

# ALLSTON / BRIGHTON

# ROADWAY SYSTEM

Allston/Brighton is connected to the rest of the City by a narrow strip of land between Commonwealth Avenue and the Charles River. Surrounded by Newton, Watertown, Cambridge, and Brookline, Brighton was a separate town until its absorption into Boston in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Development of streetcar lines along Brighton and Commonwealth Avenues encouraged residential development. Access to the Boston and Albany Railroad and Charles River spurred the development of industrial uses. Today the area has one of the highest concentrations of industrial jobs in Boston.

The Massachusetts Turnpike bisects the neighborhood and limits the number of crossing points. The Paul Dudley White Bicycle Path is located along the Charles River. A small number of crossings over Soldiers Field Road provide access to this well-used path. There are a number of significant roads in Allston/Brighton that carry high volumes of local and regional traffic.

**Roadway Volumes in Allston/Brighton\***

Commonwealth Ave.	23,000
Brighton Ave.	21,000
Harvard Ave.	18,000
Western Ave.	8,000
Washington St.	7,000
Cambridge St.	35,000
Market St.	19,000
N. Beacon St.	26,000
Storrow Drive	79,000
Soldiers Field Road	26,000

Source: CTPS

\*Estimated daily traffic at a representative point

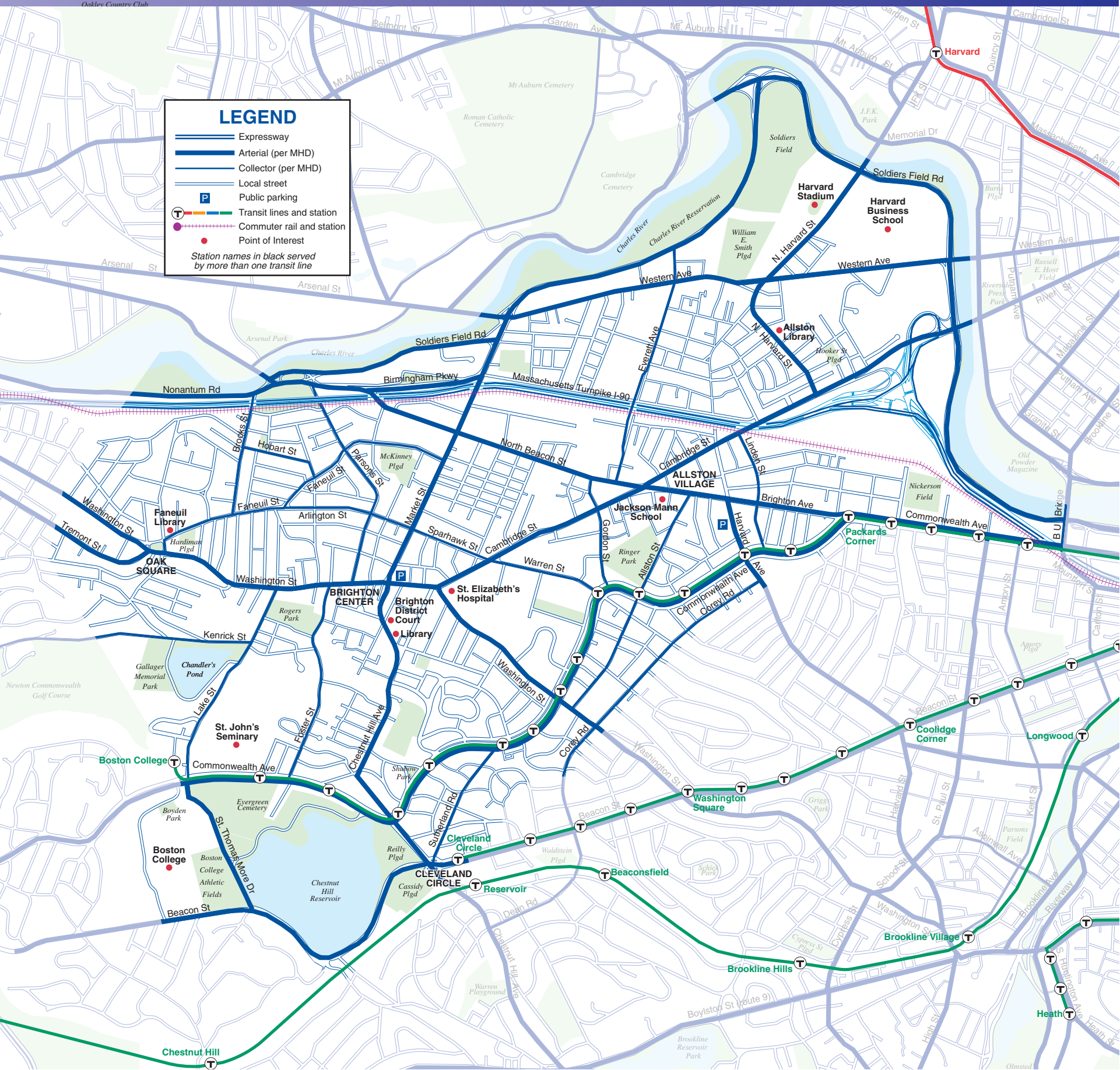
The 2000 Census recorded 69,648 residents of the neighborhood, a 1% decrease compared to 1990. Nevertheless, Allston/Brighton remains one of Boston's most populous neighborhoods. The major business districts are located along Harvard Street and Brighton Avenue in Allston and Washington Street in Brighton Center. The Allston Landing and Lower Market Street areas house several large employers, including the corporate headquarters for both Genzyme and New Balance.

**Employment Areas in Allston/Brighton**

BU/Commonwealth Ave.	1,600
Allston Landing/Harvard	6,100
Allston Village	5,500
Lower Market Street	8,000
Brighton Center	750
St. Elizabeth's Area	5,400
Upper Commonwealth Ave.	1,000
Greater Oak Square	1,300
Boston College/Cleveland Circle	2,100
<b>TOTAL JOBS</b>	<b>31,750</b>

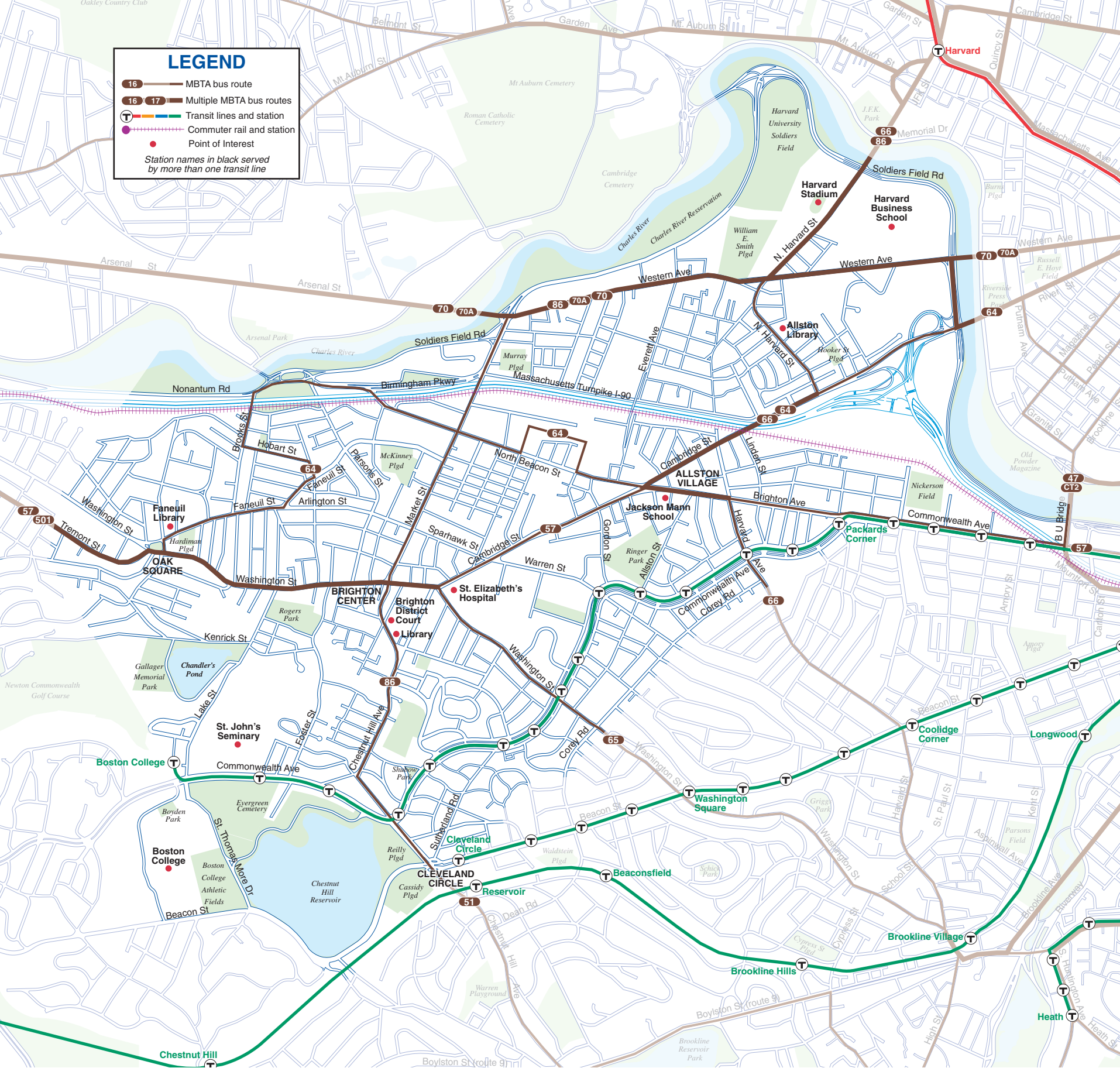
Source: 1996 CTPS site-level employment database

Allston/Brighton has a more extensive residential permit parking program than any other Boston neighborhood. In 1990, one-third of neighborhood households did not own a motor vehicle, and 23% owned two or more motor vehicles. Between 1991





# TRANSIT NETWORK



and 1999, automobile registrations increased 9% in Allston/Brighton. There are 102 spaces in municipal lots in the neighborhood.

As in other city neighborhoods, walking is the predominant mode of choice for trips within the district, transit for trips downtown, and automobiles for trips elsewhere. Despite the Green Line and extensive bus service, the transit share, 13% of trips, is lower than the citywide average.

Distribution of Trips and Mode Shares in Allston/Brighton			
	Auto	Transit	Walk
All destinations and purposes	60%	13%	26%
City Average	51%	19%	30%
("walk" mode includes bicycle)			

Geographic Distribution of Trips				
% of Trips	Origin or Destination	Auto	Transit	Walk
34%	Within Neighborhood	29%	2%	69%
7%	Core Neighborhoods	38%	62%	0%
19%	Rest of Boston	68%	25%	7%
31%	Inner Communities	83%	11%	6%
9%	Outer Communities	97%	3%	0%

Activity Distribution of Trips				
% of Trips	Activity in Neighborhood	Auto	Transit	Walk
48%	Home	57%	19%	24%
18%	Work	72%	11%	17%
34%	Other	59%	6%	35%

Allston/Brighton is served by two major MBTA transit routes. Route 57, with nearly 9,000 riders per day, meets the Green Line at Kenmore station and follows Brighton Avenue, Cambridge Street, and Washington Street to Watertown Square. The B-branch of the Green line runs along Commonwealth Avenue in a median reservation to Boston College. With more than 30,000 daily riders, it is the most heavily used surface route in the system. Route 66 provides crosstown service from Dudley to Harvard, running along North Harvard Street and Harvard Avenue. With 10,700 riders per day, it is one of the most heavily used MBTA bus routes. Route 501 provides express service from Brighton Center to downtown Boston via the Massachusetts Turnpike.

Daily MBTA Use by Station or Route*		
<b>Streetcar</b>		
Green Line B-Branch surface boardings		30,600
<b>Bus Routes (via)</b>		
57	Watertown Sq.-Kenmore	8,900
64	Oak Sq. - Central Sq.	1,600
65	Brighton Center - Kenmore	1,700
66	Harvard Sq. - Dudley Sq. (Harvard)	10,700
70	Waltham- Cambridge (Western)	5,050
70A	Waltham- Cambridge (Western)	1,800
86	Sullivan - Cleveland Circle	4,750
501	Brighton Center - Downtown (MassPike)	2,250

\*Boarding counts only. Source: MBTA and CTPS