

## Appendix A: Population & Demographics

### Total Population

From 1990 to 2010, Boothbay experienced both an increase in total population (Table A.1), and a decrease in natural population, which is measured by subtracting total deaths from total births (Table A.2). This means that Boothbay's population increase is due to migration, or people moving into town. This trend was particularly pronounced from 2000 to 2009, when the town might have lost population if not for an in-migration of 239 people.

**Table A.1: Total Population**

	1990	2000	2010	% Change 1990-2010
Boothbay	2,648	2,960	3,120	17.8%
Boothbay Harbor	2,347	2,334	2,165	-7.8%
Edgecomb	993	1,090	1,249	25.8%
Southport	645	684	606	-6.0%
Wiscasset	3,339	3,603	3,732	11.8%
Lincoln County	30,357	33,616	34,457	13.5%
Maine	1,227,928	1,274,923	1,328,361	8.2%

Source: US Census

**Table A.2: Boothbay Factors of Population Change, 1990-2009**

	Population Change	Natural Increase	Net Migration
1990-1999	312	7	305
2000-2009	160	-79	239
1990-2009	472	-72	544

Source: US Census, Maine DHHS

Boothbay's population reflects a larger trend in coastal Maine – residents are generally of retirement age. From 1990 to 2010, the 20-39 year-old population dropped by over 200 people, while the 50-69 year-old population increased by almost 600 people (Table A.4). This is reflected in the town's median age, which increased from 38.1 to 51.7 during the same time period. This trend extends across the region – of nearby towns, only Wiscasset and Edgecomb experienced smaller age increases (Table A.5).

**Table A.3: Change in Age Cohort**

	1990	2000	2010	% Change 1990 to 2000	% Change 2000-2010	% Change 1990-2010
Under 25	808	773	692	-4.3%	-10.5%	-14.4%
25-44	805	743	555	-7.7%	-25.3%	-31.1%
45-64	626	924	1,096	47.6%	18.6%	75.1%
65 and over	409	520	777	27.1%	49.4%	90.0%

Source: US Census

**Table A.4: Detailed Age Distribution, 1990-2010**

	1990	2000	2010	% Change 1990-2000	% Change 2000 to 2010	% Change 1990-2010
Total population	2,648	2,960	3,120	11.8%	5.4%	17.8%
Under 5 years	183	138	101	-24.6%	-26.8%	-44.8%
5 to 9 years	162	172	134	6.2%	-22.1%	-17.3%
10 to 14 years	171	196	179	14.6%	-8.7%	4.7%
15 to 19 years	176	177	176	0.6%	-0.6%	0.0%
20 to 24 years	116	90	102	-22.4%	13.3%	-12.1%
25 to 29 years	162	136	108	-16.0%	-20.6%	-33.3%
30 to 34 years	213	149	109	-30.0%	-26.8%	-48.8%
35 to 39 years	225	199	161	-11.6%	-19.1%	-28.4%
40 to 44 years	205	259	177	26.3%	-31.7%	-13.7%
45 to 49 years	190	242	218	27.4%	-9.9%	14.7%
50 to 54 years	125	260	275	108.0%	5.8%	120.0%
55 to 59 years	150	250	290	66.7%	16.0%	93.3%
60 to 64 years	161	172	313	6.8%	82.0%	94.4%
65 to 69 years	141	149	294	5.7%	97.3%	108.5%
70 to 74 years	115	139	184	20.9%	32.4%	60.0%
75 to 79 years	60	105	142	75.0%	35.2%	136.7%
80 to 84 years	61	69	95	13.1%	37.7%	55.7%
85 years and over	32	58	62	81.3%	6.9%	93.8%

Source: US Census

**Table A.5: Median Age, 1990-2010**

	1990	2000	2010	Increase, 1990-2010
<i>Boothbay</i>	38.1	44.2	51.7	13.6
Boothbay Harbor	41.7	48.3	55.8	14.1
Edgecomb	38.5	43.9	46.4	7.9
Southport	44.6	52.8	60.1	15.5
Wiscasset	34.7	39.2	43.5	8.8
Lincoln County	37.4	42.6	48.1	10.7
Maine	33.9	38.6	42.7	8.8

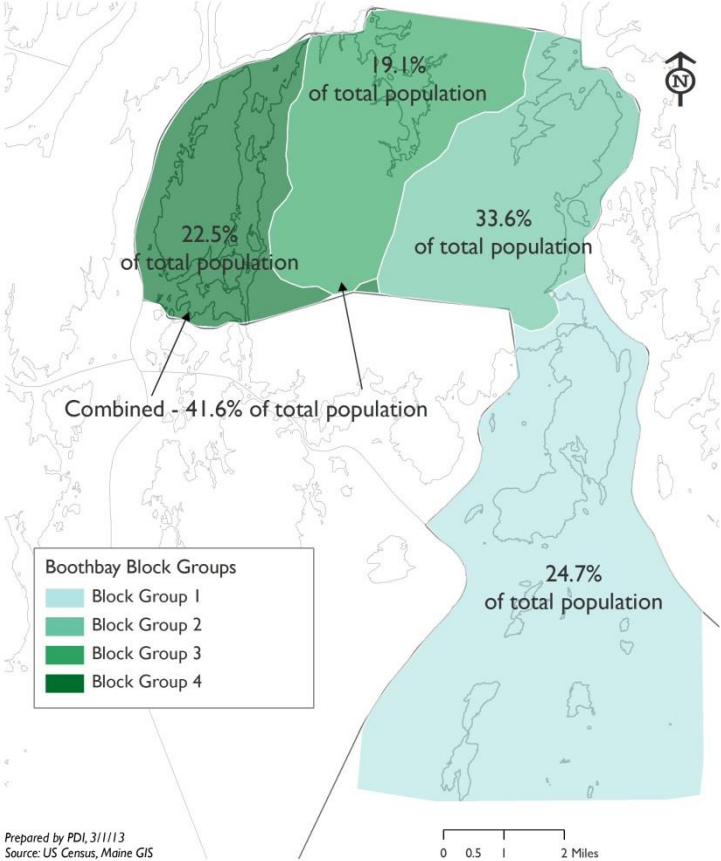
Source: US Census

## Geographic Distribution

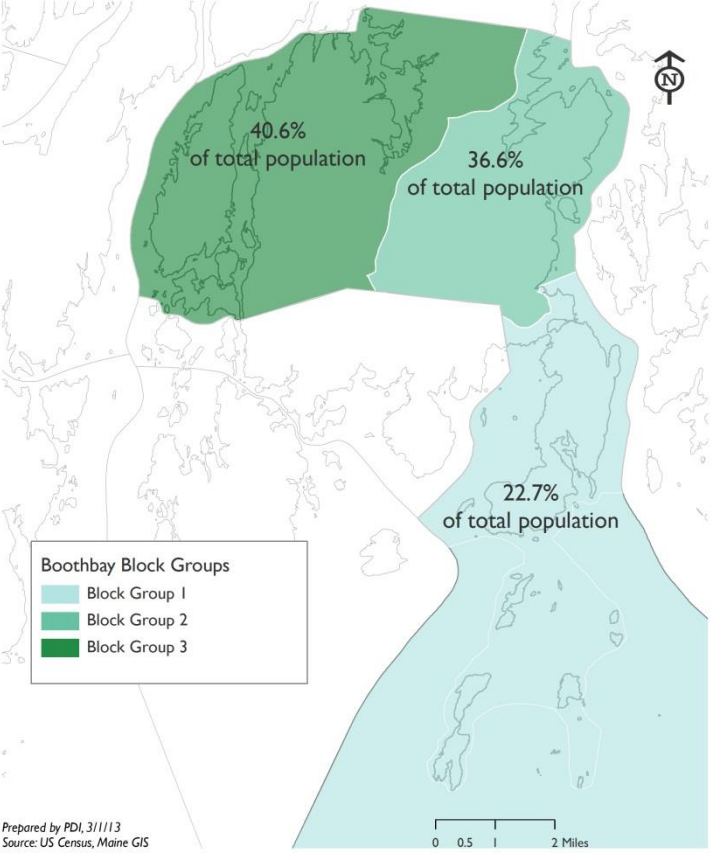
Boothbay’s population increase is concentrated in its northeastern corner (Figure A.1). From 2000 to 2010, that section of town (east of Route 27) saw its share of the town’s total population increase from 33.6% to 36.6%.

Figure A.1: Boothbay Geographic Population Distribution, 2000-2010

Boothbay 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update  
Population Distribution by Census Block Group, 2000



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Population Distribution by Census Block Group, 2010



## Household Composition

Boothbay and surrounding communities all experienced decreases in average household size from 1990 to 2010 (Table A.6). Larger households tend to reflect larger families, and households with four or five people also saw a decline during this time (Table A.7). The number of total households in Boothbay increased by over 30%, which corresponds with the increase in one to three person households (Table A.8).

**Table A.6: Average Household Size**

	1990	2000	2010	% Change 1990-2010
<i>Boothbay</i>	2.52	2.35	2.25	-10.7%
Boothbay Harbor	2.26	2.05	1.90	-15.9%
Edgecomb	2.44	2.34	2.37	-2.9%
Southport	2.26	2.07	1.92	-15.0%
Wiscasset	2.60	2.43	2.32	-10.8%
Lincoln County	2.52	2.35	2.24	-11.1%
Maine	2.56	2.39	2.32	-9.4%

Source: US Census

**Table A.7: Boothbay Household Composition**

	1990	2000	2010	% Change, 2000-2010
Total households	1,048	1,261	1,386	32.3%
1-person household	219	300	330	50.7%
2-person household	409	552	660	61.4%
3-person household	167	178	212	26.9%
4-person household	178	155	123	-30.9%
5-person household	64	57	41	-35.9%
6-person household	7	16	14	100.0%
7-or-more-person household	4	3	6	50.0%

Source: US Census

**Table A.8: Total Households – Regional Comparison, 1990-2010**

	1990	2000	2010	% Change, 1990-2010
<i>Boothbay</i>	1,048	1,261	1,386	32.3%
Boothbay Harbor	1,023	1,097	1,084	6.0%
Edgecomb	403	466	523	29.8%
Southport	286	331	316	10.5%
Wiscasset	1,286	1,472	1,520	18.2%
Lincoln County	11,968	14,158	15,149	26.6%
Maine	465,312	518,200	557,219	19.8%

Source: US Census

Boothbay’s racial composition remained almost unchanged from 1990 to 2010 (Table A.9).

**Table A.9: Boothbay Population by Race, 1990-2010**

	1990	% of Total Population	2000	% of Total Population	2010	% of Total Population
White	2,634	99.5%	2,932	99.1%	3,057	98.0%
Black	1	0.0%	2	0.1%	14	0.4%
American Indian or Alaska native	6	0.2%	18	0.6%	8	0.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1	0.0%	4	0.1%	14	0.4%
Two or more races*	-	-	-	0.0%	26	0.8%
Other race	6	0.2%	4	0.1%	1	0.0%
Total Population	2,648		2,960		3,120	

\*new category for 2010 census

Source: US Census

## Income and Poverty

Most towns in the region experienced similar median household income increases from 2000 to 2010. This might reflect an influx of new residents with a strong retirement income (Table A.10).

During the same time, the percent of Boothbay’s total population that lives in poverty almost doubled to 12.3%. This number, however, is similar to the State of Maine, and just slightly higher than Lincoln County (Table A.11).

**Table A.10: Regional Median Household Income, 2000-2010**

	2000	2010	% Change
<i>Boothbay</i>	41,192	52,825	28.2%
Boothbay Harbor	34,330	48,064	40.0%
Edgecomb	42,941	58,750	36.8%
Southport	38,333	50,368	31.4%
Wiscasset	37,056	41,216	11.2%
Lincoln County	38,724	48,862	26.2%
Maine	37,072	47,898	29.2%

Source: US Census (2000), American Community Survey 5-Year Sample

**Table A.11: Poverty Rate, 2000-2011**

	Maine		Lincoln County		Boothbay	
	2000	2011	2000	2011	2000	2011
Total Population - Percent Below Poverty Level	10.9%	12.8%	10.1%	9.8%	6.9%	12.3%
Under 18 years – Percent Below Poverty Level	13.7%	17.0%	13.9%	14.0%	9.1%	18.8%

Source: US Census (2000), American Community Survey 5-Year Sample

## Educational Attainment

Over 95% of adults in Boothbay are high school graduates – which is higher than both Lincoln County and the State of Maine.

**Table A.12: Educational Attainment, 2000-2011**

	Maine		Lincoln County		Boothbay	
	2000	2011	2000	2011	2000	2011
Percent high school graduate or higher	85.4%	90.2%	87.9%	92.3%	89.4%	95.5%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	22.9%	27.1%	22.6%	31.3%	30.2%	28.5%

\*Population over 25

Source: US Census (2000), American Community Survey 5-Year Sample