

## WELLESLEY FACTS

### POPULATION - WHO ARE WE?

**Total Population (2000): 26,613 (vs. 26,615 in 1990)**

#### **Age Composition**

- 25.1% under 18 years old
- 15.2 % 20 - 34 years old
- 30.6% 35-54 years old
- 14% 65 years and over

**Total Number of Households (2000): 8,594 households (vs. 8,472 in 1990)**

- 76.1% family households (persons related by blood or marriage)
- 39.2% of total are families with own children under 18
- 23.9% of total are non-family households
- 20.7% of total are single person households
- 40.5% of households include people under 18 years
- 28.3% of households include people 65 years and over
- 12.9% of the population does not live in households but in group quarters such as educational institutions
- Increase of 122 households 1990-2000 despite no population growth

#### **Racial/Ethnic Composition (race alone or in combination)**

- 90% white
- 1.6% African American
- 6.4% Asian
- 1.4% Two or more races
- 2.3% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)

#### **Language spoken at home**

- 14.2% speak a language other than English
- 3.4% percent speak English less than "very well"

#### **Disability**

- 4.6% of people 5-20 years
- 6.4% of people 21-64 years
- 21.8% of people 65 years and over

#### **Income (1999)**

- \$113,686 median household income
- \$134,769 median family income
- 56% of households have income of \$100,000-plus
- 15.8% of households have income below \$35,000
- 2.4% of families have incomes below poverty level
- 3.8% of the individuals are in households with incomes below poverty level

#### **Educational Attainment**

- 75.7% of the population over 25 years old has a Bachelor's or advanced degree

#### **Public school population**

- 87.3% white; 6.3% Asian; 3.9% African American; 2.2% Hispanic
- 3.2% eligible for free or reduced price lunch
- 1.2% with limited English proficiency; 14.2% enrolled in special education classes

#### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

Wellesley's population has stabilized between 26,000 and 27,000 since 1980.

- *Population decreased 5% from 1970 (28,051) to 2000.*
- *While Wellesley population decreased by two persons from 1990 to 2000, Norfolk County grew 5.5%.*

Compared to the population of Norfolk County, Wellesley

- *has a larger proportion of residents under 19 years old*
- *has a slightly smaller proportion 65 and over*
- *has a smaller proportion of residents between 20 and 34 years old*
- *has a smaller proportion of non-family and single person households*
- *has a slightly younger median age*
- *has a median household income that is nearly double that of the county*

Source: US Census 2000; MAPC

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