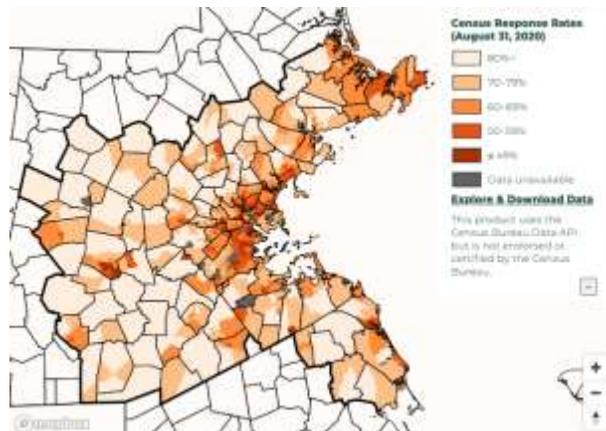




September Data Viz: Ending the Census Early



A full four weeks earlier than planned, at the end of this month, the Federal government will conclude the 2020 Census. Some households are less likely to respond to the Census without a follow-up visit from a Census worker – visits for which there will be less time because of the premature cessation. The shortened process will have a disproportionate impact on these households and the municipalities where they are located. This month's visualizations shows the unfortunately wide range of Census response rates as of August 31.

[Go to Visualization](#)

Virtual Event: Small Steps: Dances of Resilience Premiere

Screenings September 9, 10, 11, 7:00PM
Live post-screening "Meet the Dancers"
Q&A on September 11

A full-length documentary film about overcoming the struggle to create and perform during a global pandemic. The dancers tell their stories of climate, COVID, art, and hope, and, finally, they dance.



Join us for three film screenings on YouTube Live. Each screening will be time-limited and all content will be removed between and after each screening, so see it while you can! [Get tickets now!](#)

The performance was developed by movement artist, screenwriter, and Metropolitan Area Planning Council Artist-in-Residence **Hortense Gerardo** and MAPC Senior Environmental Planner **Darci Schofield** to demonstrate integrating arts into climate change planning. [Click here](#) to learn more about Small Steps on Climate Change.

Virtual Event:
**Public Art,
Public Memory**



Tuesday, September 22 4:00 - 5:30PM, ET

Join MAPC and the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) on **Tuesday, September 22**, as we launch “Public Art, Public Memory,” a series of virtual discussions exploring how to promote more just and inclusive public spaces through public art and collective memory. This series will feature conversations among artists and cultural organizers working at the intersection of creativity, history, and community-building. They'll offer inspiring examples and practical tools to help shape more inclusive and expansive monuments in our region.

[RSVP now!](#)

The first event in this series, *On this Land: Reframing Public Memory*, precedes *Centering Justice: Indigenous Artists' Perspectives on Public Art*, organized through a collaboration among Indigenous artists and NEFA's Public Art team.

Virtual Session:
**Online Community
Engagement
Training**

September 28, 2020
[Register here!](#)

During these times, it seems that everyone has had to embrace virtual ways of staying connected. Whether it is municipalities, institutions, and non-profit organizations – community engagement strategies have had to

adjust across the board to navigate the new normal. MAPC's Community Engagement team will be leading a virtual training session for engagement practitioners who are actively looking to develop and practice their skills in using tools to increase digital participation.

Learn how to utilize methods and strategies to increase the impact and effectiveness of your engagement and reflect on the challenges that different engagement practitioners are sharing in this moment. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to **Iolando Spinola, Community Engagement Specialist**, ispinola@mapc.org.

Funding:
**Continued EDA
Opportunity for
Municipalities**

The US Economic Development Administration has funding available for municipalities and other public entities to pursue economic development projects. In addition to the CARES Act funding, they have two funding sources for planning grants and infrastructure projects. Contact **Raul Gonzalez** for assistance with the application process.

Resources:
**Virtual Meeting
Shared Practices**

Municipal-led virtual meetings can be a challenge. MAPC's free online resources can help. [Click here](#) to learn more!

MetroCommon 2050

Call for Participants - Living Together Documentary

MAPC, with documentary-maker Mariona Lloreta, is seeking participants for "Living Together," a short film that will feature residents of Metro Boston talking about life in the region, especially in connection with MetroCommon 2050. Participants will receive a one-time stipend of \$300.

[Click here to learn more read the call for participants](#). If you're interested in participating, please reach out to Mariona Lloreta at hello@marionalloreta.com.

Staff Picks

Virtual Session:

Learning from Emergency Rental Assistance Programs During COVID-19

September 15, 3:00 - 4:30PM

Join CHAPA, Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for a free virtual session on "[Learning from Emergency Rental Assistance Programs During COVID-19.](#)" An update will be provided on the breadth of local ERA programs and discuss best practices, challenges, and more.

Speakers will include:

- Stefanie Coxe, Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts
- Kristin Haas, DHCD
- John Hornik, Town of Amherst
- Amy Mullen, DHCD
- Alex Train, City of Chelsea
- Erin Zwirko, Town of Arlington

Register now! Please email [Dana LeWinter](mailto:Dana.LeWinter@dhcd.state.ma.us) with any questions about this virtual session.

Boston Commuter Survey

The City of Boston is building a long term transportation plan to support Boston commuters, and they want it to work. The city wants to learn more about how you think about getting to work – before, during, and in the anticipated future beyond the pandemic. Answers will be combined with others in a public report that will inform transportation projects throughout the city. All responses will be anonymous. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please email BTDSurvey@boston.gov. Take the survey **now!**

Live Virtual Event:

Ta-Nehisi Coates to Address “Racial Equity and Housing Justice During and After COVID-19”

October 6, 1:00PM

Join NYU's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute and NLIHC for a conversation with author and journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates on "Racial Equity and Housing Justice during and after COVID-19." Be sure to submit questions for Mr. Coates through the registration page or via social media using #RacialEquityandCOVID. [Register today!](#)

MPO Corner

Events and news from our partner in transportation planning



The [Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\)](#) is Boston's regional transportation planning agency. MAPC is one of 22 voting MPO board members. [Subscribe for updates](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), @BostonRegionMPO.

The following seats are up for election in the fall of 2020:

- **One city** from the Boston region, currently held by the City of Everett
- **One town** from the Boston region, currently held by the Town of Lexington
- **One municipality (city or town)** from the [North Shore Task Force](#) subregion, currently held by the City of Beverly
- **One municipality (city or town)** from the [SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee](#) subregion, currently held by the Town of Medway.



[Nominations](#) may be placed by any chief elected official from any of the 97 municipalities in the Boston region. Nominations are due electronically on Friday, **October 16, 2020, by 5PM**. The election will be held remotely at MAPC's Fall Council meeting, details to be announced. For more information,

see the [Boston Region MPO Election Process](#).

COVID-19 Resources and Assistance

MAPC is committed to helping local officials and other allies and stakeholders address their needs, and we are encouraging a statewide, coordinated response to this virus. MAPC stands ready to assist your community and the region during this time. This is a challenging, unprecedented situation for all of us, but we can make it easier by supporting each other, sharing resources, and continuing to collaborate. [Click here](#) for the latest updates.

Accessibility, Translation, Interpretation



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