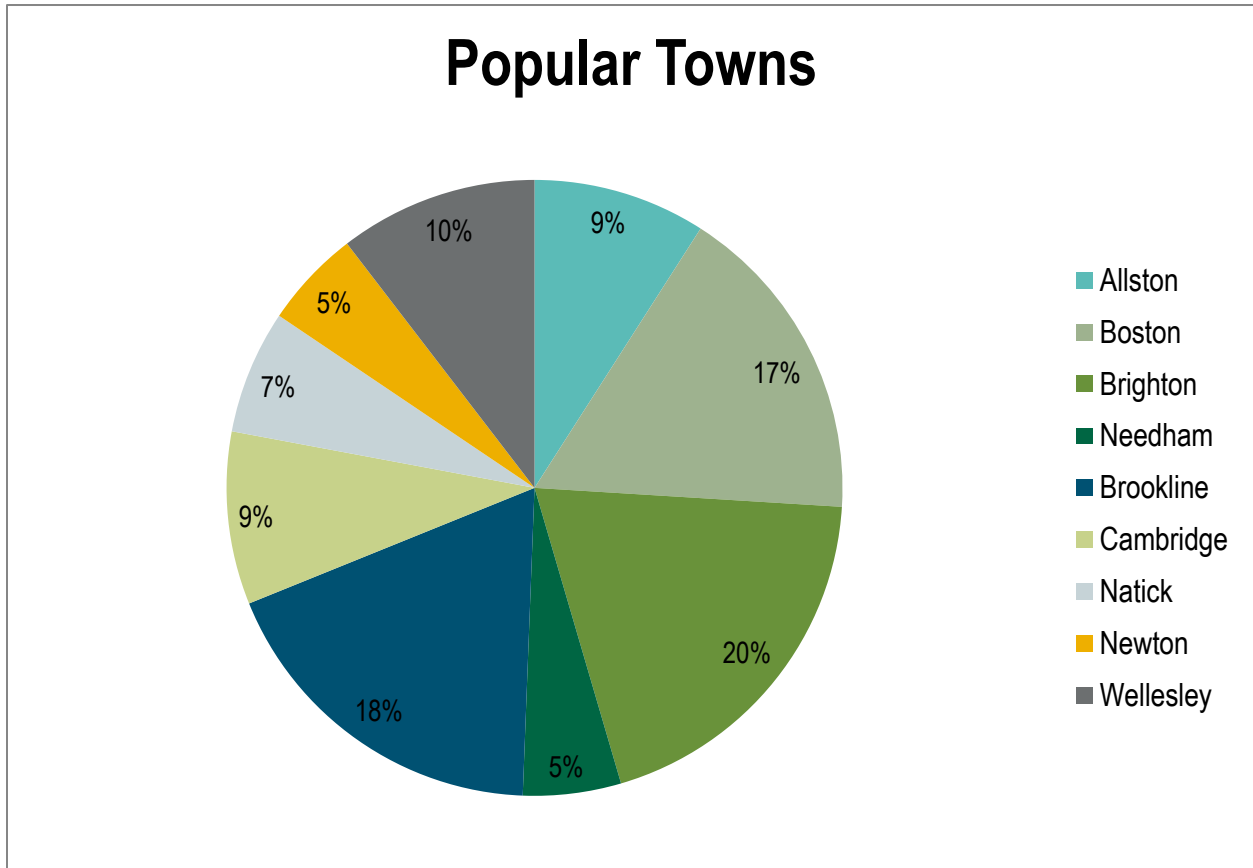


Popular Towns

The majority of our current MBA students live in the following towns and 93 percent would recommend their residence locations.



These are the most popular towns among our Babson students

Wellesley

Located in Norfolk County, MA, Wellesley is part of the Greater Boston Area, with 27,982 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.



Needham

Located in Norfolk County, MA, Needham is part of the Greater Boston Area, with 28,886 residents. It is a suburban area, with many families. It is only an eight-minute 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.



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 33,006 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.



Cambridge

Cambridge is a city in Middlesex County, MA. It is situated directly north of Boston, across the Charles River, with 105,162 residents. Cambridge is home to 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.



Brookline

Brookline is a suburban town in Norfolk County, MA. It is located on the western edge of Boston and east of Newton, with 58,732 residents. It is considered a very family-friendly town. Brookline features a mixture of urban and suburban living, upscale shops and recreational parks, apartment buildings and large estates that allow for sharing and splitting the cost for rent. This makes Brookline very popular among Babson MBA students. Most of Brookline is accessible by the Green Line (one of the MBTA lines) and it is about 20 minutes from Babson College via car. Something to consider is the fact that there is not free overnight parking; therefore, arrangements have to be made with apartment building owners, or renting a parking spot also might be an option.



Boston

Boston is the capital city of Massachusetts with 636,479 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 cost. 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.



Allston

Allston is a neighborhood of Boston, MA. It is located in the western part of the city with 29,196 residents.

For the most part, Allston is administered collectively with the adjacent 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.



Other towns or areas to consider are:

Newton, Watertown, Waltham, Somerville, and Charlestown.

Approximate distance from the popular towns to Babson College

Since, a vehicle will be needed to travel from your off-campus residence to school, cost of commuting must be considered.

| Location | Distance Away From Babson College (approx.) |
|-----------------------|--|
| Wellesley | 1.4 miles |
| Needham | 2.6 miles |
| Natick | 5 miles |
| Newton/Chestnut Hill | 6 miles |
| Brookline | 8 miles |
| Allston/Brighton | 8 miles |
| Fenway/Kenmore Square | 10 miles |
| Waltham/Watertown | 10 miles |
| Back Bay | 11 miles |
| South End | 12 miles |
| Cambridge | 15 miles |
| Beacon Hill | 17 miles |
| North End | 18 miles |
| East Boston | 19 miles |
| Somerville | 19 miles |
| Charlestown | 20 miles |