

Boston, Massachusetts

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Geographical position



- ✓ Boston is situated on the coast of Massachusetts Bay
- ✓ The city has a total area of 89.6 square miles (232.1 km²)
- ✓ Boston is the 5-th largest city in the USA.

Boston Harbour of Massachusetts Bay



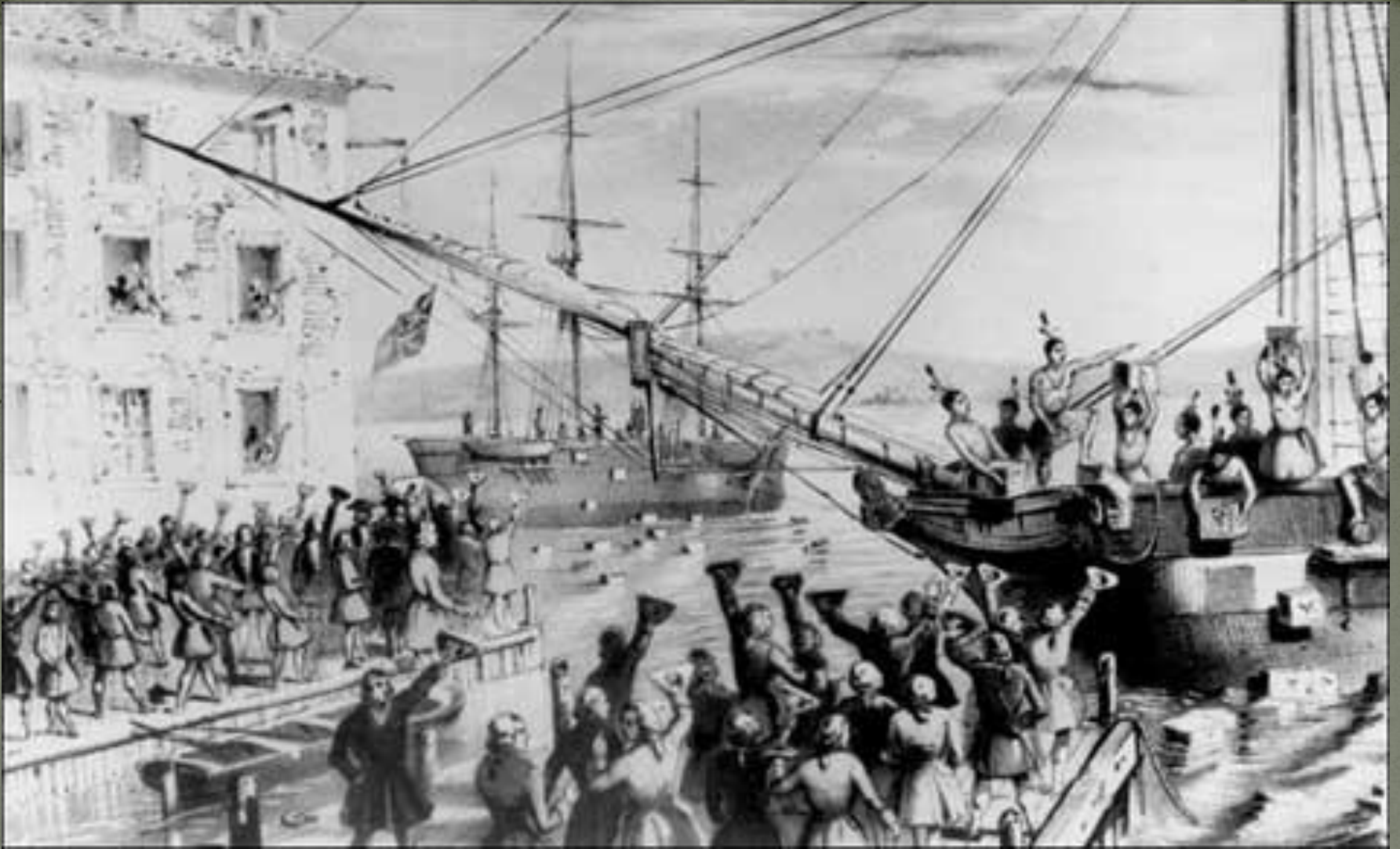
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History of foundation



- ✓ Boston was founded on September 17, 1630, by Puritan colonists from England.



✓ The Boston Tea Party was a direct action by colonists in Boston, a town in the British colony of Massachusetts, against the British government on December 16, 1773.

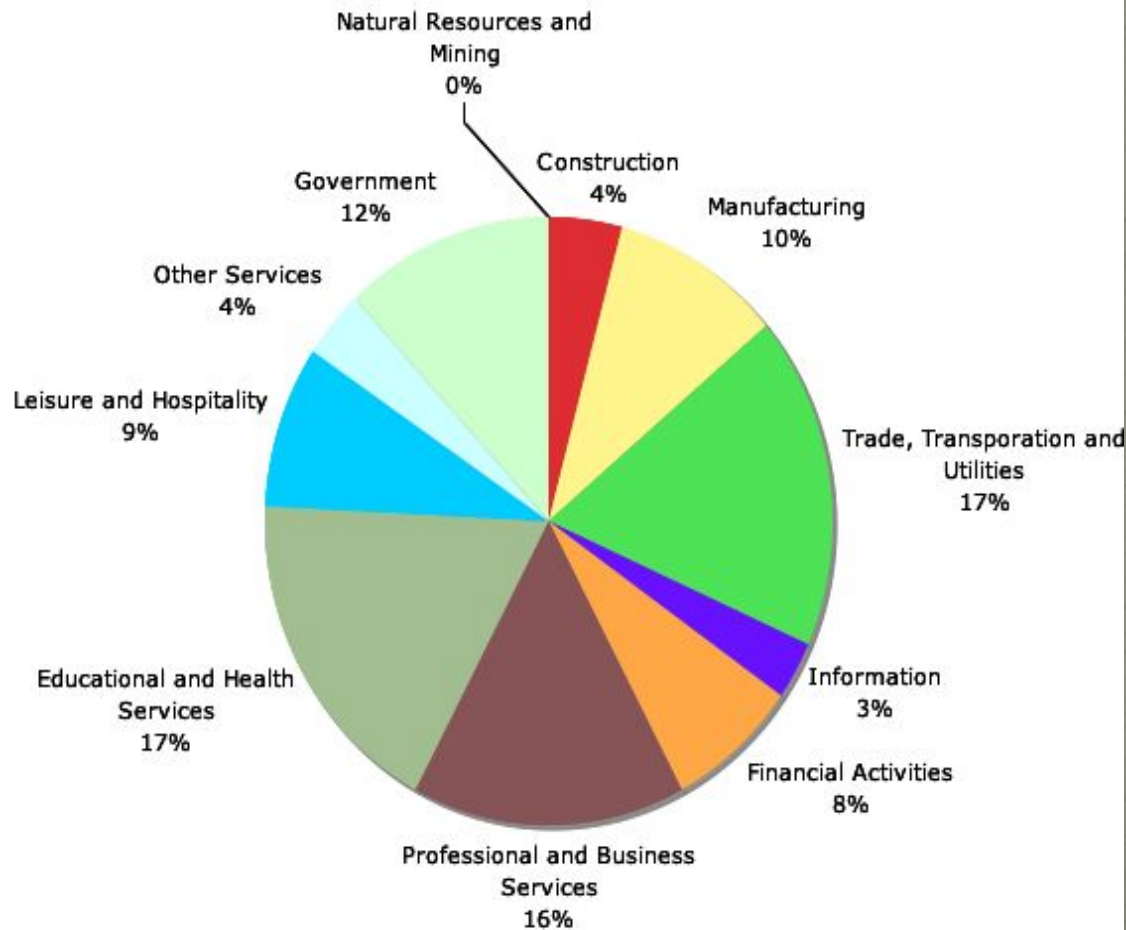
Demographics



- ✓ The 2008 U.S. Census population estimate for the city is 609,023.
- ✓ The median age is 31 years.
- ✓ For every 100 females, there were 92.8 males.

Economy

Distribution of Boston's Economy



- ✓ Boston's colleges and universities have a major impact on the city and region's economy.
- ✓ Boston is home to a number of technology companies and is a hub for biotechnology.
- ✓ Boston also receives the highest absolute amount of annual funding from the National Institutes of Health of all cities in the United States.
- ✓ Tourism comprises a large part of Boston's economy.

Culture



- ✓ The city has its own unique slang, which has existed for many years.
- ✓ The city has a number of ornate theatres.
- ✓ The city is also a major center for contemporary classical music.
- ✓ Boston is also one of the birthplaces of the hardcore punk genre of music.



- ✓ Boston's reputation as "the Athens of America" derives in large part from the teaching and research activities of more than 100 colleges and universities located in the Greater Boston Area, with more than 250,000 students attending college in Boston and Cambridge alone.



- ✓ Several major events occur annually in Boston: the Boston Marathon, the annual First Night festival, The Saint Patrick's Day Parade, The Boston Film Festival.



- ✓ Sports are a major part of the city's culture.
- ✓ Boston teams include the Red Sox in Major League baseball, the New England Patriots (who play in suburban Foxboro) in the National Football League, the Boston Celtics in the National Basketball Association, and the Bruins in the National Hockey League.

Sister cities

- Melbourne, Australia (1985)
- Hangzhou, China (1982)
- Strasbourg, France (1960)
- Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana (2001)
- Haifa, Israel (1999)
- Padua, Italy (1983)
- Kyoto, Japan (1959)
- Barcelona, Spain (1980)
- Valladolid, Spain (2007)
- Taipei, Taiwan (1996)
- Boston, England, United Kingdom (1999)