

Cambridge

OVERVIEW

Cambridge is a city located across the Charles River from Boston. It is the fifth most populated city in the state. Cambridge borders Boston, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont and Watertown. With over 115,000 residents in just over 7 square miles, it has a dense urban feel with many rental units and a large number of bars, restaurants and stores. The red line and the commuter rail both run through Cambridge, making it fairly easy to get to downtown Boston and other locations. Cambridge is well known for being the home to several universities including the world famous Harvard and MIT. Cambridge is also a major center for tech and biotech companies. Housing is quite expensive in Cambridge, although it is possible to find pockets of affordable rentals.

SCHOOLS

Benjamin Banneker Charter Public School (Grades PK – 6)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

Peabody School (Grades PK - 8)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

The Amigos School (Grades PK – 8)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

The Community Charter School of Cambridge (Grades 6 – 12)
Great Schools Rating: 8/10

John M. Tobin Montessori School (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 7/10

Martin Luther King Junior School (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 7/10

Maria Baldwin School (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 6/10

Cambridgeport (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Graham and Parks School (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Haggerty School (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Prospect Hill Academy Charter School (Grades K – 12)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10



King Open (Grades K – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

Fletcher Maynard Academy (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

Morse School (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 6/10

Kennedy Longfellow School (Grades PK – 5)
Great Schools Rating: 3/10

Vassal Lane Upper School (Grades 6 – 8)
Great Schools Rating: 6/10

Rindge Avenue Upper School (Grades 6 – 8)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

Putnam Avenue Upper School (Grades 6 – 8)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

Cambridge Street Upper School (Grades 6 -8)
Great Schools Rating: 4/10

Cambridge Rindge and Latin (Grades 9 – 12)
Great Schools Rating: 5/10

High School 4-Year Graduation Rate

Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School	94.0%
Massachusetts	87.5%

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

TRANSPORTATION

Cambridge is served by the Red Line. The Fitchburg line of the Commuter Rail stops in Porter Square in Cambridge before going on to North Station in Boston. There is abundant bus transportation within Cambridge and leading to other areas. Route 2 and the Mass Pike both exit in Cambridge, as does Storrow Drive

COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2016, the City of Cambridge's violent crime rate was 33% lower than the national average and 30% lower than the Massachusetts average. The property crime rate was 13% lower than the national average and 37% higher than the Massachusetts average.

Data Source: www.cityrating.com/crime-statistics

DEMOGRAPHICS

Poverty Rate: **13.2%**

Percent of population that speaks a language other than English at home: **33.4%**

Race	%
White	67%
Asian	16%
Two or more races	4.1%
Black/African American	11%
Some other race	1.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.0%
Age Group	%
Under 5	4.4%
Age 5-17	9.0%
Age 18-64	76.3%
Age 65 and older	11.3%

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

LOCAL AMENITIES

Cambridge is a city with many restaurants, bars and shopping but also has more suburban type areas. There is a shopping mall – the Cambridge Side Galleria – that is located near a T stop. Cambridge has quite a few parks including Fresh Pond and the Charles River runs through Cambridge and there is a long walking/bike path along it. Some of the parks offer free activities such as “Arts in the Park” and a book giveaway program. During the summer, parts of Memorial Drive are closed to cars so that people can walk, bike, and roller blade on it. Cambridge hosts a number of cultural festivals including the Dragon Boat Festival. In Cambridge there is a terrific Science Museum in the Kendall Square area and the MIT Museum and Harvard Natural History Museum can be great fun for kids. There are also low cost or free art museums at the universities.

There are a wide range of grocery stores in Cambridge including a Trader Joes, a large Asian food mart, stores that carry LatinX, South Asian and African specialties and several Shaw Markets sites. The Market Basket just over the line in Somerville has low cost groceries. There are many farmers markets throughout Cambridge and some accept EBT and have a SNAP match program.

**Please note that not all parts of Cambridge are SNO Mass Opportunity Areas. See map on next page.*



