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# **Popular Towns**

The majority of the Off-Campus students live in the following popular towns. This data encapsulates 200 of Babson's off-campus student population (2021-2022). The data below provides support for all students seeking to live off-campus.



## **POPULAR TOWNS**

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#### Boston

Boston is the capital city of Massachusetts with 684,379 residents. Boston includes several areas such as Back Bay, Beacon Hill, the North End, the South End, and Fenway/Kenmore Square. Living in Boston simply means living the city life to the fullest. There are many restaurants, shopping locations, recreational opportunities, and bars and lounges. Naturally, city living comes with a higher price; therefore, apartments are costly and sharing is suggested to lower the overall costs. There are many complex building apartments available, and, depending on the specific location, there is access to buses and all the lines offered by the MBTA (Red Line, Orange Line, Blue Line, Green Line, Silver Line, and Purple Line). Free parking is usually not feasible in the city; therefore, parking costs should be considered. The city is about 20-25 minutes from Babson College via car.



#### Needham

Located in Norfolk County, MA, Needham is part of the Greater Boston Area, with 31,248 residents. It is a suburban area, with many families. It is only an eightminute drive from Babson College, and the prices are somewhat more affordable compared to Wellesley. Needham has three commuter rail stations that directly connect to Boston.



## Wellesley

Located in Norfolk County, MA, Wellesley is part of the Greater Boston Area, with 28,747 residents. It is an affluent suburban area and dry town (meaning that alcohol is not sold within the town limits), and there are many good restaurants and little shops. It is extremely convenient to live in Wellesley because it is very close to the college, but it might be challenging to find affordable apartments because of the high cost of living. Wellesley has three commuter rail stations that directly connect to Boston.



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## Cambridge

Cambridge is a city in Middlesex County, MA. It is situated directly north of Boston, across the Charles River, with 116,632 residents. Cambridge is home to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Central Square and Harvard University in Harvard Square. This area has a large student population and is therefore very youthful and vibrant. Cambridge is composed mainly of multifamily homes and some complex apartments; however, parking availability can be a challenge. Most of the Cambridge area is on the Red Line (one of the MBTA lines), and it is about 25 minutes from Babson College via car.



#### Newton

Newton is another town that is popular with Babson students. Newton is located seven miles from downtown Boston and a 10-15 minute drive to Babson College. Newton boarders other popular Babson students' towns of Needham, Wellesley, Waltham, and West Roxbury. Newton has three commuter rail stations that directly connect to Boston.



#### Allston

Allston is a neighborhood of Boston, MA. It is located in the western part of the city with 29,196 residents. Allston is adjacent to the neighborhood of Brighton, which is another area mostly populated by students. There are multifamily houses that rent rooms, or entire floors, and apartment complexes. Allston is accessible by the Green Line and in certain areas by bus; Allston is about 20-25 minutes from Babson College via car.



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## **Brighton**

Brighton is a small neighborhood outside of Boston, MA. It is a city adjacent to Allston and has 40,083 residents. Brighton is a dynamic and peaceful neighborhood and a great place for young professionals, along with a popular place for Boston College students. Brighton is about 15-20 minutes from Babson College via car.



#### Natick

Another town that some Babson students consider is Natick. It is a town in Middlesex County, MA. It is part of the Metro West Region of Massachusetts, with 36,229 residents. It is only about 10-15 minutes from Babson College via car, and there are many shopping locations and restaurants; its prices are more affordable. Also, parking is mostly free in every part of the town. Natick has three commuter rail stations that directly connect to Boston.



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