (3)	817	2 (02, 03, 04, 05)
	817	3 (07, 08, 09, <u>01, 02, 04 = by half and 5</u> )
	817	4 (01, 02, 03)

Table 2  
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Ward (Precinct)	Tract	Block Group (Block)
Ward 12 (4)	818	1 (06)
	818 -	2 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
	818	3 (06)
Ward 12 (5)	817	2 (06, 10)
	817	3 (01, 02, [by half] 03)
	819	1 (07)
Ward 12 (6)	818	3 (03, 04, 05)
	820	1 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07)
	819	1 (01, 02)
	821	1 (01, 02, 03)
	820	2 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
Ward 12 (7)	819	4 (06)
	821	3 (01, 02, 03)
	821	2 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07)
	821	1 (04, 05, 06)
Ward 12 (8)	819	2 (01, 04 08 = 1/3)
	819	3 (03, 04, 06, 05, 07, 08)
	819	4 (01, 02 08 = 1/2)
Ward 12 (9)	820	2 (07)
	820	3 (01, 02)
	821	3 (04, 05, 06)
	819	4 (07 08 = 1/2)
Ward 14 (1)	914	3 (02)
	903	1 (04)
	903	2 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
	903	3 (01, 02)
	903	4 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
	902	3 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05)
	902	1 (02, 03)
	918	3 (05)

Table 2  
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Ward (Precinct)	Tract	Block Group (Block)
Ward 14 (2)	919	2 (05, 06, 07)
	919	3 (01, 03, 04, 06, 07)
	919	4 (01)
	901	5 (01, 03, 04, 05, 06)
	901	4 (05)
	924	3 (01, 02)
	924	2 (08, 01, 02, 03)
	924	1 (02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
Ward 14 (3)	902	2 (05, 06)
	901	1 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07)
	901	3 (01, 02, 06, 07)
Ward 14 (4)	902	1 (05)
	902	2 (01, 02, 03, 04)
	919	1 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07)
	919	2 (01, 03, 04)
	901	2 (03, 04)
Ward 14 (5)	1002	2 (02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
	1011.02	1 (06)
	1011.02	2 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05)
	1011.02	3 (02, 03)
Ward 14 (6)	901	5 (02)
	901	4 (01, 02, 03, 04)
	901	3 (08, 05)
	901	2 (01, 02, 05, 06, 07)
Ward 14 (7)	924	3 (03, 04, 05, 06, 07)
	924	2 (04, 05, 06, 07)
Ward 14 (8)	1011.01	7 (02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 01 = 1/2)
	1011.01	6 (02)
	1011.01	5 (05, 06, 07)
	1011.01	9 (02, 03)
Ward 14 (9)	924	4 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08)
	1001	3 (06)
Ward 14 (10)	1001	3 (05)
	1001	1 (04, 05, 06)
	1001	2 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
	1002	1 (02)

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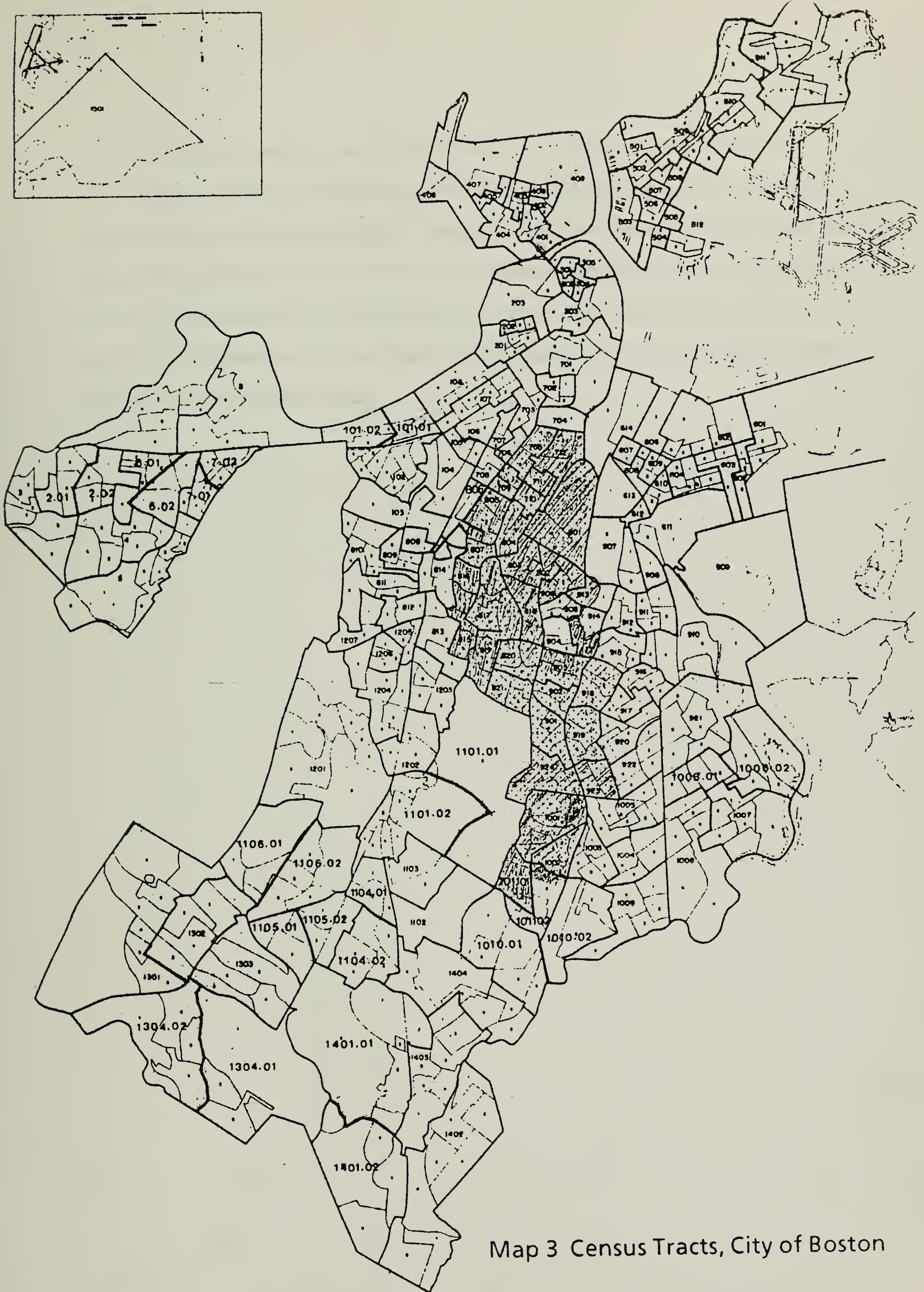
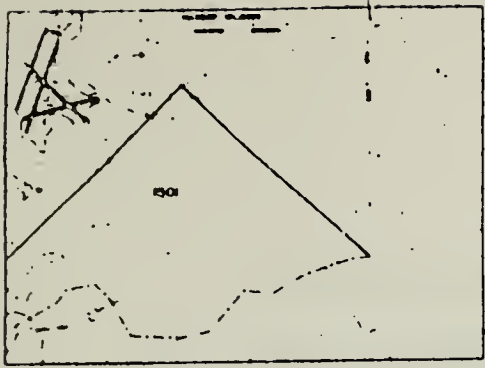
Ward (Precinct)	Tract	Block Group (Block)
Ward 14 (11)	1001	4 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
	1001	6 (05, 06, 08)
	1011.1?	1 (01, 02)
Ward 14 (12)	1001	6 (01, 03, 04, 07, 02)
	1001	5 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06)
	1001	3 (01, 02)
	1002	4 (01, 02, 03)
Ward 14 (13)	1002	1 (05, 06)
	1002	2 (01, 06)
	1002	3 (01, 02, 03, 04, 05)
	1002	4 (04, 05)
Ward 14 (14)	1011.01	1 (03, 04, 05)
	1011.01	6 (01, 04, 05, 06, 07)
	1011.02	3 (04, 05)
	1001	6 (09, 10)

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, "1980 Census of Population, by Ward and Precinct and by Census Tract and Block," February 1982.

It should be noted that the superimposing of census tracts and electoral districts is not precise. The resulting corresponding boundaries may represent a certain degree of inaccuracy. For example, not all of census tract 914 is, in fact, in Ward 14. But it facilitated the collection of data to include this census tract in Ward 14. What may justify its inclusion, however, is the similar and uniform characteristics of the population in census tract 914 in terms of the relevance of these characteristics to the study. Despite this caveat, the data presented here basically reflects the characteristics of the general population in the four wards.

Map 3 presents the census tracts that, generally speaking, pertain to Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14.





Map 3 Census Tracts, City of Boston

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority

The Report presents several tables that respond to requests for specific information and data. It begins with information regarding the total population and its race and ethnic breakdown; the Report also provides information and data about the age structure, schooling levels, median income levels, family structure, housing characteristics, and other social and economic characteristics of the population in these wards. Each table is preceded with narrative explaining the findings of the particular table.

## FINDINGS

Table 3 lists the total population and racial breakdown of each ward and precinct in terms of blacks, Latinos and whites in 1980. The percent distribution of the total population by these racial and ethnic categories is also presented.

In 1980 the ward and precinct with the largest number of blacks is Ward 12, precinct 7 (4,073); the ward and precinct with the largest number of whites is Ward 8, precinct 2 (1,390), while the largest number of Latinos resided in Ward 9, precinct 1 (1,035). But the wards and precincts with the largest percentage of blacks are Ward 14, precinct 14 (96%) and Ward 12, precinct 5 (95%). The precinct within this area with the largest percentage of whites is Ward 8, precinct 2 (50%).

Table 3

Total Population in 1980 by Race and Ethnicity for  
Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 by Precinct

Ward	Total Population	# of Blacks (% of total)	# of Latinos (% of total)	# of Whites (% of total)
W 8 (1)	1,196	480 (40.1)	447 (37.4)	363 (30.4)
W 8 (2)	2,777	1,056 (38.0)	350 (12.6)	1,390 (50.1)
W 8 (3)	1,941	1,605 (87.6)	255 (12.1)	106 (5.5)
W 8 (4)	1,735	1,456 (83.9)	275 (15.9)	58 (3.3)
W 8 (5)	2,107	575 (27.3)	789 (37.4)	463 (22.0)
W 8 (6)	837	51 (6.1)	447 (53.4)	375 (44.8)
W 8 (7)	1,155	776 (67.2)	279 (24.2)	149 (12.9)
W 9 (1)	2,287	516 (22.6)	1,035 (45.3)	1,103 (48.2)
W 9 (2)	1,582	951 (60.1)	204 (8.9)	462 (20.2)
W 9 (3)	4,629	3,883 (83.9)	509 (11.0)	381 (8.2)
W 9 (4)	2,374	2,061 (86.8)	241 (10.2)	93 (3.9)
W 9 (5)	1,757	1,555 (88.5)	101 (8.9)	132 (7.5)
W 12 (1)	2,375	2,221 (93.5)	144 (6.1)	69 (2.9)
W 12 (2)	2,033	1,818 (89.4)	112 (5.5)	120 (5.9)
W 13 (3)	1,027	950 (92.5)	38 (3.7)	26 (2.5)
W 12 (4)	1,395	1,264 (90.6)	45 (3.2)	39 (2.8)
W 12 (5)	1,090	1,042 (95.6)	10 (.9)	28 (2.6)
W 12 (6)	2,995	2,698 (90.1)	212 (7.1)	138 (4.6)
W 12 (7)	4,297	4,073 (94.8)	250 (5.8)	60 (1.4)
W 12 (8)	1,293	1,156 (89.4)	114 (8.8)	18 (1.4)
W 12 (9)	1,902	1,704 (89.6)	91 (4.8)	122 (6.4)
W 14 (1)	4,138	3,733 (90.2)	313 (7.6)	94 (2.3)
W 14 (2)	3,089	2,885 (93.4)	140 (4.5)	61 (2.0)
W 14 (3)	2,306	2,184 (94.7)	71 (3.1)	35 (1.5)
W 14 (4)	2,185	1,979 (90.5)	154 (7.0)	92 (4.2)
W 14 (5)	1,817	1,673 (92.1)	71 (3.9)	51 (2.8)
W 14 (6)	1,660	1,584 (95.4)	102 (6.1)	27 (1.6)
W 14 (7)	2,047	1,889 (92.3)	120 (5.9)	82 (4.0)
W 14 (8)	1,766	1,478 (83.7)	51 (2.9)	231 (13.1)

Table 3  
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Ward	Total Population	# of Blacks (% of total)	# of Latinos (% of total)	# of Whites (% of total)
W 14 (9)	2,345	2,181 (93.0)	155 (6.6)	53 (2.3)
W 14 (10)	1,960	1,632 (83.3)	282 (14.4)	118 (6.0)
W 14 (11)	1,477	1,388 (94.0)	104 (7.0)	29 (2.0)
W 14 (12)	970	873 (90.0)	46 (4.7)	44 (4.5)
W 14 (13)	1,362	1,262 (92.7)	66 (4.8)	43 (3.2)
W 14 (14)	1,929	1,855 (96.2)	93 (4.8)	39 (2.0)

Source: Boston Redevelopment Authority, "1980 Census of Population by Ward and Precinct and by Census Tract and Block." February 1982.



Table 4 shows the total population by wards and by racial and ethnic categories of black, Latino, and white. The total population of Wards 8, 9, 12 and 14 is 101,227 persons. Blacks comprise 76,413 persons or 75.4% of the total, while Latinos account for 12,147 persons or 12% of the total population in these four wards. According to the 1980 U.S. Bureau of the Census population count, there are approximately 126,229 blacks and 36,068 Latinos residing in the City of Boston. This means that about 34% of all Latinos in the City live in these four wards, and, approximately 60.5% of all blacks in the City live in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14.

Table 4

Total Population in 1980 by Race and  
Ethnicity for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Total Population	Blacks	Latinos	Whites
8	14,094	6,559	3,648	3,710
9	26,971	17,211	3,831	5,664
12	21,216	19,102	1,401	937
14	38,946	33,541	3,267	2,424

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Race and Spanish Origin: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 5 shows the distribution of population by age categories for Wards 8, 9, 12 and 14. In addition to the total population, it shows the number of persons under 5 years of age, 15 to 19 years of age, and 65 years and over.



Table 5

Total Population in 1980 by  
Age for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Number of Persons			
	Total Population	Under 5 years	15-19 years	65 years and over
8	14,094	1,295	1,639	1,211
9	26,971	1,750	2,376	2,683
12	21,164	1,734	2,292	1,854
14	38,946	3,359	4,120	1,772

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "General Characteristics of Persons: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 6 shows that there were 22, 212 families in Wards 8, 9, 12 and 14 in 1980. Of this number, 43.4% are composed of "Married Couple" families, while almost half (49.5%) represent "Female-Headed" families.

Table 6

Total Number of Families in 1980 by  
Family Structure for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Number of Families	Family Type	
		Married Couple	Female-Headed
8	2,789	1,242	1,365
9	5,503	2,585	2,518
12	4,875	1,914	2,635
14	9,045	3,909	4,486

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "General Characteristics of Persons: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

The Table 7 shows the number of persons from Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 confined to various kinds of institutions. The total number for these wards in 1980 is 1,713 persons.

Table 7

Number of Persons in Institutions  
in 1980 for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Number of Persons
8	375
9	386
12	748
14	204

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "General Characteristics of Persons: 1980,"  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 8 shows that in 1980, 16,694 persons over 5 years of age in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 spoke a language other than English in their homes. This represents more than 16% (16.4) of all persons in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 in 1980.

Table 8

Number of Persons in 1980 Over 5 Years of Age  
Who Speak a Language Other than English at  
Home for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Number of Persons
8	4,539
9	5,468
12	1,621
14	5,066

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Social Characteristics of Persons: 1980,"  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 9 shows a total of 26,896 persons enrolled in public schools in these wards in 1980. This figure represents slightly more than one third of all public school children in Boston. The number of persons enrolled in private schools for Wards 8, 9, 12 and 14 totals 2,512; this figure represents less than 8.5% of the total 29,408 persons enrolled in schools. The table also shows that 5,709 persons living in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 were enrolled full or part-time in college in 1980.



Table 9

Number of Persons in 1980 Enrolled in  
School in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Kindergarten		Elementary		HighSchool		College
	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	
8	246	31	2,137	302	1,154	240	773
9	495	37	3,597	412	1,877	167	2,062
12	463	81	3,329	225	1,767	137	1,000
14	907	111	7,273	525	3,651	244	1,874

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Social Characteristics of Persons: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 10 lists the number of housing units without telephones in 1980 for Wards 8, 9, 12 and 14. The total figure is 7,557 housing units.

Table 10

Number of Housing Units in 1980  
without Telephones in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	# of Housing Units without Telephones
8	1,030
9	2,097
12	1,603
14	2,827

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Structural Equipment and Household Characteristics of Housing Units: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 11 lists the number of housing units that are owner-occupied and the number of owner-occupied units below the poverty level in 1979. The total number of owner-occupied housing units in 1979 in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 is 6,421. Of this number, 834 or 12.9% are below the poverty level.

Table 11

Number of Owner-Occupied Housing Units and  
Owners Below Poverty Level in 1980 for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Number of Housing Units	
	Owner-Occupied	Owner-Occupied Below Poverty Level
8	731	103
9	1,468	166
12	1,253	154
14	2,969	411

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Structural Equipment and Household Characteristics of Housing Units: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 12 lists the number of owner-occupied housing units by race and ethnicity, as well as the number of renters in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 in 1980. Of all owner-occupied housing units in these wards (6,471), Latinos represented less than 6% (5.1) of all units. There are 29,257 renters in these four wards in 1980.

Table 12

Number of Owner-Occupied and Rental Housing Units in 1980  
by Race and Ethnicity for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Total Number of Owner-Occupied	Owner-Occupied Housing Units			Number of Renters
		Blacks	Latinos	Whites	
8	709	252	114	311	4,166
9	1,464	814	55	513	9,358
12	1,252	1,167	40	44	6,329
14	3,046	2,638	124	277	9,404

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Occupancy, Utilization and Financial Characteristics of Housing Units: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 13 shows the number of housing units in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 that are vacant or boarded in 1980. The total number of housing units is 42,428 units; of this number, 2,879 units are vacant or boarded.



Table 13

Number of Housing Units in 1980, Vacant and  
Boarded, in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Total Housing Units	Number of Vacant Units (Not for Sale or Rent)	Boarded
8	5,997	374	243
9	13,126	664	301
12	8,669	308	158
14	14,636	573	258

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Occupancy, Utilization and Financial Characteristics of Housing Units: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

The per capita income of residents, by race and ethnicity, in Wards 8, 9, 12 and 14 are shown in Table 14. In 1980, the "average" of the per capita figures for the four wards is \$2,572.50 for Latinos, \$4,700 for blacks, and \$6,669 for whites.

Table 14

Per Capita Income of Residents in 1979 by  
Race and Ethnicity for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Wards	Per Capita Income		
	Blacks	Whites	Latinos
8	\$4,711	\$5,838	\$2,730
9	4,758	8,934	2,946
12	4,738	—	2,489
14	4,594	5,235	2,125

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Occupancy, Income in 1979, and Poverty Status in 1979 of Persons: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 15 shows the number of households in Wards 8, 9, 12 and 14 by income categories for 1979. It also shows this data by race and ethnicity. A total of 26,953 black households are reported for Wards 8, 9, 12 and 14 in 1979. Of this number, 7,208 households or 26.7% have household income of less than \$5,000. There are 976 black households or slightly less than 4% (3.6) that report an income of \$35,000 or more.

Table 15

Income of Households in 1979 by Race and Ethnicity in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

Income of Households	Ward 8			Ward 9			Ward 12			Ward 14		
	Blacks	Whites	Latinos	Blacks	Whites	Latinos	Blacks	Whites	Latinos	Blacks	Whites	Latinos
Less than \$5,000	639	169	289	2073	469	280	1661	X	57	2835	88	132
\$5,000-7,499	205	52	109	1149	201	142	866	X	26	1328	69	65
7,500-9,999	208	111	122	795	196	77	970	X	9	1274	21	36
10,000-14,999	492	173	146	1116	312	201	1437	X	16	1956	81	60
15,000-19,999	184	81	50	703	327	50	827	X	7	1450	26	33
20,000-24,999	160	78	13	574	226	11	539	X	-	913	18	28
25,000-34,999	96	103	42	350	217	37	389	X	-	788	35	22
35,000-49,999	38	8	22	187	199	-	202	X	-	263	32	12
50,000 or more	44	13	-	65	97	11	86	X	-	91	15	-
Total # of households	2066	788	793	7012	2244	809	6977		115	10,898	385	385

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, "Occupation, Income in 1979 and Poverty Status in 1979 of Persons: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 16 shows the precincts with the highest and lowest family median income levels for Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 in 1979. It presents this information by race and ethnicity. For blacks, one precinct in Ward 8 has the highest median income level of \$22,083. The precinct with the lowest median income level for blacks in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 is found in Ward 9 (\$6,250).

Table 16

Highest and Lowest Family Median Income Levels by  
Race and Ethnicity for Precincts in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14

WARD	Highest "Precinct" Family Median Income in Ward		Lowest "Precinct" Family Median Income in Ward			
	Blacks	Whites	Latinos	Blacks	Whites	Latinos
Eight	\$22,083	\$15,000	\$8,603	\$7,591	\$8,409	\$4,148
Nine	13,816	23,277	10,859	6,250	13,846	7,386
Twelve	13,488	-	5,286	7,591	-	5,286
Fourteen	16,569	13,210	7,813	9,014	13,210	7,188

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, "Occupation, Income in 1979 and Poverty Status in 1979 of Persons," Boston, Massachusetts.

Table 17 shows the number of persons in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14 over 16 years in various occupational categories in 1980. For each ward, the largest occupational category for blacks includes "Technical, Sales, Administrative Support and Clerical." Approximately 31.5% of all employed blacks over 16 years of age are found in this category of occupations in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14. About 13% of all employed blacks over 16 years of age are in the "Managerial and Professional Specializations." Slightly more than one quarter of this group is found in the service occupations, including private household and protective service. The "Precision, Production, Craft and Repair" occupational categories claims only a small proportion, about 7% of all employed black persons over 16 years of age.



Table 17

Occupational Categories of Employed Persons 16 Years and Over  
in 1980 by Race and Ethnicity in Wards 8, 9, 12, and 14.

Occupational Categories	Ward 8			Ward 9			Ward 12			Ward 14		
	Blacks	Whites	Latinos	Blacks	Whites	Latinos	Blacks	Whites	Latinos	Blacks	Whites	Latinos
Managerial and Prof. Special	32	219	47	1202	1185	112	1121	-	12	1301	79	50
Technical, Sales, Adm. Support and Clerical	664	234	148	1876	723	146	2218	-	15	3910	148	38
Service (Prt. Household and Protective Serv.)	467	173	199	1668	380	228	1820	-	16	3066	123	98
Precision, Pro- duction, Craft and Repair	59	93	85	333	200	38	422	-	23	1096	50	30
Operators, Fabricators, and Laborers	441	194	271	887	163	226	1280	-	49	2274	69	112
Handlers, Equip. Cleaners and Helpers	107	76	33	217	60	36	322	-	7	432	32	25
Total Employed Persons 16 Years and Over	2067	989	783	6183	2711	786	7183		122	12,079	501	353

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, "Occupation, Income in 1979, and Poverty Status in 1979 of Persons: 1980," Boston, Massachusetts.

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