

S0201: Selected Population Profile in the United States

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Massachusetts

Population Group: Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races

Subject	Total population	Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races
TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED		
Total population	6,497,967	483,526
One race	97.9%	84.2%
Two races	2.0%	14.8%
Three races	0.1%	0.9%
Four or more races	0.0%	0.0%
SEX AND AGE		
Total population	6,497,967	483,526
Male	48.5%	49.4%
Female	51.5%	50.6%
Under 5 years	5.9%	9.2%
5 to 17 years	16.1%	21.0%
18 to 24 years	10.3%	13.5%
25 to 34 years	12.6%	14.8%

35 to 44 years	14.7%	14.9%
45 to 54 years	15.4%	12.6%
55 to 64 years	11.5%	7.3%
65 to 74 years	6.6%	3.8%
75 years and over	6.8%	2.8%
Median age (years)	38.7	29.2
18 years and over	78.0%	69.8%
21 years and over	73.2%	63.3%
62 years and over	16.2%	8.5%
65 years and over	13.4%	6.6%
Under 18 years	1,428,726	146,257
Male	51.1%	51.5%
Female	48.9%	48.5%
18 years and over	5,069,241	337,269
Male	47.8%	48.5%
Female	52.2%	51.5%
18 to 34 years	1,493,212	136,798

Male	50.0%	51.7%
Female	50.0%	48.3%
35 to 64 years	2,705,605	168,569
Male	48.8%	48.0%
Female	51.2%	52.0%
65 years and over	870,424	31,902
Male	40.8%	37.9%
Female	59.2%	62.1%
RELATIONSHIP		
Population in households	6,254,371	459,130
Householder or spouse	58.1%	42.0%
Child	30.2%	39.1%
Other relatives	5.4%	11.4%
Nonrelatives	6.2%	7.5%
Unmarried partner	2.4%	2.3%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Households	2,467,323	150,444
Family households	63.6%	66.2%

With own children under 18 years	29.6%	40.0%
Married-couple family	47.3%	28.9%
With own children under 18 years	20.6%	16.9%
Female householder, no husband present, family	12.2%	29.1%
With own children under 18 years	7.1%	18.9%
Nonfamily households	36.4%	33.8%
Male householder	16.3%	17.2%
Living alone	12.5%	13.6%
Not living alone	3.8%	3.7%
Female householder	20.1%	16.6%
Living alone	16.9%	14.4%
Not living alone	3.2%	2.2%
Average household size	2.53	2.95
Average family size	3.17	3.62
MARITAL STATUS		
Population 15 years and over	5,328,765	362,008
Now married, except separated	47.5%	30.0%
Widowed	6.2%	4.2%
Divorced	9.1%	8.6%
Separated	1.9%	5.0%

Never married	35.3%	52.2%
Male 15 years and over	2,555,707	176,961
Now married, except separated	50.0%	31.8%
Widowed	2.7%	1.8%
Divorced	7.5%	7.8%
Separated	1.5%	3.2%
Never married	38.3%	55.5%
Female 15 years and over	2,773,058	185,047
Now married, except separated	45.1%	28.3%
Widowed	9.5%	6.5%
Divorced	10.5%	9.4%
Separated	2.3%	6.7%
Never married	32.6%	49.1%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	1,712,101	172,029
Nursery school, preschool	7.0%	7.2%
Kindergarten	4.8%	4.8%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	36.6%	35.3%
High school (grades 9-12)	20.0%	22.0%

College or graduate school	31.6%	30.7%
Male 3 years and over enrolled in school	838,884	85,233
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	64.1%	65.6%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	28.5%	26.5%
Female 3 years and over enrolled in school	873,217	86,796
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	58.8%	58.5%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	34.6%	34.8%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	4,397,927	271,880
Less than high school diploma	11.3%	21.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	26.7%	27.5%
Some college or associate's degree	24.0%	29.0%
Bachelor's degree	21.7%	14.4%
Graduate or professional degree	16.4%	7.9%
High school graduate or higher	88.7%	78.7%
Male, high school graduate or higher	88.2%	78.7%
Female, high school graduate or higher	89.2%	78.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	38.1%	22.3%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	39.0%	23.4%

Female, bachelor's degree or higher	37.3%	21.3%
FERTILITY		
Women 15 to 50 years	1,676,571	135,340
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	83,335	10,846
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	27,213	6,666
As a percent of all women with a birth in the past 12 months	32.7%	61.5%
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS		
Population 30 years and over	3,978,439	234,866
Living with grandchild(ren)	2.7%	5.9%
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	28.5%	36.3%
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	5,062,590	336,916
Civilian veteran	8.3%	4.7%
DISABILITY STATUS		
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population	6,398,787	471,946
With a disability	11.4%	11.1%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	1,426,668	145,428

With a disability	4.6%	4.5%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	4,160,088	296,529
With a disability	9.2%	10.9%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older	812,031	29,989
With a disability	34.7%	45.2%
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO		
Population 1 year and over	6,423,655	473,068
Same house	86.2%	79.9%
Different house in the U.S.	12.8%	19.0%
Same county	7.8%	12.2%
Different county	5.0%	6.8%
Same state	2.7%	4.3%
Different state	2.3%	2.6%
Abroad	1.0%	1.1%
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY		
Native	5,560,767	326,494
Male	48.4%	49.0%
Female	51.6%	51.0%

Foreign born	937,200	157,032
Male	49.2%	50.2%
Female	50.8%	49.8%
Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen	459,123	71,267
Male	45.4%	44.2%
Female	54.6%	55.8%
Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen	478,077	85,765
Male	52.8%	55.3%
Female	47.2%	44.7%
Population born outside the United States	937,200	157,032
Entered 2000 or later	32.1%	33.9%
Entered 1990 to 1999	27.5%	34.1%
Entered before 1990	40.3%	32.1%
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population excluding population born at sea	937,200	157,032
Europe	25.3%	0.9%
Asia	27.9%	0.6%

Africa	8.3%	32.8%
Oceania	0.3%	0.1%
Latin America	34.6%	65.4%
Northern America	3.7%	0.3%
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH		
Population 5 years and over	6,116,518	438,886
English only	79.0%	60.9%
Language other than English	21.0%	39.1%
Speak English less than "very well"	8.5%	17.8%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	5,247,007	354,906
In labor force	68.9%	70.9%
Civilian labor force	68.7%	70.8%
Employed	64.6%	63.7%
Unemployed	4.1%	7.2%
Percent of civilian labor force	6.0%	10.1%
Armed Forces	0.1%	0.1%
Not in labor force	31.1%	29.1%
Females 16 years and over	2,735,228	181,584

In labor force	64.1%	70.6%
Civilian labor force	64.1%	70.6%
Employed	60.7%	63.9%
Unemployed	3.4%	6.7%
Percent of civilian labor force	5.4%	9.6%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	3,307,074	218,774
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	72.3%	58.4%
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	8.6%	10.0%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	8.9%	21.9%
Walked	4.6%	5.8%
Other means	1.7%	2.1%
Worked at home	3.9%	1.8%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.3	30.2
OCCUPATION		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	3,390,763	225,987
Management, professional, and related occupations	42.0%	29.0%
Service occupations	16.6%	30.7%
Sales and office occupations	24.9%	24.6%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.2%	0.1%

Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	7.3%	4.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	9.1%	11.1%
Male civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,731,409	109,960
Management, professional, and related occupations	39.2%	25.6%
Service occupations	14.3%	26.5%
Sales and office occupations	18.7%	21.2%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.3%	0.2%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	13.8%	8.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	13.7%	17.8%
Female civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,659,354	116,027
Management, professional, and related occupations	44.9%	32.2%
Service occupations	18.9%	34.7%
Sales and office occupations	31.3%	27.9%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.1%	0.1%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	0.4%	0.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	4.4%	4.7%
INDUSTRY		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	3,390,763	225,987
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0.3%	0.1%

Construction	5.9%	3.3%
Manufacturing	10.0%	7.1%
Wholesale trade	2.5%	1.3%
Retail trade	11.3%	11.9%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	4.0%	4.0%
Information	2.6%	1.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	8.1%	6.4%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	12.8%	8.6%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	26.2%	38.0%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	7.8%	9.2%
Other services (except public administration)	4.4%	4.4%
Public administration	4.0%	4.0%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	3,390,763	225,987
Private wage and salary workers	80.4%	83.7%
Government workers	13.0%	13.1%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	6.5%	3.2%
Unpaid family workers	0.1%	0.0%
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Households	2,467,323	150,444

Median household income (dollars)	65,401	43,251
With earnings	80.7%	83.9%
Mean earnings (dollars)	90,262	59,008
With Social Security income	26.8%	19.5%
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,543	11,128
With Supplemental Security Income	3.9%	6.5%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,338	7,434
With cash public assistance income	2.7%	6.7%
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,955	3,800
With retirement income	15.9%	9.2%
Mean retirement income (dollars)	22,389	20,912
With Food Stamp benefits	7.7%	18.2%
Families	1,568,641	99,605
Median family income (dollars)	81,569	50,376
Married-couple family	74.5%	43.7%
Median income (dollars)	96,576	78,549
Male householder, no spouse present, family	6.3%	12.4%
Median income (dollars)	58,391	51,020
Female householder, no husband present, family	19.2%	43.9%
Median income (dollars)	38,330	32,269

Individuals	6,497,967	483,526
Per capita income (dollars)	34,452	19,598
With earnings for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	1,316,123	80,363
Female	972,031	72,755
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	76,583	43,461
Female	53,973	41,044
Median earnings (dollars) full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	55,555	36,910
Female	43,452	34,037
POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED		
All families	7.1%	14.8%
With related children under 18 years	10.8%	18.8%
With related children under 5 years only	11.8%	21.2%
Married-couple family	3.0%	6.0%
With related children under 18 years	3.2%	6.5%
With related children under 5 years only	3.2%	8.7%
Female householder, no husband present, family	22.2%	25.1%

With related children under 18 years	30.3%	30.5%
With related children under 5 years only	37.2%	37.7%
All people	10.0%	18.0%
Under 18 years	12.0%	22.0%
Related children under 18 years	11.6%	21.7%
Related children under 5 years	13.6%	24.0%
Related children 5 to 17 years	10.9%	20.7%
18 years and over	9.4%	16.2%
18 to 64 years	9.3%	15.5%
65 years and over	10.2%	22.7%
People in families	7.0%	14.6%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	21.5%	32.3%
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	2,467,323	150,444
Owner-occupied housing units	64.5%	35.4%
Renter-occupied housing units	35.5%	64.6%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.73	3.41
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.19	2.7

UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
Occupied housing units	2,467,323	150,444
1-unit, detached or attached	58.3%	32.9%
2 to 4 units	20.8%	34.9%
5 or more units	20.0%	32.0%
Mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc.	0.8%	0.1%
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		
Occupied housing units	2,467,323	150,444
Built 2000 or later	6.0%	5.5%
Built 1990 to 1999	7.7%	4.8%
Built 1980 to 1989	11.2%	8.7%
Built 1960 to 1979	22.1%	19.6%
Built 1940 to 1959	18.2%	17.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	34.9%	43.7%
VEHICLES AVAILABLE		
Occupied housing units	2,467,323	150,444
None	11.8%	25.7%
1 or more	88.2%	74.3%
HOUSE HEATING FUEL		

Occupied housing units	2,467,323	150,444
Gas	49.5%	53.9%
Electricity	13.2%	23.4%
All other fuels	37.0%	22.5%
No fuel used	0.2%	0.2%
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS		
Occupied housing units	2,467,323	150,444
No telephone service available	1.2%	1.8%
1.01 or more occupants per room	2.0%	6.2%
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOC cannot be computed)	1,153,182	47,413
Less than 30 percent	57.9%	38.7%
30 percent or more	42.1%	61.3%
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS		
Owner-occupied housing units	1,592,324	53,204
Median value (dollars)	353,600	321,800
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	2,105	2,203
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	672	705

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAP cannot be computed)	828,250	94,276
Less than 30 percent	50.8%	45.6%
30 percent or more	49.2%	54.4%
GROSS RENT		
Occupied units paying rent	841,688	95,818
Median gross rent (dollars)	991	980

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for