Population and Housing Demand Projections for Metro Boston
Regional Projections and Provisional Municipal Forecasts

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Appendix D:
Comparison with previous MAPC projections
Comparison with MetroFuture 2010 Projections

The two scenarios were compared with MAPC’s 2011 MetroFuture update. Only the 101 municipalities in the MAPC region are compared in the following summary. Overall, the 2011 MetroFuture update numbers were between the two scenarios- and closer to the Stronger Region scenario. The Stronger region scenario projects a total population change of 10% from 2010-2030, which can be compared to the 8% change from the MetroFuture 2011 projections. For the total household change, the MetroFuture numbers projected higher increase from 201 to 2020 than the Stronger Region scenario- but the increase slowed down by 2030 to have a slightly lower total household change from 2010 to 2030. In terms of distribution of population and housing units, the current round of projections place a higher share for the region’s growth in the Inner Core as compared to the last round of projections. The Maturing Suburbs have a smaller share of the overall growth in both the scenarios when compared to the MetroFuture projections, driven in part by the weak growth observed in these communities over the last decade.

Some of the key differences between the current and last round could result from the methodology for the migration- especially as it is indicated that the Inner Core migration accommodate a high share of the projected change in the current set of projections. The current set of projections used the gross migration flows at the regional level, and the detailed- age and municipality-specific vital statistics method at the municipal level. For detailed methodology, refer to Appendix B.