



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Community Development Department

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From: Brian P. Murphy, Assistant City Manager for Community Development

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Subject: Council Order #10 of March 7, 2011 regarding demographic and population trends

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In response to the above referenced order we report the following:

Population projections for Cambridge are available from various sources.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) prepares projections of population, households, and employment as part of its long range planning activities. While Community Development staff provides assistance to MAPC prior to preparation of that organization's projections, they are prepared entirely by MAPC for that organization's use. The most recent iteration of the MAPC projections was released earlier this month to support development of *Paths to a Sustainable Region 2035*, the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization's long-range transportation plan.

The most recent MAPC projections for Cambridge follow:

Year	Population	Households	Employment
2010 (MAPC Projection)	109,474	46,130	103,015
2020	115,407	49,279	114,280
2030	121,531	52,694	119,914
2035	123,300	53,537	119,953

Projections can also be purchased from commercial sources, such as Claritas/Neilson and Geolytics. The Community Development Department does not prepare projections of demographic and population trends.

Earlier this month the U. S. Census Bureau released population counts for Massachusetts cities and towns. While these counts do not include projections, they will serve as the basis for future projections undertaken by various organizations.

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Recent Census counts for Cambridge:

Year	Population	Households	Employment
2000 (US Census)	101,355	42,787	--
2010 (US Census)	105,162	44,032	--

The recently released population counts do not contain detailed information, such as age by cohorts, that would be helpful in understanding who lives in Cambridge. That information will be released later this spring. Over the summer, CDD staff will analyze this data and will present it to the City Council in the fall.