

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

At first glance, Boston and Athens may have little in common, but beneath the veneer of public perception exist two cities striving to provide equal access to opportunity for all of its citizens. This B|Visual takes a closer look at key challenges that these historic cities face, as the Bertelsmann Foundation and its partners begin the search for solutions. For more information, visit <http://www.bfna.org/page/transatlantic-policy-lab/overview>.



BOSTON

Population: 655,884¹

SOCIAL INEQUITY

Household Income²

\$266,224

\$14,942

(95th percentile)

(20th percentile)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Percentage of Cost-Burdened Renters^{3*}

50.6%

INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE

Cost to Renew Infrastructure⁴

\$7.3 Billion



ATHENS

Population: 664,046⁵

HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Rate⁶

27.3%

ECONOMIC SHIFTS

Increase in Homelessness in May-July 2015⁷

40%

REFUGEES

Arrivals in Greece in 2015⁸

856,723

CIVIL UNREST

In Greater Athens in 2014⁹

1000+ protests