Neighborhoods of Boston

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Neighborhoods of Boston and Surrounding Areas

Welcome to Boston! This is one of America’s greatest cities and a wonderful hub of academic, social, and professional life. The city is teeming with all sorts of different people and places to see. Our goal in this packet is to help you find your perfect fit. Whether it be in the crowded loud streets of the North End or the quiet suburbs of Brookline, there is a place for everyone in the city.

The Tufts Health Sciences Campus is located in downtown Boston bordering Chinatown and the Theater District. This campus is not to be confused with our campus in Medford that is home to the many Tufts schools including the school of Arts and Sciences and The Fletcher School. Tufts’ Health Sciences campus is specifically focused on proving education to health professionals. On this campus is the School of Dental Medicine, The Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and policy, The Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences, The School of Medicine, and The Physician Assistant Program.

While our campuses may be spread out, Tufts still shares a tight sense of community that is found all throughout Boston and surrounding areas. Our students have the entire city of Boston to explore for both adventure and opportunity. Our job is helping you find the right place to center yourself on that journey.

Use this guide to help you find a Boston location that suites your personality, needs, and desires. Part of the success of our students is in their happiness. If you are happy where you live, it starts you off on the right note when performing academically. Your place of residence will also shape your views, open new experiences, and serve as your gateway to the city of Boston. This guide is meant to introduce you to the character of some of the neighborhoods close to the Tufts Boston campus.

In addition to this resource, we encourage you to utilize jumpoffcampus.com to view current student listings of available apartments. If you have any questions please email PHPDhousing@tufts.edu

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Overview-
Nestled in between the BC and BU campuses are the neighborhoods of Allston and Brighton. This is one of Boston’s youngest (60% of resident’s are ages 20-35) and most diverse areas in terms of its residents. This is a vibrant section of the city full of diverse restaurants, energetic nightlife, and both young professionals and students. The different neighborhood hubs such as Oak’s Square, Allston Village, and Cleveland Circle are home to wonderful restaurants and bars.

Attractions-
Whether it is dining at fun restaurants or going to local music joints, Allston/Brighton has something for everyone. Because it is home to many immigrant families, the variety of cuisine in Allston/Brighton is unparalleled. There is a great mix of Indian, Vietnamese, Thai, Jewish, and American cultures that make it a student city.

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $700+
- 1 Bed: $1100+
- 2 Bed: $1500+
- 3 Bed: $1900+

Transportation

Major T Stops:
All B line Stops-Green Line

Bus Connections:
Union Square- 57, 66, 64
Oak Square- 57

Commute to Tufts-Boston

Car: 11min
Public Trans: 30-45min
Restaurants:
BonChon, Garlic 'n' Lemons, Coreanos Allston, Deep Ellum, Jim’s Deli & Restaurant, Esperia Grill, Yoma, Brown Sugar Café, Tasca, Tavern in the Square, Raising Canes, Moogie’s, Eagle’s Deli, Sunset Grill & Tap

Activities:
Oak Square YMCA, Great Scott’s, Do Re Mi Karaoke, Paradise Rock Club

Housing- Housing in Allston/Brighton is some of the most affordable in all of Boston. Because it is home to a majority of students and young professionals the turnover rate is often very high. There is a mix of both old and new apartment complexes at a range of prices with rooms ranging from singles to four-bedrooms. Most apartments do not allow pets and do not have A/C units or elevators. Parking, in comparison to other Boston neighborhoods, is not difficult. There is often street parking and the opportunity to purchase a parking spot. Sticker permits are recommended, but for the most part parking is generally open.

Safety- This is one of the safer areas in Boston, ranked 5th out of 12 neighborhoods. It is a louder area with an active nightlife, but lower rates of violent crime.
Overview—What was once actually a bay before being filled in 1857, this iconic spot in Boston is home to some of the most desired shopping spots and restaurants.

Back Bay is where you can find some of Boston’s greatest architecture whether it be the rows of Victorian brownstone homes, Trinity Church, or the towering Prudential Building. Where visitors can shop and even dine on the very top floor looking out over the entire city.

Attractions—Back Bay is a bustling hub in Boston where there are numerous things to do. Be sure to check out Newbury street which always boasts a large crowd of shoppers on its sidewalks and is the location to stores like Newbury Comics.

Transportation

Major T Stops:
- Hynes Convention Center – Green Line
- Copley- Green Line
- Back Bay- Orange Line

Bus Connections:
- Mass Ave.- 1,CT1

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- Car: 7min
- Public Trans: 15-17min

Apartment Rents

Studio: $1300+
1 Bed: $1600+
2 Bed: $2500+
3 Bed: $3500+
Restaurants:

Trident Booksellers & Café, Stephanie’s, Lolita’s Cocina & Tequila Bar, The Pour House, Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse, Sweetgreen, Top of the Hub, Bukowski Tavern, The Salty Pig

Activities:

Prudential Center, Berklee College Performance Center, Newbury Comics, Boston Public Library, Boston Common, Boston Public Garden Swan Boats, Copley Square, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Trinity Church, Charles River Esplanade

Housing- While 3+ bedroom apartments are rare, it is very easy to find studio, one, or two bedroom apartments. Most buildings are no more than five stories tall and have stood there for over 100 years. Don’t let their age fool you, however, as these buildings make up some of the highest quality housing in Boston. Parking can be hard to find at times and is mostly on streets that require a permit, but the location of Back Bay and the numerous T spots make public transportation a simple and effective way to navigate Boston. This is perfect for students studying in the city and who are looking for a picturesque place to live.

Safety- Back Bay is a well-lit and well-traveled area, making it one of the safer sections in the city.
Overview-
Residents of Beacon Hill are transported back to Colonial Boston. The rows of brick houses and streets paved with old cobblestones are accents of Beacon Hill that show off its history and age. The neighborhood is one of the oldest and most exclusive in Boston. It is home to the Massachusetts Statehouse and the famous Charles St. which is home to high-end pubs and shops. The neighborhood, while very close to downtown, is relatively small and quiet. Beacon Hill is also the location of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Attractions-
Beacon Hill is noted for its high-end, exclusive nightlife. Many restaurants and bars in the area are expensive with

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $1600+
- 1 Bed: $1800+
- 2 Bed: $2400+
- 3 Bed: $3500+

Transportation

- Major T Stops: Park St.- Red line and All green lines
- Bus Connections: Temple Place- Silver Line

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- Car: 14-20min
- Public Trans: 5-10min
Charles St. being the priciest and Cambridge St. the cheapest. The neighborhood is not particularly loud, but offers easy access for anyone looking to go downtown for a little more noise. Charles St. is the place to see in Beacon Hill because it is home to many fine antique shops and restaurants.

**Housing**- This neighborhood is made up of 100-200 year old Federalist-style brownstones that make one think back to America’s revolutionary days. They are often accented with elaborate front doors and decorative ironwork. These houses are typically rented out by their owners who look for responsible professionals as tenants. This means that they rarely rent to students unless they feel that they are mature and responsible enough.

Rents are high and apartments are usually fairly small, but because of its exclusiveness residents are also able to say they live in one of the safest areas of Boston.

**Safety**- This is one of the safest neighborhoods in Boston.

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The Places to Go

**Restaurants:**

75 Chestnut, Figs, The Paramount, Tip Tap Room, Toscano Restaurant, Mooo Restaurant, Seoul, Grotto, Toscano Restaurant, Scollay Square, Grill 23 & Bar

**Activities:**

Boston Athenaeum, Boston Common, Boston Public Garden, Massachusetts State House, Harrison Gray Otis House, Museum of Afro-American History
Overview-

Brookline is considered the suburbs of Boston. While only a short drive or T ride to the city, this area of Greater Boston is one of the quietest and most residential neighborhoods. This is primarily because the town does not allow any manufacturing or industrial activities. Brookline is extremely safe to live in, and is very popular amongst families because of the excellent school system. Students also live in Brookline and typically reside closer to the city in the larger economic hubs of Washington Square and Coolidge Corner. These are popular areas not only for the quiet residencies, but also because of the numerous shops, restaurants, and convenient T stops.

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $1200+
- 1 Bed: $1600+
- 2 Bed: $1900+
- 3 Bed: $2400+

Transportation

- Major T Stops:
  - Coolidge Corner- Green C Line
  - Brookline Village- Green D Line
- Bus Connections:
  - 65, 66 buses

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- Car: 12-17min
- Public Trans: 30-45min
**Attractions**- The primary commercial areas of Brookline are Coolidge Corner, Brookline Village, and Washington Square. Coolidge Corner has a number of high quality restaurants and shops including Hops N’ Scotch, The Coolidge Corner Clubhouse, and the Brookline Booksmith. It is also home to the Coolidge Corner Theater which features older classics. Washington Square is smaller, but is also the location of many popular restaurants in the area such as the Publick House and Barcelona. Brookline Village is slightly less commercial than the previous two, but houses the public library and a number of parks that are always populated with families and kids of all ages playing soccer, basketball, or tennis.

**Housing**- Housing in Brookline is expensive because of the high quality of the neighborhood and its convenient location to downtown Boston. Residencies primarily take the form of small apartment buildings or multi-family homes. Brookline is large so prices and sizes of apartments will vary the farther out you get from the city. Apartments and homes are generally in good condition because landlords do not like to rent to undergraduate students. Parking can be somewhat of a problem in Brookline because apartment complexes usually won’t provide tenants with a space and overnight parking is prohibited. Spaces can be purchased anywhere between $50 and $200 per month.

**Safety**- Brookline is one of the safest areas in Greater Boston. It has very efficient police and fire departments, as well as access to the BU police department.

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**The Places to Go**

**Restaurants:**


**Activities:**

Coolidge Corner Theater, Brookline Booksmith, The Puppet Showplace Theater, Larz Anderson Park
Overview-
Founded in 1628, Charlestown is history at its finest. This section of Boston is located north of the city across the Charles River near Somerville. This neighborhood is rich in history and has been the destination of many Irish immigrants as well as many young professionals. The scenery from residencies in Charlestown is usually very nice considering the neighborhood is extremely close to the major bodies of water that surround Boston.

Attractions-
Those living in Charlestown are surrounded by notable historical landmarks. The U.S.S. Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship in the U.S. fleet, is docked in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Residents will sometimes even be privileged enough to hear the U.S.S. Constitution fire its cannons at sundown. Charlestown is also

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $1300+
- 1 Bed: $1600+
- 2 Bed: $1800+
- 3 Bed: $2200+

Transportation

Major T Stops:
- Sullivan Square- Orange Line
- North Station- Green Line

Bus Connections:
- Sullivan Square- 13 buses stop here

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- Car: 8-10min
- Public Trans: 30-45min
The Places to Go

Restaurants:
The Brewer’s Fork, The Navy Yard Bistro, Todd English's Figs, The Warren Tavern, Tavern at the End of the World, Paolo's Trattoria, Tangierino

Activities:
Charlestown Navy Yard, U.S.S Constitution, Room Escape Adventures, Boston Pizza Tours, Museum of Science, Upper Deck Trolley Tours, Paul Revere Park

Housing- For housing, Charlestown offers a wide variety of both old and new residencies. Many of the rentals in Charlestown come in the form of traditional triple-decker houses that offer both single and multi-family units.

There are, however, also many new housing and condo developments close to the water as well as some higher-end apartment options.

Safety- What was once a violent neighborhood in 2005, Charlestown has undergone renovations and repair projects that have marked a sharp decline in violent activities making it a much safer place to live.

home to the Bunker Hill Monument.
Overview- As you walk through the Paifong gate, you enter a new world of shops and restaurants that make you feel as if you have traveled across the sea to China.

Chinatown is a popular tourist spot. The neighborhood is extremely close to downtown and is home to Tufts Medical Center.

Attractions-

Chinatown is known mostly for its restaurants and shops where residents and visitors can fully experience a different culture. Dim Sum is a very popular dining option for visitors as

Apartment Rents

1 Bed: $1200+
2 Bed: $1600+
3 Bed: $2000+

Transportation

Major T Stops:
Chinatown- Orange line
Boylston- Green Line
Downtown Crossing – Red Line

Bus Connections:
Temple Place- Silver Line

Commute to Tufts-Boston

Car: <1min
Public Trans: 1min
The Places to Go

Restaurants:
Avana, Sushi, Shojo, Q Restaurant, Beard Papa’s, Clay Pot Cafe, New Dong Khanh, Wai Wai Restaurant, China Pearl, Gourmet Dumpling House, Winsor Dim Sum Café, Great Taste Bakery and Restaurant

Activities:
The Hayden Building, Kam Man Foods, August Moon Festival

well as the nine Chinese bakeries that line the narrow streets. One of Chinatown’s most notable attractions is the August Moon Festival where children carry around colorful lanterns and participants eat moon cakes with hidden messages inside.

Housing- Housing can be difficult to find in Chinatown because of its dense population. It is a very convenient location to Tufts Medical Center, but is very crowded in terms of living space. The rare apartment openings are usually in the form of one or two-bedrooms located above a commercial space. More developments are being built for residents, but because of its great location in the city and proximity to the Medical Center apartments will still be hard to come by. Parking can also be a concern in this neighborhood due to the dense population and crowded streets.

Safety- Crime can be a problem here because it is a very populated area and there are problems with drug use.
Overview-

Dorchester is Boston variety at its finest. There are options for everyone in this neighborhood. Dorchester is the oldest, largest, and most diverse section of Boston. It contains residents of all ages and backgrounds including Vietnamese, Polish, Irish, and Cape Verdean. Because of its size, Dorchester is often broken up into sections based on commercial centers. The largest centers include Uphams Corner, Columbia Point, Savin Hill, Fields Corner, Codman Square, Ashmont and Neponset. Many of these areas have gone under recent revitalization projects and have shown a large increase in shops and restaurants. Not only are there many opportunities for

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $900+
- 1 Bed: $1400+
- 2 Bed: $1600+
- 3 Bed: $1800+

Transportation

Major T Stops:

- All Red Line stops south of Broadway on Ashmont Line

Bus Connections:

- Fields Corner-15, 17, 18, 19, 201, 202, 210, 215
- JFK/UMass: 5, 8, 16, 41

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- Car: 10-20min
- Public Trans: 20-40min

“The Grass is Always Greener”

www.downtowndc.org
The Places to Go

Restaurants:

224 Boston Street, Lambert’s Rainbow Fruits, dBar, Banh Mi Ba Le, Pho So 1 Boston, The Banshee, Sea Breeze Mexican Grill

Activities:

Franklin Park Zoo, JFK Library, Franklin Park Golf Course, Fields Corner, Dinosaur Museum, Malibu and Savin Hill beaches, Boston City Singers

Dorchester offers many diverse social opportunities. Residents enjoy the Vietnamese restaurants in Fields Corner, the Polish Triangle bordering South Boston, and the historic JFK Library.

Attractions-
Dorchester is also home to Franklin Park which is the largest area of green space in Boston. It contains the Franklin Park Zoo, an 18-hole golf course, and 527 acres of parkland. This area is a popular spot for families and dog-owners. Along with its open spaces, Dorchester offers many diverse social opportunities. Residents enjoy the Vietnamese restaurants in Fields Corner, the Polish Triangle bordering South Boston, and the historic JFK Library.

Housing-
Dorchester has many housing opportunities for all types of residents. It is very common to find triple-decker multi-family homes for rent which offer a lot of space for tenants at very reasonable prices. These homes are typically either old Victorians that reflect the old age of the neighborhood or more modern houses of recent immigrants. There are also apartment complexes, especially closer to the water in the Savin Hill/Columbia Point area, that are fairly new and readily available. These tend to be more expensive than the multi-family homes, but offer a good location in relation to the harbor and South Boston. Parking is very easy in Dorchester and it is not difficult for those with a car to find available spots.

Safety-
Some of Dorchester is made up of quiet, suburban neighborhoods with little violence. Areas near Roxbury and BMC, as well as southern areas near the border of Mattapan, tend to be a little more dangerous.

hanging, but Dorchester also offers many open green spaces for residents. Most neighborhoods within Dorchester have a park or athletic fields nearby.
Overview- East Boston is one of the largest sections of the city that is not actually part of the mainland. Connected to Boston by the Sumner, Callahan, and Ted Williams Tunnels, this area is completely surrounded by the water. This however, does not make East Boston a difficult commute as it is very accessible by all forms of public transportation. The neighborhoods of East Boston are home to large Italian and Hispanic immigrant populations. The area has been slowly developing for many years now and looks to be a very up and coming place for new Boston residents. The most notable aspect of East Boston is that it is the location of Logan Airport. For residents who are from out-of-state, East Boston has proven to be a very convenient location in terms of travel.

Attractions-
East Boston is a developing area with

Transportation

Major T Stops:
Maverick- Blue Line
Airport- Blue Line and Silver Lines

Bus Connections:
Maverick:
114,116,117,120,121

Commute to Tufts-Boston

Car: 11min
Public Trans: 20-25min

Apartment Rents

Studio: $1200+
1 Bed: $1300+
2 Bed: $1600+
3 Bed: $2000+
The Places to Go

Restaurants:
KO Pies at the Shipyard, il Molo, Taqueria Jalisco, Rino's Place, Santarpio's Pizza, Rincon Limeno Restaurant, Mi Pueblito Restaurant, Maverick Marketplace Cafe, Angela's Cafe, Meridian Food Market

Activities:
Suffolk Downs, Belle Isle Marsh, East Boston Piers Park, Central Park Lanes, East Boston Memorial Park

many new restaurants and shops opening each year. It is home to some of the best ethnic cuisine in all of Boston. One of the best parts of “Eastie” is the view of the ocean and the Boston Harbor. Residents enjoy the beauty of the Boston Skyline from afar while still being in close proximity to the city for work and/or school.

Housing- Most apartments are located in triple-decker buildings or small apartment buildings. While development of East Boston has been relatively slow, there are many new buildings and housing developments opening up which makes housing very accessible to those moving to Boston. You will even be able to find condos and homes to rent for a more private living experience. These neighborhoods are also generally quieter the farther away you are from the airport, which allows residents who don’t want to be bothered by city noise a nice escape.

Safety- East Boston used to have higher rates of gang violence, but this has decreased in recent years and it is a fairly safe place to live.
Kenmore/Fenway

Overview-
Perhaps most recognized as the home of Fenway Park and the Boston Red Sox, Fenway/Kenmore also boasts many of the City’s top cultural institutions, including the Museum of Fine Arts and Symphony Hall. Fenway/Kenmore also has a strong academic presence, including Boston Latin School, America’s first public school, as well as several institutions of higher learning. Many of these undergraduate students, as well as young people throughout the city, are drawn to the lively bars and clubs along Lansdowne Street.

Attractions-
This area is most known for being the home of Fenway Park and the Boston Red Sox. While this national icon does loom over the small section of Boston, it is not the only notable part of this city. Kenmore is home to

Apartment Rents

- **Studio**: $1300+
- **1 Bed**: $1600+
- **2 Bed**: $2100+
- **3 Bed**: $2900+

Transportation

- **Major T Stops:**
  - Kenmore- Green Line
  - Northeastern- Green Line
  - Fenway- Green Line
- **Bus Connections:**
  - Mass Ave. 1,CT1
  - Kenmore- 8, 57

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- **Car**: 8-10min
- **Public Trans**: 25-30min
The Places to Go

Restaurants:
El Pelon Taqueria, Tapestry, Gyro City, Saloniki Greek, Thaitation, Swish Shabu, Hidyan Cafe, Neighborhoods Coffee and Crepes, Sweet Cheeks

Activities:
Fenway Park, House of Blues, Jillian’s, Paradise Rock Club, Landsdowne St.

many colleges including BU, Northeastern, and the “Colleges of the Fenways”. This creates a large student-driven atmosphere that provides residents with a young, social living situation. Not only are there a number of different restaurants and bars to visit while in Fenway, but there are also museums, movie theaters, and music venues that provide entertainment to those who may not be interested in catching the next Sox Game.

The Museum of Fine Arts, located near Northeastern’s main campus is home to some of the world’s most magnificent paintings and a variety of exhibits that change throughout the year. There is also The Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum which occasionally hosts jazz concerts outside, weather permitting of course. And if art isn’t your thing Fenway is also home to the Boston House of Blues and the Symphony Hall where patrons can catch up on the latest music. There are activities for morning, noon, and night around this part of Boston.

Housing- The housing in this area is relatively older and reflects cheaper rent options when compared to areas such as Back Bay or the South End. The housing is very affordable with the primary resident’s being students from the surrounding colleges. Also, because of the students, there is a high turnover rate which makes apartments very available, especially studio and one-bedroom. Just be aware that this also means that apartments can be left in less than ideal conditions.

Safety- With a high population of students theft and public drunkenness can be a problem, but the area is relatively safe other than that.
Overview-
Jamaica Plain, or “JP” as it is commonly referred to, is one of Boston’s most diverse and eclectic neighborhoods. In the middle of both affluent and working class neighborhoods, JP provides a perfect blend of both worlds to residents seeking a happy medium. This is a fairly large neighborhood characterized by a strong Hispanic population, beautiful parks including Jamaica Pond, and collections of hidden restaurants and shops. Residents of JP consist of activists, artists, students and families.

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Apartment Rents

- **Studio**: $1100+
- **1 Bed**: $1400+
- **2 Bed**: $1700+
- **3 Bed**: $2200+

Transportation

- **Major T Stops**: All Orange Line stops south of Roxbury Crossing
- **Bus Connections**: Forest Hills: 16 buses

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- **Car**: 14-17min
- **Public Trans**: 25-35min

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- **3 Bed**: $2200+

Transportation:

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- **Bus Connections**: Forest Hills: 16 buses

Commute to Tufts-Boston:

- **Car**: 14-17min
- **Public Trans**: 25-35min

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Transportation:

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- **Bus Connections**: Forest Hills: 16 buses

Commute to Tufts-Boston:

- **Car**: 14-17min
- **Public Trans**: 25-35min
The Places to Go

Restaurants:
Ten Tables, The Haven, Tres Gatos, Vee Vee, Alex’s Chimis, Fiore’s Bakery, Sorella’s, Forest Hills Diner, Canto 6, Blue Nile, Brendan Behan’s Pub, Bella Luna Restaurant & The Milky Way Lounge

Activities:
Jamaica Pond, Arnold Arboretum, Midway Café, Samuel Adams Brewery, Franklin Park, JP Art Market

dull moment in Jamaica Plain.

Attractions- A combination of small stores and restaurants scattered along the streets that run in and out of various parks make JP an extremely interesting place to live socially. There are plenty of things to do during both the day and the night. Whether it be walking along Jamaica Pond, going to the Arnold Arboretum, visiting the Midway café, or venturing to the Milky way lounge which is located in a former brewery, residents are always finding new ways to have fun. JP is also home to the Samuel Adams brewery which offers free daily tours of their facilities.

Housing- Housing in JP also reflects the diversity of the neighborhood. Residents can live in any type of housing ranging from single apartments to high-end housing along the pond. There are also multi-family houses and Victorian homes with rooms for rent. JP has the most options for co-op housing in Boston and parking is never an issue.

Safety- While generally a safe neighborhood, there are areas such as Hyde and Jackson Square that have dealt with histories of youth violence and drug use.
Overview- Located in the heart of the city, Roxbury is an up and coming neighborhood with a strong diverse presence. This section of Boston is not only one of the most populated neighborhoods, but is also the one with the highest percentage of renters. Roxbury is home to Boston’s strongest African American community which is reflected its variety of restaurants and shops. Residents are often treated to many different kinds of cuisine ranging from Dominican and Cape Verdan to more Hispanic cooking styles towards the sections bordering Jamaica Plain. Roxbury has undergone major developments in recent years and what was once a farming community has shifted to an economic hub with hundreds of new business and housing initiatives.

Attractions- The commercial centers of Roxbury are Grove Hall, Egleston Square, and Dudley Square. The Grove Hall Mecca Mall is home to a variety of shops as well as the largest

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $800+
- 1 Bed: $1400+
- 2 Bed: $1600+
- 3 Bed: $2000+

Transportation

- Major T Stops:
  - Roxbury Crossing- Orange Line
  - Jackson Square- Orange Line

- Bus Connections:
  - Dudley Square: largest bus transfer point in Boston

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- Car: 11-13min
- Public Trans: 25-45min
grocery store in Roxbury. If you are interested in clothing and art then Dudley Square is perhaps your preferred destination, while those seeking fine Hispanic food would probably go to Egleston Square.

**Housing** - There is plenty of housing in Roxbury for all its residents. Because almost everyone in this neighborhood rents, there is very high apartment turnover. The most common housing is triple-decker multi-family style houses and brownstones. The type of housing very often reflects the neighborhood that Roxbury is bordering. Because it is the very center of Boston, the different sections of Roxbury take on the characteristics of their surrounding neighborhoods. There is everything from smaller apartments to larger houses up for rent.

**Safety** - While it is a developing neighborhood, Roxbury still deals with safety issues stemming from a history of poverty and disenfranchisement. There is still evidence of gang violence, crime, and drug abuse so residents should take caution at night.

### The Places to Go

**Restaurants:**

Haley House Bakery Cafe, Sontouka Back Bay, Merengue Restaurant, El Mondonguito, Suya Joint All African Cuisine, Ideal Sub Shop

**Activities:**

SoWa Open Market, Samuel Adams Brewery, Freedom Trail Tours, Franklin Park, Roxbury Center for the Arts, Culture and Trade
Overview—The South End is in the heart of Boston. Originally meant for the wealthy class in the 1800s, the South End is home to the largest collection of Victorian brownstone houses. This is one of the most diverse and socially trending neighborhoods in Boston. The South End includes a variety of residents from families, graduate students, to professionals. It is also home to Boston’s largest gay and lesbian community and is the location for the annual Gay Pride parade.

With numerous parks and upscale restaurants tucked in and around the historic Victorian housing, the South End makes for very comfortable living.

Attractions—When in the South End the most important streets to know are Washington Street, Tremont Street, and Columbus Street. These locations are the center of social life.

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $1400+
- 1 Bed: $1700+
- 2 Bed: $2200+
- 3 Bed: $3200+

Transportation

- Major T Stops:
  - Mass Ave.- Orange line
  - Newton, Concord St. – Silver Line

- Bus Connections:
  - Concord St, Newton Street: 1, CT1, CT3, 8, 10,16,47

Commute to Tufts-Boston

- Car: 6min
- Public Trans: 14-16min
Tremont, especially, has become known for some of the most desirable new restaurants in Boston and has even been known as “restaurant row”. In addition to all of the restaurants, the South End contains many small upscale boutiques, non-chain stores, and a vibrant arts community. The Boston Center for the Arts and the Boston Ballet are just two of the many arts opportunities to experience while living here.

**Housing** - Housing in the South End comes primarily in the form of the Victorian brownstones. These apartments are generally on the older side which is reflected in their hardwood floors and metal hot-water radiators, but provide a perfect location adjacent to downtown Boston while retaining a small neighborhood feel. Many of these have also been subject to renovations in recent years to bring a more modern feel to the buildings. There are also a number of larger apartment complexes in the area. Parking in the South End is difficult and is mostly dependent on the possession of a sticker permit. Parking spaces in garages are available, but are limited and cost around $200/mo.

**Safety** - While this area has become a lot safer in recent years, there are still areas that grapple with poverty, disenfranchisement, and violence. This is mostly around the Boston Medical Center which treats a lot of patients with injuries from gang violence.

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**The Places to Go**

**Restaurants:**

Toro, Barcelona Wine Bar South End, Orinoco, Gaslight, Blunch, Coppa, The Gallows, Stella, Myers & Chang, The Beehive, Mike's City Diner

**Activities:**

Boston Center for the Arts (BCA), Boston Ballet, SoWa Market, Piano Craft Guild Theater, Space 242, Calderwood Pavillion, Cutler Majestic Theater
Overview-
South Boston, or “Southie” as many Bostonians refer to it, is a bustling neighborhood full of young professionals and families who are drawn there by its strong sense of community. What was once a predominantly Irish-Catholic neighborhood is now a diverse area of both people and businesses. Because of its location right on the water, Southie has spectacular views of both the ocean and the downtown Boston skyline. Residents enjoy going to beaches, parks, and the many restaurants and pubs the area has to offer.

Attractions-
South Boston is comprised of both the older residential peninsula and the newer Waterfront District (also called the Seaport District). This allows residents to have a tightknit neighborhood feel while also being steps away from the popular

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $1400+
- 1 Bed: $1600+
- 2 Bed: $1900+
- 3 Bed: $2200+

Transportation

- Major T Stops:
  - Broadway- Red Line
- Bus Connections:
  - Broadway- 9,11,47
  - Courthouse- Silver Line
- Commute to Tufts-Boston
  - Car: 5min
  - Public Trans: 15-30min
Boston nightlife. The Waterfront District is home to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, the Harpoon Brewery, and the Institute for Contemporary Art. Along with these popular spots, the still-developing Waterfront District is becoming home to many popular restaurants and bars. So whether you are going to see the iconic South Boston St. Patrick’s Day Parade or looking to go on a harbor boat cruise, South Boston has something for everyone.

**Housing-**
Housing in Southie is made up of mostly triple-decker buildings with larger houses closer to the beaches. Neighborhoods are packed with young professionals and families which make living here a very communal experience. The Seaport District contains more upscale apartment living which is more expensive than residential neighborhoods, but provides residents more modern living conditions. Because of all the new developments there are many opportunities for housing for many different budgets. Parking in the Southie neighborhoods can be difficult. Most parking requires a resident sticker, but some street parking is also available.

**Safety-** Southie is a generally safe neighborhood, with minor problems of public drunkenness. Get to know your neighbors and you’ll be fine.

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**The Places to Go**

**Restaurants:**
- Yankee Lobster Co, O Ya, Cafe Polonia, Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant, Loco Taqueria and Oyster Bar, Moonshine 152, Flour Bakery + Cafe

**Activities:**
Overview- The Somerville/Cambridge area is very popular among Tufts students because this is the home of the Tufts undergraduate campus in Medford. The neighborhood is on the quieter side and feels more suburban feel than other parts of the city. Because this area is just north of the city, there are many ways to access the city through public transportation. Even though this area is relatively quiet in terms of its residents there are still plenty of things to do.

Attractions- The primary areas of interest for those looking for some fun are Sullivan Square, Union Square, Central Square, Davis Square, Harvard Square and Porter Square. These

Apartment Rents

- Studio: $850+
- 1 Bed: $1000+
- 2 Bed: $1600+
- 3 Bed: $2200+

Transportation

Major T Stops:
All Red line stops- from Kendall/MIT to Davis Sq.

Bus Connections:
Central Square- 1, CT1, 47, 64, 70, 83, 91

Commute to Tufts-Boston

Car: 10-20min
Public Trans: 30-45min
are large commercial centers with many fun shops and restaurants. Another benefit of this area is the presence of the major universities such as Tufts, Harvard, and MIT. This means there are always lots of students both graduate and undergraduate who are out and about. There are multiple campuses that host a variety of events such as plays, concerts, or athletic games that make the weekend an enjoyable experience for everyone. This mixed with an array of different bars and restaurants makes the Somerville/Cambridge area a hotspot for student life.

**Housing**- Most housing in this neighborhood is through multi-family homes. These are usually older houses that have been rented by students over the years. This means that there is typically high apartment turnover rate and fairly reasonable rents. Rents tend to decrease the farther out you go towards Medford and increase towards Cambridge, which has high demands of living. There are some apartments, which are usually located closer to the major commercial squares. Overall, there are a lot of housing options and prices in this large section of Boston.

**Safety**- For the vast size of this area, it is one of the safest areas in Boston. Areas around Mass. Ave can be a little more dangerous especially at night, but the prominence of the surrounding universities provides a very strong police presence and very safe atmosphere for residents.

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**The Places to Go**

**Restaurants:**
- Hungry Mother, Russell House Tavern, Johnny D’s, Ten Tables, Grendel’s Den, Grafton Street Pub, The Sinclaire, Highland Kitchen, Boston Burger Company, Deli-icious

**Activities:**
- Harvard Square, ice skating at Harvard(winter), The Garment District, Somerville Theater, Lizard Lounge, Middle East Club, The Sinclair, ImprovBoston Theater, Cantab