

Boston needs immigrants

Immigrants make up 17% of the state's workforce, and 29% of Boston's workforce

- Immigrants boost the local economy with over \$3 billion annually in spending.
- Immigrants in Boston pay more than \$830 million in taxes.
- Immigrants work in all of Massachusetts' major industries.



Immigrants need English

Like anyone else, immigrants want to achieve their dreams. But many are not prepared to meet the demands of today's knowledge economy.

- Over 3,500 people in Boston are currently waiting to enter ESOL classes.
- 46,000 or 8% of Boston's adult population speak English less than well.
- 26,000 households in Boston are linguistically isolated - no adults speak English well.
- 41,000 immigrants in Boston have not completed high school and are in need of adult basic education (ABE) classes.

English for New Bostonians Programs

Action for Boston Community Development,
Southside HeadStart ESOL Program
Anthony Perkins Community Center
Asian American Civic Association
Association of Haitian Women
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
Brazilian Workers' Center
Catholic Charities/El Centro de Cardinal
Catholic Charities/Haitian Multi Service Center
Dorchester Nazarene Compassionate Center
East Boston Ecumenical Community Council
East Boston Harborside Community Center
Educational Development Group
Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses and Cape Verdean Community UNIDO
International Institute of Boston
Irish Immigration Center
Jamaica Plain Community Center Adult Learning Program
Mujeres Unidas en Acción
Neighborhood of Affordable Housing
Saint Marks Community Education Program
Somali Development Center
Thomas Gardner Extended Services School
Vietnamese American Civic Association
Voice and Future Fund
Worker Education Program

English for New Bostonians Supporters

(list developing):

The City of Boston's Neighborhood Jobs Trust
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"English programs are essential, not just for recent immigrants to engage in economic and social opportunities, but also for our great city to benefit from everything new Bostonians have to offer."

MAYOR THOMAS M. MENINO





When immigrants learn English...

Families benefit with increased earning potential and parents' greater ability to support their kids in school.

Communities benefit as immigrants become citizens, vote and take active roles in neighborhood and city affairs.

Businesses benefit from improved communications and customer and patient care, plus increased capacity to implement new production modes.

Our economy benefits with a better prepared workforce, increased state and federal tax contributions and spending power.

Massachusetts benefits from a stable population and strong economy. Since 2000, the labor force has grown by just 1 percent. Without immigrants, the Massachusetts population would have declined.

"Before, I needed a translator. Now, I try myself. I help my children with their schoolwork. Now I do it very well. My oldest child is getting an award next month in the sixth grade because he's done well in school."

-ESOL student

English for New Bostonians (ENB) is a public-private-community solution initiated by the Mayor's Office of New Bostonians and committed to expanding the city's long-term capacity to meet the demand for English classes.

ENB addresses the demand for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) by:

- Increasing access to classes
- Building ESOL system capacity
- Creating new opportunities to learn English at work and at home
- Promoting employer engagement
- Increasing state, federal and private funding

ENB is staffed by The Boston Adult Literacy Fund, The Mayor's Office of Jobs & Community Services, and The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition.

"The Massachusetts economy is dependent on a skilled and productive workforce with proficient English skills to meet customer service requirements. Today, large and small employers alike, in both the service and manufacturing sectors face an ongoing challenge to improve the communication skills of their employees."

*- Richard C. Lord
President & CEO*

Associated Industries of Massachusetts

Businesses: Support ENB's ESOL programs and enable your employees to use them. Bring ESOL classes to your site. Lend your voice to Adult Basic Education/ESOL advocacy work.

Foundations: Sustain ENB's English programs, innovation and advocacy work.

Unions: Join ENB advocacy efforts. Set up an on-site program for your members.

Elected Officials: Help meet the demand for ABE/ESOL through adequate funding, professional-level training and support.

Individuals: Let your elected officials know we need more public dollars for ABE/ESOL. Make a tax-deductible donation to ENB.



Massachusetts' investment in ESOL is an investment in our future.