

S0201: Selected Population Profile in the United States  
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# Massachusetts

Population Group: Black or African American alone

Subject	Total population	Black or African American alone
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED</b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>6,593,587</b>	<b>416,571</b>
One race	97.7%	100.0%
Two races	2.2%	(X)
Three races	0.1%	(X)
Four or more races	0.0%	(X)
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>6,593,587</b>	<b>416,571</b>
Male	48.6%	48.5%
Female	51.4%	51.5%
Under 5 years	5.8%	7.7%
5 to 17 years	15.9%	20.0%
18 to 24 years	10.2%	12.9%
25 to 34 years	12.9%	14.7%
35 to 44 years	14.2%	14.8%
45 to 54 years	15.6%	13.7%
55 to 64 years	11.9%	8.5%
65 to 74 years	6.8%	4.8%
75 years and over	6.7%	2.9%
Median age (years)	39	31.1
18 years and over	78.3%	72.3%
21 years and over	73.5%	66.1%
62 years and over	16.6%	9.5%
65 years and over	13.6%	7.7%
<b>Under 18 years</b>	<b>1,432,880</b>	<b>115,408</b>
Male	51.1%	50.9%
Female	48.9%	49.1%
<b>18 years and over</b>	<b>5,160,707</b>	<b>301,163</b>

Male	47.9%	47.6%
Female	52.1%	52.4%
<b>18 to 34 years</b>	<b>1,519,918</b>	<b>115,025</b>
Male	50.1%	50.7%
Female	49.9%	49.3%
<b>35 to 64 years</b>	<b>2,747,286</b>	<b>154,136</b>
Male	48.9%	47.3%
Female	51.1%	52.7%
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>893,503</b>	<b>32,002</b>
Male	41.0%	37.7%
Female	59.0%	62.3%
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>6,346,038</b>	<b>392,806</b>
Householder or spouse	57.4%	43.4%
Child	30.4%	38.1%
Other relatives	5.8%	12.4%
Nonrelatives	6.4%	6.1%
Unmarried partner	2.3%	1.9%
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>2,475,492</b>	<b>132,766</b>
Family households	62.9%	63.6%
With own children under 18 years	28.4%	35.7%
Married-couple family	47.2%	28.0%
With own children under 18 years	20.5%	15.9%
Female householder, no husband present, family	11.7%	28.6%
With own children under 18 years	6.3%	16.9%
Nonfamily households	37.1%	36.4%
Male householder	16.0%	18.0%
Living alone	12.2%	14.8%
Not living alone	3.8%	3.2%
Female householder	21.1%	18.4%
Living alone	17.8%	16.2%
Not living alone	3.3%	2.2%
Average household size	2.56	2.95
Average family size	3.22	3.77
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>		
<b>Population 15 years and over</b>	<b>5,416,680</b>	<b>322,146</b>

Now married, except separated	46.5%	29.8%
Widowed	6.3%	4.5%
Divorced	9.6%	9.6%
Separated	2.0%	4.8%
Never married	35.7%	51.3%
<b>Male 15 years and over</b>	<b>2,602,521</b>	<b>153,709</b>
Now married, except separated	49.1%	32.9%
Widowed	2.6%	1.6%
Divorced	8.0%	8.0%
Separated	1.7%	3.7%
Never married	38.7%	53.8%
<b>Female 15 years and over</b>	<b>2,814,159</b>	<b>168,437</b>
Now married, except separated	44.1%	26.9%
Widowed	9.7%	7.2%
Divorced	11.0%	11.2%
Separated	2.2%	5.8%
Never married	32.9%	48.9%
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>		
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>1,729,862</b>	<b>139,891</b>
Nursery school, preschool	6.9%	4.6%
Kindergarten	4.9%	5.6%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	36.6%	36.8%
High school (grades 9-12)	19.6%	21.7%
College or graduate school	32.1%	31.3%
<b>Male 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>843,470</b>	<b>66,802</b>
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	64.3%	68.5%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	28.4%	26.8%
<b>Female 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>886,392</b>	<b>73,089</b>
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	57.9%	60.0%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	35.6%	35.4%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>4,490,445</b>	<b>247,276</b>
Less than high school diploma	11.0%	18.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	26.3%	28.8%
Some college or associate's degree	24.4%	31.9%
Bachelor's degree	21.8%	13.5%
Graduate or professional degree	16.4%	7.6%
High school graduate or higher	89.0%	81.7%

Male, high school graduate or higher	88.4%	82.0%
Female, high school graduate or higher	89.5%	81.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	38.2%	21.1%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	38.3%	21.2%
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	38.1%	21.0%
<b>FERTILITY</b>		
<b>Women 15 to 50 years</b>	<b>1,679,501</b>	<b>118,846</b>
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	77,909	7,519
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	24,486	3,864
As a percent of all women with a birth in the past 12 months	31.4%	51.4%
<b>RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>		
<b>Population 30 years and over</b>	<b>4,054,672</b>	<b>216,610</b>
Living with grandchild(ren)	2.9%	6.7%
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	28.8%	44.9%
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>		
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>5,153,924</b>	<b>300,798</b>
Civilian veteran	8.0%	4.0%
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>		
<b>Total civilian noninstitutionalized population</b>	<b>6,495,905</b>	<b>405,185</b>
With a disability	11.2%	13.3%
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years</b>		
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years</b>	<b>1,430,695</b>	<b>114,873</b>
With a disability	4.5%	5.4%
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years</b>		
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years</b>	<b>4,223,602</b>	<b>260,628</b>
With a disability	8.9%	12.9%
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older</b>		
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older</b>	<b>841,608</b>	<b>29,684</b>
With a disability	34.0%	47.9%
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>		
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>6,520,905</b>	<b>410,582</b>
Same house	86.6%	80.5%
Different house in the U.S.	12.6%	18.3%

Same county	7.6%	12.0%
Different county	5.0%	6.4%
Same state	2.8%	4.3%
Different state	2.2%	2.1%
Abroad	0.8%	1.2%
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY</b>		
<b>Native</b>	<b>5,650,252</b>	<b>283,731</b>
Male	48.5%	48.6%
Female	51.5%	51.4%
<b>Foreign born</b>	<b>943,335</b>	<b>132,840</b>
Male	49.2%	48.2%
Female	50.8%	51.8%
<b>Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen</b>	<b>461,113</b>	<b>64,221</b>
Male	46.4%	45.1%
Female	53.6%	54.9%
<b>Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen</b>	<b>482,222</b>	<b>68,619</b>
Male	51.9%	51.0%
Female	48.1%	49.0%
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>943,335</b>	<b>132,840</b>
Entered 2000 or later	34.2%	37.0%
Entered 1990 to 1999	26.2%	26.1%
Entered before 1990	39.6%	36.9%
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>		
<b>Foreign-born population excluding population born at sea</b>	<b>943,335</b>	<b>132,840</b>
Europe	25.9%	1.6%
Asia	27.6%	0.3%
Africa	8.1%	38.8%
Oceania	0.4%	0.0%
Latin America	34.8%	58.7%
Northern America	3.1%	0.7%
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH</b>		
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>6,208,685</b>	<b>384,457</b>
English only	79.4%	64.8%
Language other than English	20.6%	35.2%

Speak English less than "very well"	8.6%	14.2%
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>		
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>5,331,521</b>	<b>315,082</b>
In labor force	68.3%	68.6%
Civilian labor force	68.2%	68.5%
Employed	62.0%	57.4%
Unemployed	6.2%	11.1%
Percent of civilian labor force	9.1%	16.2%
Armed Forces	0.1%	0.1%
Not in labor force	31.7%	31.4%
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>		
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>2,773,883</b>	<b>164,584</b>
In labor force	63.8%	67.5%
Civilian labor force	63.8%	67.4%
Employed	58.8%	58.1%
Unemployed	4.9%	9.4%
Percent of civilian labor force	7.7%	13.9%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	<b>3,231,739</b>	<b>176,052</b>
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	71.9%	57.6%
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	8.2%	10.0%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	9.4%	23.4%
Walked	4.7%	5.1%
Other means	1.6%	1.1%
Worked at home	4.2%	2.7%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.3	29.5
<b>OCCUPATION</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>3,304,921</b>	<b>180,788</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	42.9%	30.9%
Service occupations	17.2%	27.2%
Sales and office occupations	24.0%	26.2%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.2%	0.0%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	6.7%	4.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	9.0%	10.9%
<b>Male civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>		
<b>Male civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>1,673,164</b>	<b>85,228</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	39.6%	29.2%
Service occupations	15.2%	23.7%
Sales and office occupations	18.2%	19.9%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.3%	0.1%

Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	12.8%	9.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	13.8%	17.6%
<b>Female civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>1,631,757</b>	<b>95,560</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	46.3%	32.3%
Service occupations	19.2%	30.2%
Sales and office occupations	29.9%	31.9%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.1%	0.0%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	0.5%	0.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	4.0%	4.8%
<b>INDUSTRY</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>3,304,921</b>	<b>180,788</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0.4%	0.1%
Construction	5.3%	2.3%
Manufacturing	9.8%	6.3%
Wholesale trade	2.5%	1.2%
Retail trade	10.9%	12.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3.9%	6.1%
Information	2.4%	1.5%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	7.7%	6.8%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	12.8%	7.3%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	27.2%	38.0%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	8.2%	7.9%
Other services (except public administration)	4.8%	4.9%
Public administration	4.2%	5.3%
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>3,304,921</b>	<b>180,788</b>
Private wage and salary workers	80.4%	81.4%
Government workers	13.1%	15.5%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	6.5%	2.9%
Unpaid family workers	0.1%	0.2%
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>2,475,492</b>	<b>132,766</b>
Median household income (dollars)	64,081	42,182

With earnings	79.7%	81.4%
Mean earnings (dollars)	89,002	60,094
With Social Security income	27.8%	19.8%
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,042	11,549
With Supplemental Security Income	4.3%	8.4%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,292	7,342
With cash public assistance income	2.8%	7.1%
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,530	3,779
With retirement income	16.3%	10.8%
Mean retirement income (dollars)	21,831	19,710
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	9.4%	25.1%
<b>Families</b>	<b>1,557,057</b>	<b>84,450</b>
Median family income (dollars)	81,033	49,894
Married-couple family	75.0%	44.0%
Median income (dollars)	96,280	80,177
Male householder, no spouse present, family	6.3%	11.0%
Median income (dollars)	51,346	40,585
Female householder, no husband present, family	18.6%	45.0%
Median income (dollars)	37,871	30,860
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>6,593,587</b>	<b>416,571</b>
Per capita income (dollars)	33,437	20,167
With earnings for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	1,265,220	60,190
Female	954,482	60,326
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	76,704	48,523
Female	55,150	47,217
Median earnings (dollars) full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	56,902	39,604
Female	45,062	39,039
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>		
<b>Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>6,495,905</b>	<b>405,185</b>
With private health insurance coverage	77.8%	55.3%
With public health coverage	30.5%	46.2%
No health insurance coverage	4.2%	6.0%
<b>POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED</b>		
All families	7.0%	17.4%

With related children under 18 years	10.7%	22.0%
With related children under 5 years only	11.0%	20.1%
Married-couple family	2.7%	6.2%
With related children under 18 years	2.9%	6.8%
With related children under 5 years only	3.4%	15.9%
Female householder, no husband present, family	22.8%	27.4%
With related children under 18 years	31.9%	34.0%
With related children under 5 years only	36.8%	26.7%
All people	10.3%	21.0%
Under 18 years	13.1%	28.2%
Related children under 18 years	12.8%	27.8%
Related children under 5 years	15.2%	31.0%
Related children 5 to 17 years	11.9%	26.5%
18 years and over	9.5%	18.0%
18 to 64 years	9.6%	17.8%
65 years and over	8.8%	20.4%
People in families	7.4%	18.0%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	21.2%	33.3%
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>2,475,492</b>	<b>132,766</b>
Owner-occupied housing units	64.2%	34.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	35.8%	65.8%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.75	3.53
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.23	2.65
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>2,475,492</b>	<b>132,766</b>
1-unit, detached or attached	58.3%	30.1%
2 to 4 units	21.0%	36.6%
5 or more units	19.9%	33.0%
Mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc.	0.8%	0.3%
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>2,475,492</b>	<b>132,766</b>
Built 2000 or later	6.4%	5.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	7.3%	4.4%
Built 1980 to 1989	10.7%	7.9%
Built 1960 to 1979	22.6%	22.1%
Built 1940 to 1959	17.6%	14.5%
Built 1939 or earlier	35.3%	45.4%

<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>2,475,492</b>	<b>132,766</b>
None	11.8%	25.3%
1 or more	88.2%	74.7%
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>2,475,492</b>	<b>132,766</b>
Gas	50.5%	57.3%
Electricity	13.2%	21.9%
All other fuels	36.1%	20.5%
No fuel used	0.2%	0.3%
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>2,475,492</b>	<b>132,766</b>
No telephone service available	1.3%	1.6%
1.01 or more occupants per room	1.4%	3.3%
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
<b>Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOC cannot be computed)</b>	<b>1,152,818</b>	<b>38,894</b>
Less than 30 percent	59.9%	44.0%
30 percent or more	40.1%	56.0%
<b>OWNER CHARACTERISTICS</b>		
<b>Owner-occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,589,421</b>	<b>45,446</b>
Median value (dollars)	338,500	289,600
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	2,078	2,110
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	666	668
<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
<b>Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAP cannot be computed)</b>	<b>841,011</b>	<b>83,992</b>
Less than 30 percent	51.3%	45.7%
30 percent or more	48.7%	54.3%
<b>GROSS RENT</b>		
<b>Occupied units paying rent</b>	<b>854,577</b>	<b>85,492</b>
Median gross rent (dollars)	988	963

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- Data for the households, families, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines refer to the specified race, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or ancestry of the householder shown in the table. Data in the "Total population" column are shown regardless of the race, H
- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, co
- The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire.
- Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
- Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2007. Thi
- Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage v
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- See the Glossary for more information on the definition of the following population groups: Arab, Arab/Arabic, E
- While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 Office of Manag