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An Affordable Housing Backgrounder

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Housing Prices in Greater Boston, 1985-2015

Case-Schiller Index (3-month Rolling Average Resale Prices, Adjusted for Improvements)

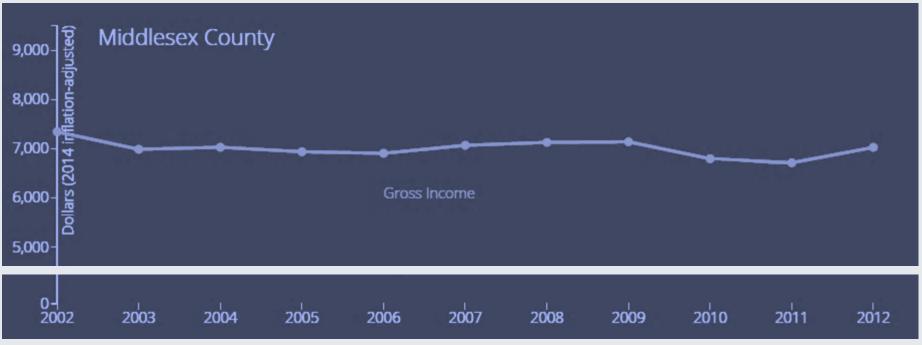


http://us.spindices.com/indices/real-estate/sp-case-shiller-ma-boston-home-price-index

Household Income in Greater Boston, 2002-2012

Adjusted for Inflation

It's about the relationship between housing prices & incomes.



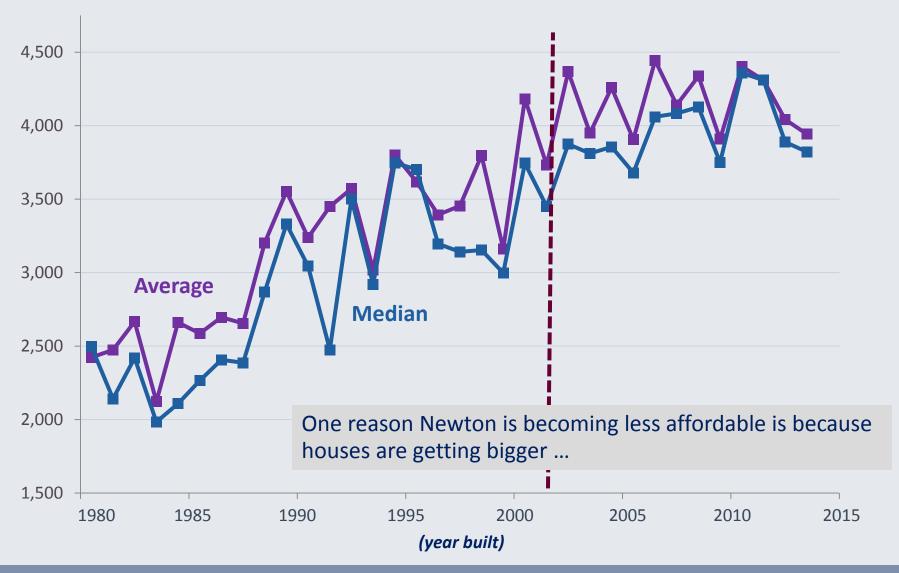
(incomes for the period to the right of the dotted line on previous graph)

http://kevinsprong.com/projects/bostonhousing/ Income and housing data from the <u>American Community Survey</u> (U.S. Census) Inflation data from <u>BLS.gov</u>

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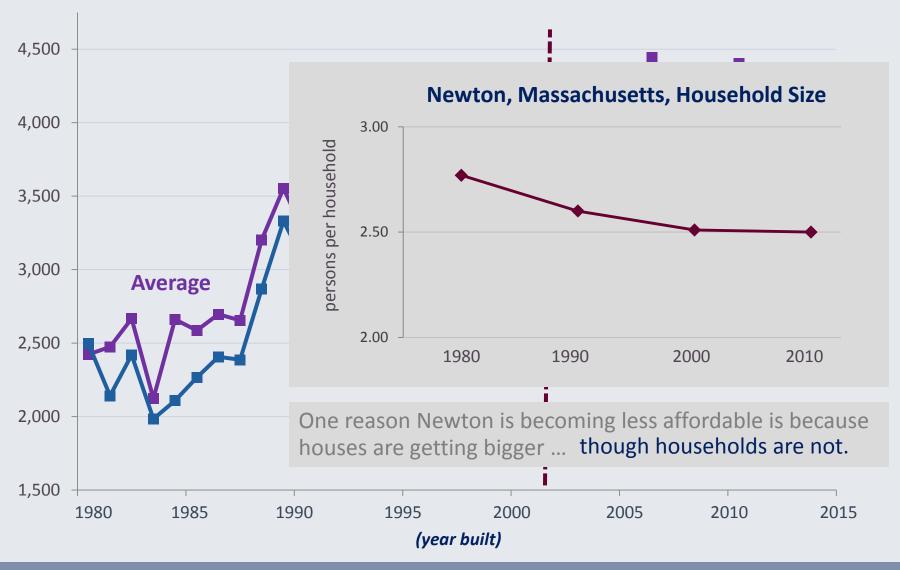
Newton, Massachusetts, Size of Newly Built Homes: Single-Family

(Livable Square Feet)



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Newton, Massachusetts, Size of Homes Sold: Single-Family

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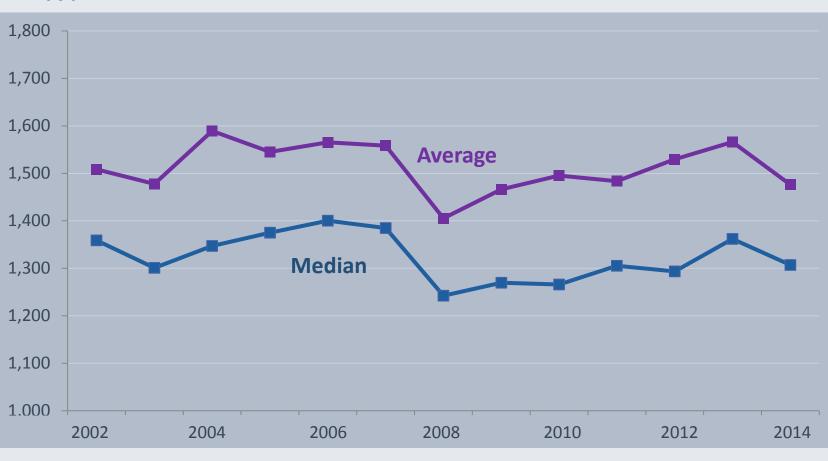
Yet the ratio of new to "used" homes is still so low that the average size of homes sold in Newton is rising slowly ...



Newton, Massachusetts, Size of Homes Sold: Condominiums

(Livable Square Feet)

... if at all.

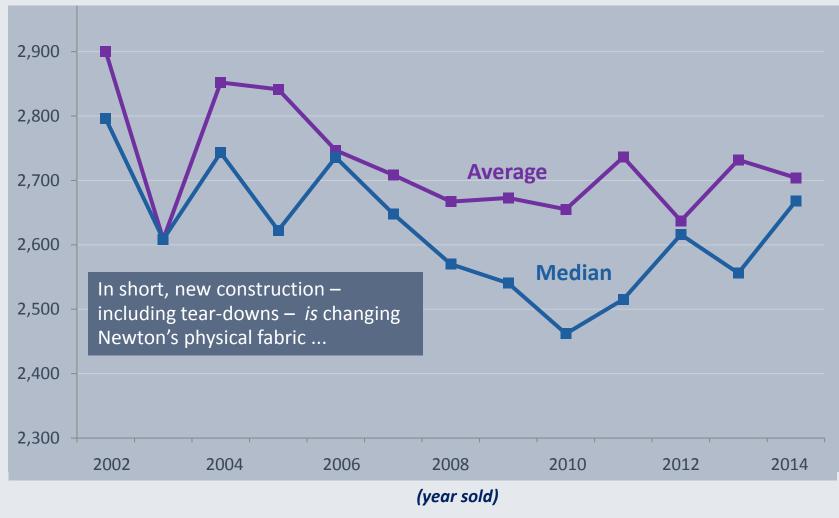


(year sold)

Newton, Massachusetts, Size of Homes Sold: Two-Family

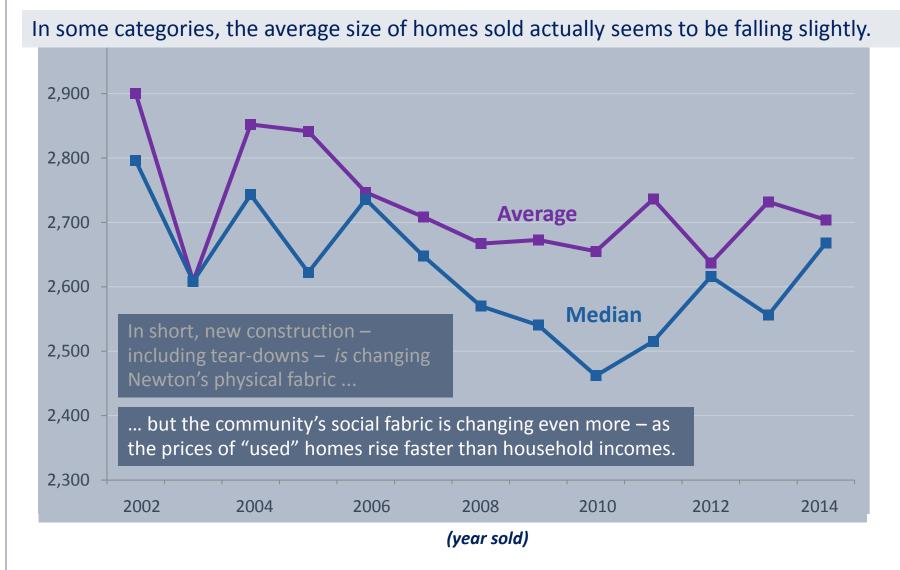
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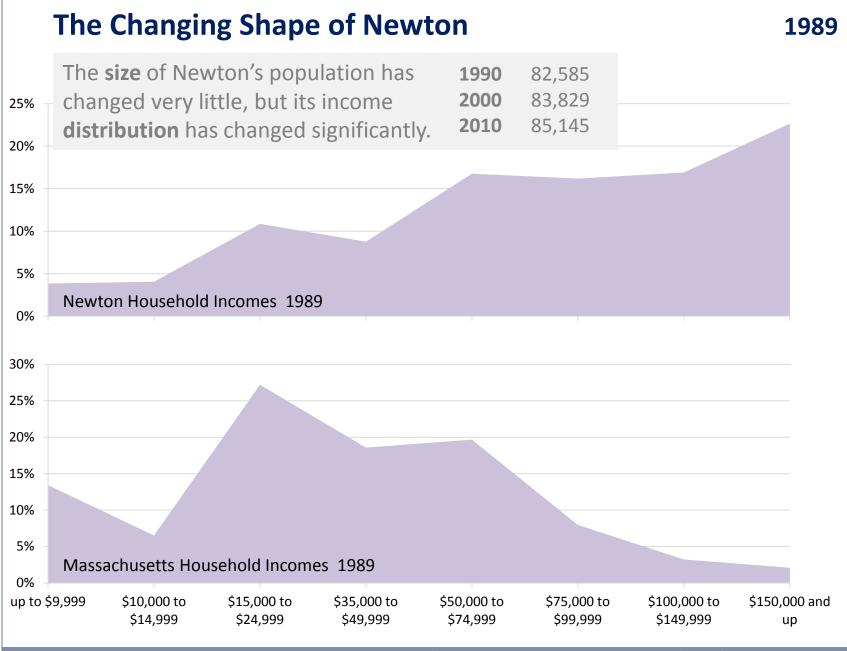
In some categories, the average size of homes sold actually seems to be falling slightly.



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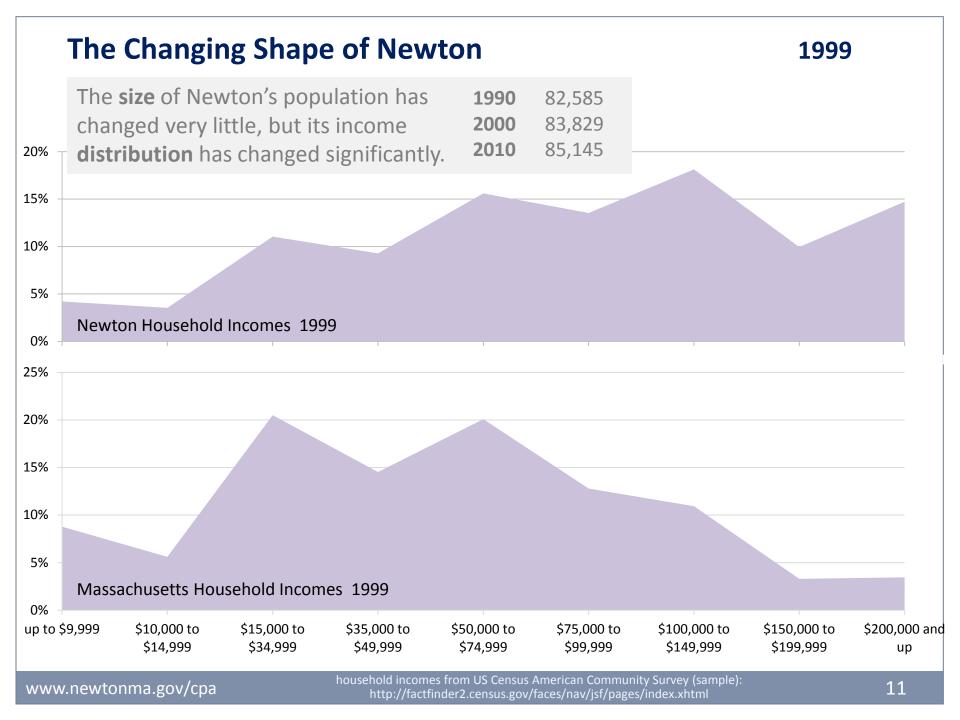
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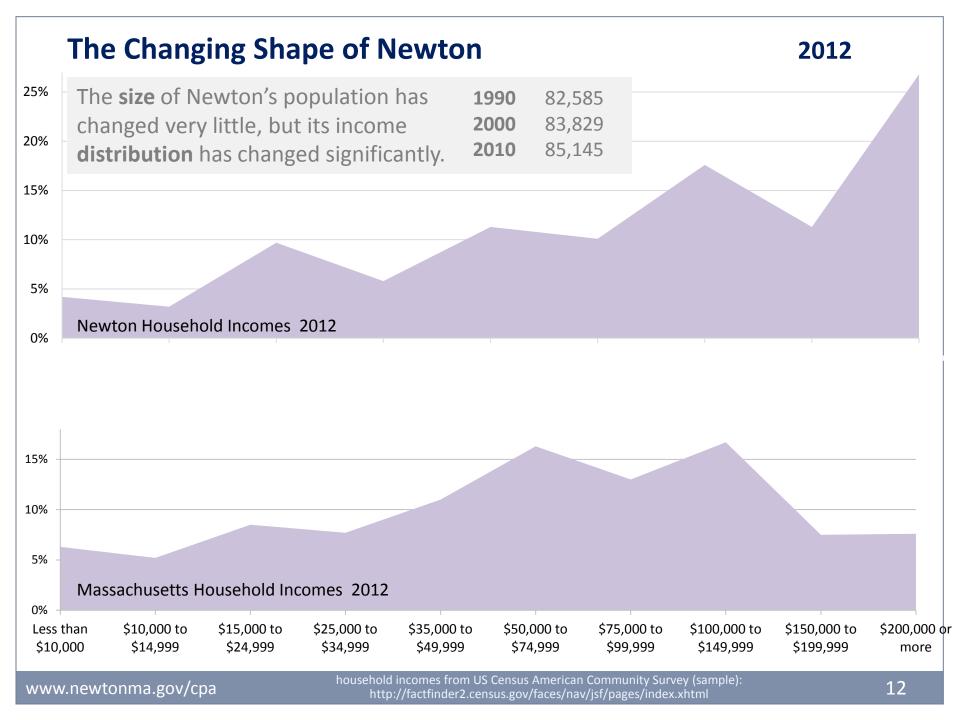




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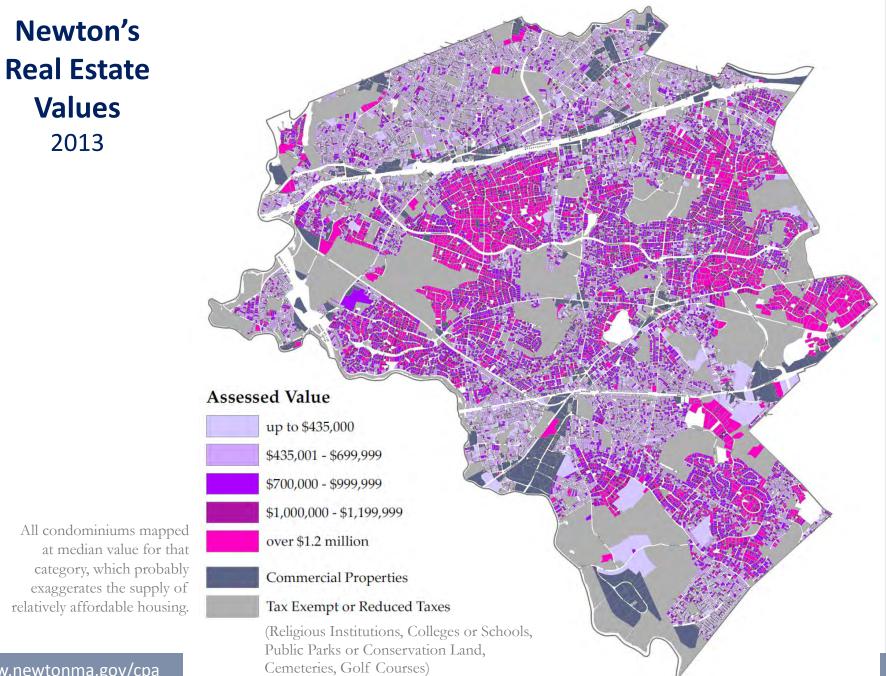
household incomes from US Census American Community Survey (sample): http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml





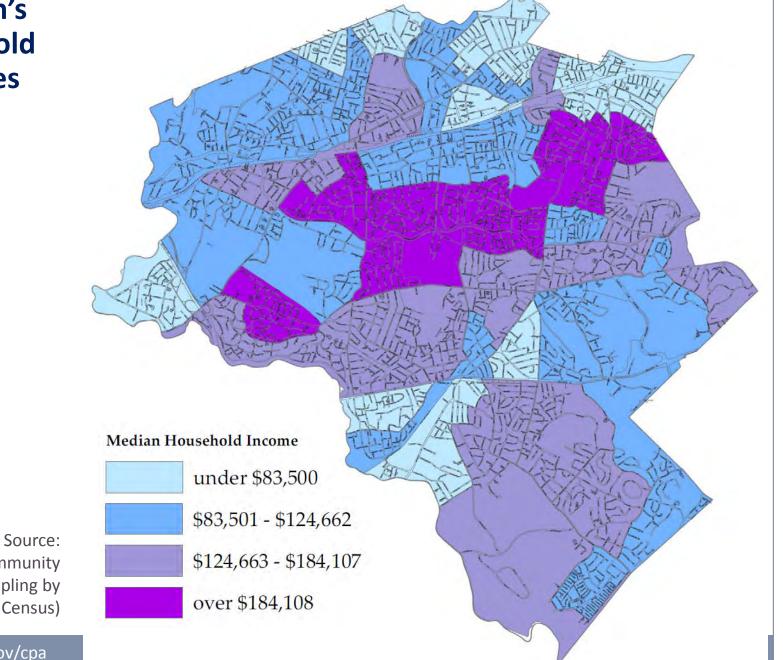
The Interaction of Housing Prices & Incomes in Newton

- Newton's proportion of low-income residents has remained fairly stable. Many of these households live in deed-restricted rental housing owned by nonprofit organizations or public agencies. The supply of this housing has been growing very slowly.
- Newton's proportion of high-income residents has been increasing.
 Many of these new residents are homeowners.
- Most new Newton homeowners purchase their homes from moderateor middle-income homeowners, whose proportion of Newton's population has been shrinking as they sell their homes – often for prices they themselves could not afford to pay – then move out of Newton.



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Source: American Community Survey (sampling by U.S. Census)

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Low & Moderate Incomes in Greater Boston, 2013

as % of Area Median Income (AMI)

House-	Annual Hou	usehold Incor	ne	
hold Size (No. of People)	Moderate 80% AMI (capped by HUD**)	Low 50% AMI	Very Low 30% AMI	Portland Biddeford
1	\$47,450	\$33,050	\$19,800	SS
2	\$54,200	\$37,650	\$22,600	Manchester
3	\$61,000	\$42,350	\$25,450	Neshua Basex
4	\$67,750	\$47,050	\$28,250	Boston
	tual median income in the U.S. tan statistical area) may be gre		• Hartford	• Worcester

Single-income households with these occupations fell below 80% AMI:

2-person households	80% AMI ≈ \$53,900
Radio and Television Announcers	\$35,520
Recreational Therapists	\$35,590
Photographers	\$35,640
Rehabilitation Counselors	\$35,770
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Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	\$49,470
Clergy	\$49,560
Marriage and Family Therapists	\$49,980
Graphic Designers	\$50,080
Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program	\$52,670
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Environmental Science and	Commercial Pilots		\$54,700
Craft Artists	Interpreters and Translators		\$55,170
Fine Artists, Including Paint	Real Estate Sales Agents		\$55,280
Musical Instrument Repaire	Emergency Management Directors		\$56,020
Flight Attendants	Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists		\$56,020
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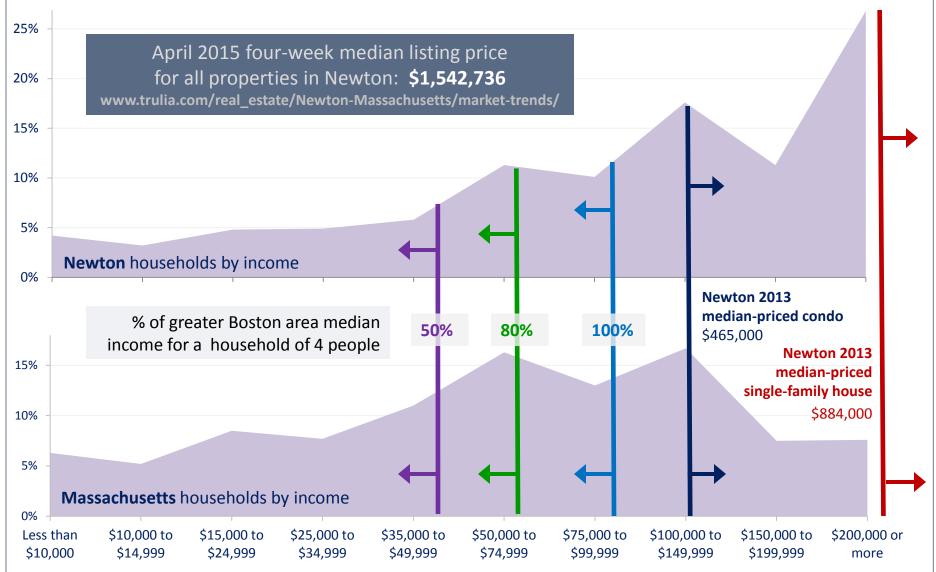
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Who can afford to buy a home in Newton?

(federal guidelines recommend spending ≤ 30% of household income for housing)



Who can afford to rent a home in Newton?

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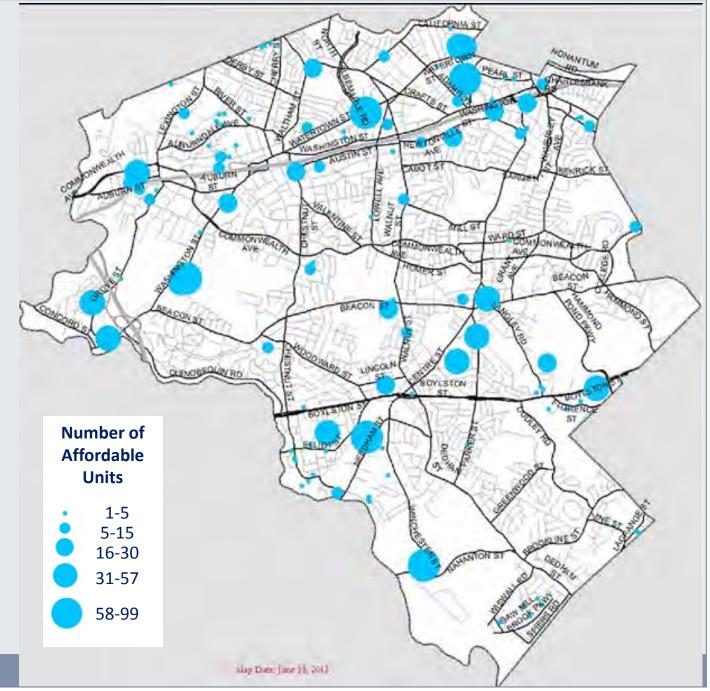


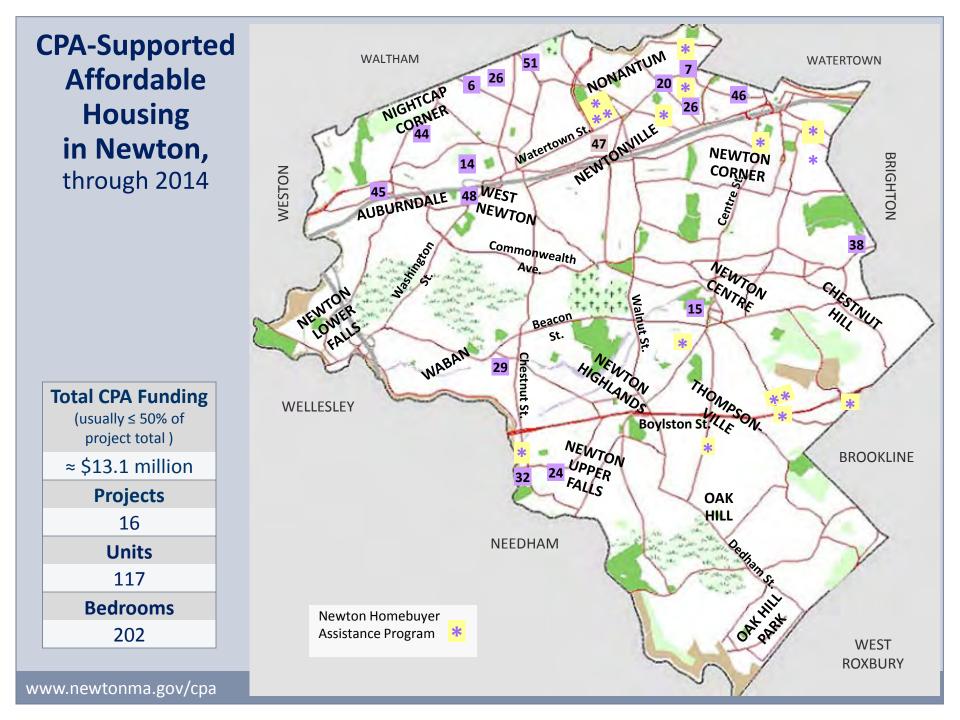
Newton's Affordable Housing 2013

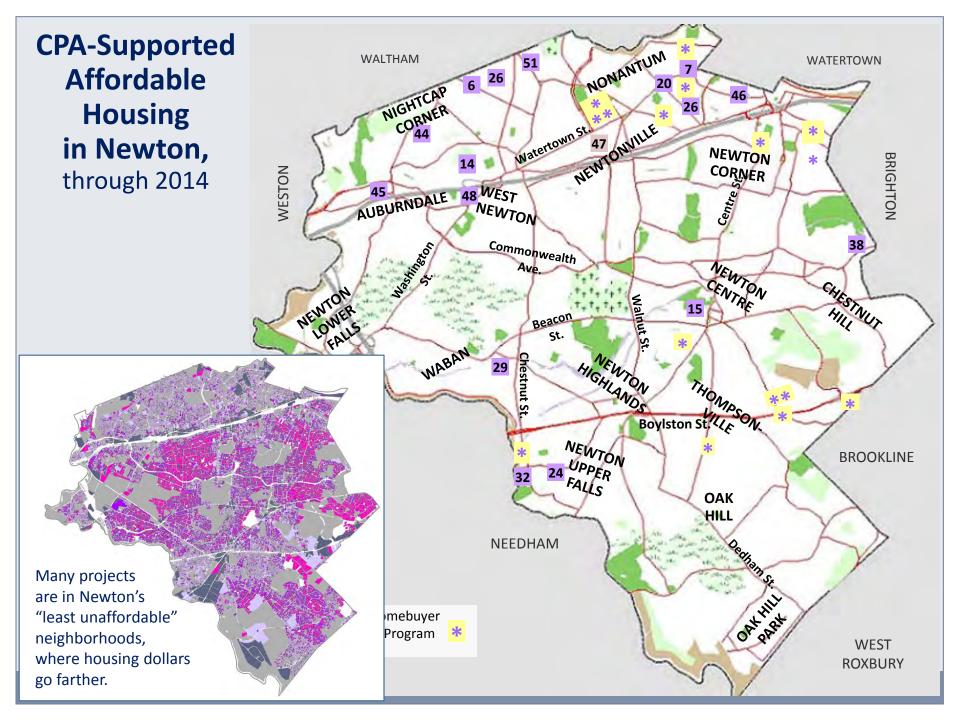
- 2,441 units on Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI)
- 97% Rental
- 3% Home Ownership
- 7.5% of housing stock on SHI
- only 5% is deedrestricted affordable housing, because ...

... all rental units built under Ch. 40B (with a Comprehensive Permit) count on the SHI, but only 20-25% of units in each 40B development must actually be affordable.

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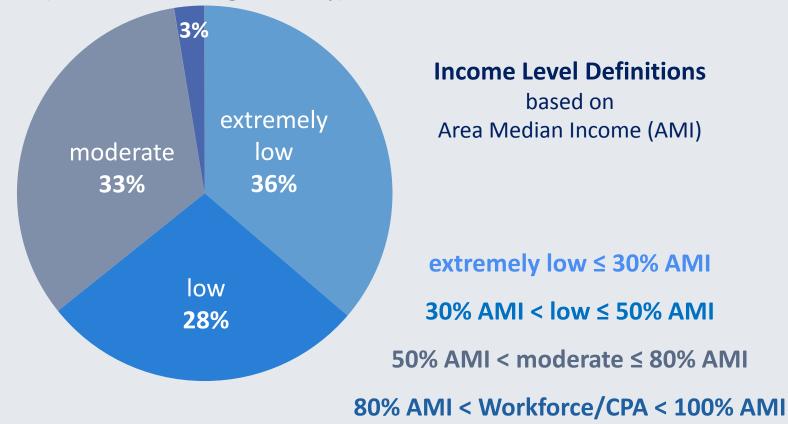






Newton's Officially Affordable Housing by Income Level, 2013

workforce housing (aka 'CPA units') – does not count on SHI (Subsidized Housing Inventory)

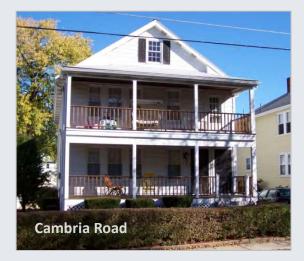


The Interaction of Housing Prices & Incomes in Newton

Is Newton meeting its housing needs?

- Yes, if that just means achieving a reasonable fit between population and housing.
- No, if it means sustaining the mix of people who currently live here, or the diverse mix of people many current residents would still like Newton to welcome.
- Newton is achieving a reasonable fit between population and housing by "exporting" the people whose housing needs it no longer meets, especially moderate- and middle-income households, rather than by providing housing for either its current or desired population.

Some Affordable Housing Issues in Newton



CHALLENGES

- high land costs
- complex public process

COMMUNITY VALUES

- economic diversity
- sustainability / smart growth





Wyman Street

ionc?

- locations?
- ownership vs. rental?
- rehabilitation vs. new construction?
- responsive vs. proactive policies?

Rehabilitation vs. New Construction

In Newton, both usually involve already developed sites, as encouraged by the CPA and Newton's *Comprehensive Plan*. No project has only the **pros** below & none of the **cons**.



Rehabilitation

minimal streetscape change normal zoning & permitting, if density of use does not change

higher / less predictable unit costs

fewer options for accessibility

tighter time frame: sellers seldom willing to wait for funding decisions



New Construction

neighborhood concerns about streetscape change

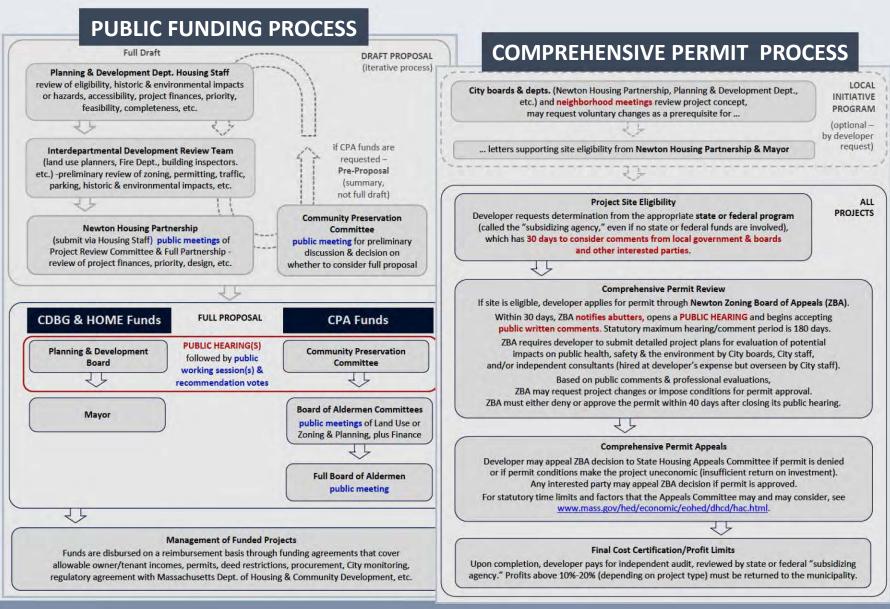
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Affordable Housing Processes in Newton



Some Costs to Create Affordable Housing

Hard Costs (partial list)

Acquisition

Construction & Rehabilitation Environmental Remediation Landscape Site Work (asbestos, de-leading, oil tanks ...) Utilities

Etc.



Soft Costs (partial list)

Developer's time for

property search, funding process, project management ... Accounting & Cost Certification Appraisal/Market Study Architectural Services Broker Commissions or Fees Civil/Environmental Engineering & Consulting Construction Loan Interest Cost Certification Bond Development Consultants

Finance Fees

- Insurance
- Lease-up Reserve Legal, Title & Recording
- Marketing

Project Manager

Relocation

Surveys & Permits/Peer Review

- Taxes
- Traffic Report



Etc.

Funding Used for Past Affordable Housing Projects in Newton

(Many Sources No Longer Available)

CITY of NEWTON Community Preservation Fund, Inclusionary Zoning payments

FEDERAL DEPT. of HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly, Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities, American Dream Downpayment Initiative, Section 8 New Construction/ Substantial Rehabilitation

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK of BOSTON Affordable Housing Program Grant

MASS. DEPT. of HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD) Chapter 667: Elderly Low-Income Housing, Chapter 689: Housing for People with Special Needs, Chapter 705: Family Low-Income Housing, Housing Innovations Fund, Low Income Housing Tax Credit, McKinney Local Housing Authority Transitional Housing, Massachusetts Rental Housing Vouchers, Shelter Plus Care Project Based Rental Assistance, Massachusetts Affordable Housing Trust Fund

MASS. EXEC. OFFICE of HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Facilities Consolidation Fund

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING PARTNERSHIP Permanent Rental Financing, Massachusetts Tax Exempt Credit for Housing (MATCH), SoftSecond Loan Program (home ownership) – now One Mortgage

MassHOUSING Section 13A Interest Subsidy, Elder Choice, 80/20 Program, Elder 80/20 Program

PRIVATE BANKS loans

PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS grants

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