# Brookline

### **OVERVIEW**

Brookline is located next to- Boston and surrounded by it on three sides. Boston neighborhoods of Brighton, Allston, Fenway-Kenmore, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain and west Roxbury. The City of Newton is to the west. Brookline is one of the largest towns in Massachusetts and is fairly dense with about 59,000 people in a 6.8 square mile radius.

Although it is primarily residential, Brookline has many urban characteristics including a great deal of retail, restaurants, public transportation and rental housing. Its schools are highly regarded. Brookline is home to several prominent medical facilities.

### **SCHOOLS**

Baker School (Grades K-8) Great School Rating: 9/10

Michael Driscoll (Grades PK – 8) Great School Rating: 8/10

Pierce (Grades K – 8) Great School Rating: 9/10

Heath School (Grades K – 8) Great School Rating: 8/10

Edward Devotion (Grades K – 8) Great School Rating: 7/10

John D. Runkle (Grades PK – 8) Great School Rating: 7/10

William H. Lincoln (Grades K – 8) Great School Rating: 7/10

Brookline High (Grades 9 – 12) Great School Rating: 8/10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

Brookline High School	95.2%
Massachusetts	88.0%

Data Sources: GreatSchools.org; MA Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education District Profiles



# TRANSPORTATION

Brookline is served by the Green line and has many stops . Buses also run from Brookline to Boston as well as within Boston . The Mass Pike can be accessed through Brighton and Route 9 runs through Brookline.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

In 2016, the Town of Brookline's violent crime rate was 100% lower than the national average and 100% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 58% lower than the national average and 34% lower than the Massachusetts average. (www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics)

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: 11.9%

Percent of population that speaks a language other than English at home: **33.6%** 

Race	%
White	74.1%
Asian	15.9%
Two or more races	4.2%
Black/African American	3.2%
Some other race	2.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%
Age Group	%
Under 5	4.5%
Age 5-17	13.6%
Age 18-64	66.0%
Age 65 and older	15.9%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau



## LOCAL AMENITIES

Brookline offers a terrific mix of suburban and urban feel and more rental housing than many suburbs. It has a great deal of shopping – groceries and otherwise – including Trader Joes, Star Market, a Stop & Shop, a Star Market and many smaller markets and convenience stores. The Bazaar on Beacon Street is supposed to have very affordable prices. Allandale Farm in Brookline offers farmstand shopping. There is also a seasonal farmers market. For discount clothes and home goods there is a TJ Maxx.

Brookline is home to the Puppet Showplace and Has a Teen Center with a "pay what you can" structure; the Center typically sponsors activities and camps, music lessons, tutoring, etc. and has a teen job board. The Brookline Recreation Department sponsors many activities, including a variety of summer camps for kids, teens and even adults. Brookline has a number of lovely playgrounds and parks including the Larz Anderson Park, with an outdoor skating rink, ball fields, barbecue grills and a community garden, Brookline Reservoir Park, and scenic Griggs Park, described by one resident as the "fairytail" park (Yelp.com). Brookline Booksmith puts on many free events and sells used books at a highly discounted rate.



\*Please note that not all parts of Brookline are SNO Mass Opportunity Areas. See map below.

**SNO Mass Opportunity Areas** 

### MAP

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SNO Mass Opportunity Area Not a SNO Mass Opportunity Area