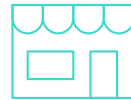


## Metro Boston has grown—



**+ 254,000 residents**

**+ 253,000 jobs**



**+ 26,000 businesses**



**+17%**

Change in cost of owning a home from 2008 to 2016

**High Cost of Living**

## But challenges still face the region—



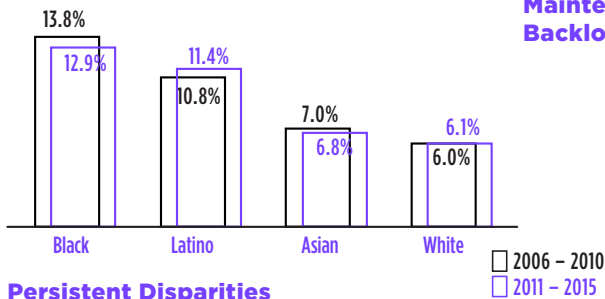
**Transit Maintenance Backlog**

**71%**

of MBTA buses and trains are beyond useful life

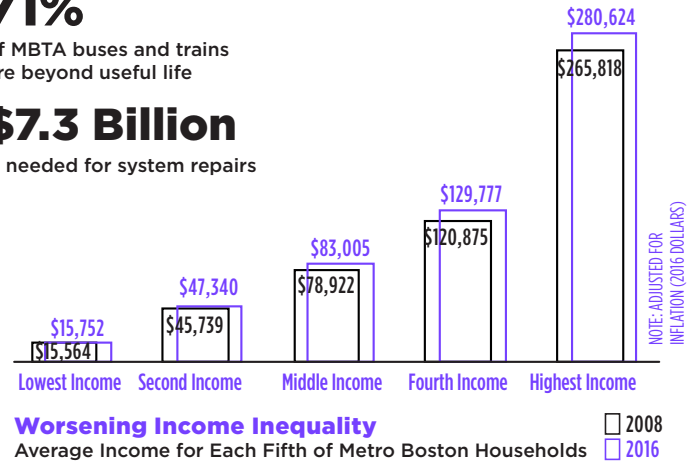
**\$7.3 Billion**

is needed for system repairs



### Persistent Disparities

Unemployment Rate by Race and Ethnicity in Metro Boston



### Worsening Income Inequality

Average Income for Each Fifth of Metro Boston Households

## Since adoption of MetroFuture in 2008...

Ten years ago, MAPC adopted *MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region*, our regional plan for a more sustainable and equitable future. Thousands of stakeholders and constituents shared their perspectives on the future of the region and responded to data-driven alternatives for how the region might look and feel in 2030, ultimately selecting one alternative to serve as the *MetroFuture* vision.

A lot has changed since 2008. *MetroFuture* has shaped the work MAPC has done over the past decade. We at MAPC have five new disciplines: Clean Energy, Public Health, Community Engagement, Digital Services, and Arts and Culture. We also place a much greater focus on equity across programs and projects. Outside our office, the region has grown in residents, jobs, and

businesses, though this growth has not come without challenges. Worsening income inequality, a high cost of living, transit maintenance backlogs, and persistent disparities by race and ethnicity are continued threats to the long-term wellbeing of the region and its residents.

With all of this in mind, MAPC begins a journey to update our regional plan, picking up where *MetroFuture* left off. In 2017, staff started laying the groundwork for this update, and we hope you will join us as we continue to craft an updated vision for a “Greater Boston Region.” Find out more on our website, [mapc.org](http://mapc.org).