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# Latinos in Framingham

## Poverty, Income, Education, Employment, and Housing

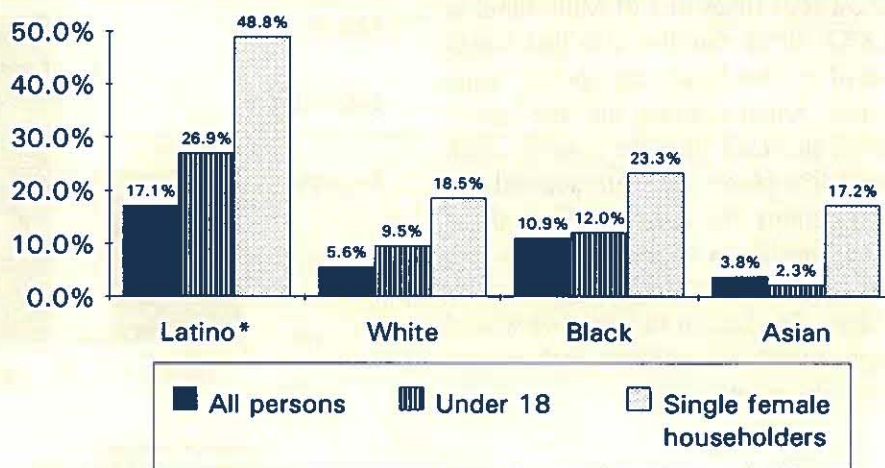
Part two of a series of profiles of Latinos in Massachusetts completed with support from The Boston Foundation

The Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy was established at the University of Massachusetts Boston in December of 1989. The creation of the Gastón Institute responds to the need for better understanding of the experience and conditions of life of Latinos in the Commonwealth. Its purpose is to conduct research about the Latino population in Massachusetts and to develop the kind of information and analysis necessary for the development of sound public policy and for the effective participation of the Latino population in public policy development in the Commonwealth. In an effort to facilitate the access to vital information about Latinos to various audiences, and with support from the Boston Foundation, the Gastón Institute has produced a series of basic demographic profiles for selected cities in the Commonwealth based on the 1990 U.S. Census of Population and Housing (Massachusetts Summary Tape File 3A, produced by the U.S. Bureau of the Census). These profiles are but one part of a broader initiative to disseminate the 1990 U.S. Census and to address other relevant aspects of the social and economic situation of Latinos in the Commonwealth.



Latinos had the largest proportion of persons with income below the poverty level, 17.1%. The poverty rate for Latinos is more than three times that of whites (5.6%) and higher than the rate for blacks (10.9%) and Asians (3.8%). Of those Latinos under the age of 18, 26.9% had income below the poverty level. In particular, the rate of poverty was greatest among those Latino children under 5 years of age.

**Framingham: Select Poverty Rates by Race and Ethnicity in 1989**



Universe: Persons for whom poverty status is determined and families headed by single females  
\*Latino may be of any race

**Framingham: Poverty Status by Age and Race and Ethnicity in 1989**

Persons Below Poverty	Latino *	Poverty Rate	Total **	Poverty Rate	White	Poverty Rate	Black	Poverty Rate	Asian	Poverty Rate
Total below poverty level	788	17.1%	3,663	6.0%	3,088	5.6%	234	10.9%	69	3.8%
Under 5 years	210	40.2%	461	11.4%	338	9.7%	34	20.4%	0	--
5 years	0	--	33	5.7%	27	5.7%	6	15.4%	0	--
6 to 11 years	121	29.2%	367	9.9%	331	10.3%	15	6.0%	0	--
12 to 17 years	73	13.5%	356	8.7%	317	9.1%	18	11.8%	11	6.1%
18 to 64 years	365	12.2%	1,861	4.4%	1,508	3.9%	143	10.0%	58	4.5%
65 to 74 years	9	11.0%	356	8.4%	347	8.4%	9	14.8%	0	--
75 years and over	10	30.3%	229	8.7%	220	8.6%	9	21.4%	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,619</b>		<b>61,483</b>		<b>55,597</b>		<b>2,140</b>		<b>1,820</b>	

Universe: Persons for whom poverty is determined

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\*\*Total includes Native Americans and Other Races



### Framingham: Poverty Status by Family Type, by Race and Ethnicity, with Presence and Age of Children, 1989

Families	Latino*	Poverty rate	Total**	Poverty rate	White	Poverty rate	Black	Poverty rate	Asian	Poverty rate
Income below poverty level	161	14.2%	680	4.2%	551	3.8%	62	10.6%	5	1.0%
Married-couple family:	14	1.9%	145	1.1%	136	1.1%	0	--	0	--
With related children under 18 years	5	1.3%	55	1.0%	55	1.1%	0	--	0	--
No related children under 18 years	9	2.7%	90	1.2%	81	1.1%	0	--	0	--
Male householder, no wife present:	0	--	45	6.2%	45	6.9%	0	--	0	--
With related children under 18 years	0	--	38	17.8%	38	19.4%	0	--	0	--
No related children under 18 years	0	--	7	1.4%	7	1.5%	0	--	0	--
Female householder, no husband present:	147	48.8%	490	19.8%	370	18.5%	62	23.3%	5	17.2%
With related children under 18 years	147	55.1%	475	33.8%	360	35.0%	62	29.5%	0	--
No related children under 18 years	0	--	15	1.4%	10	1.0%	0	--	5	23.8%
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>1,135</b>		<b>16,155</b>		<b>14,642</b>		<b>585</b>		<b>477</b>	

Universe: Families

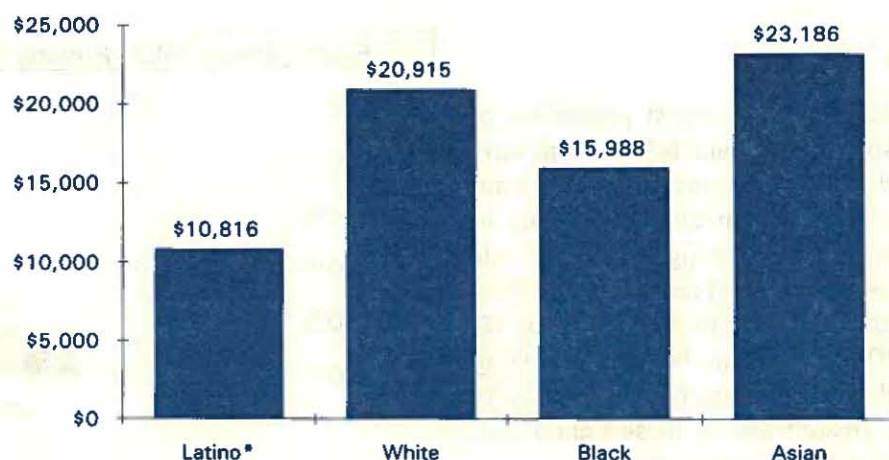
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Among Latino families, 14.2% had income below the poverty level in 1989, almost four times that of white families (3.8%). Black families also had a high rate of income below the poverty level, 10.6%. Asian families had the lowest rate of income below the poverty level, only 1.0%. However, in all race and ethnicity groups, the majority, if not all, of those families with income below the poverty level were single female householders. For Latino families, 48.8% of single female households had income below the poverty level.

### Framingham: Per Capita Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989



Universe: Persons

\*Latino may be of any race

### Framingham: Household Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Household Income	Latino *	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$5,000	80	756	633	51	26
\$5,000 to \$9,999	115	1,648	1,450	122	0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	107	1,217	1,109	38	15
\$15,000 to \$24,999	180	2,987	2,745	116	49
\$25,000 to \$34,999	281	3,441	3,052	176	106
\$35,000 to \$49,999	278	4,436	4,030	187	95
\$50,000 to \$74,999	192	5,424	5,123	149	123
\$75,000 to \$99,999	50	2,796	2,623	51	114
\$100,000 and more	67	2,418	2,263	38	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>25,123</b>	<b>23,028</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>629</b>

Universe: Households

Median household income in Framingham: \$42,948

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While the Massachusetts median household income in 1989 was \$36,952, the median income for Framingham was \$42,948. In 1989, the per capita income of Latinos in Framingham was \$10,816 lower than any other race or ethnic group. Blacks and whites had a higher per capita income, \$15,988 and \$20,915 respectively. Asians had the highest per capita income, \$23,186.

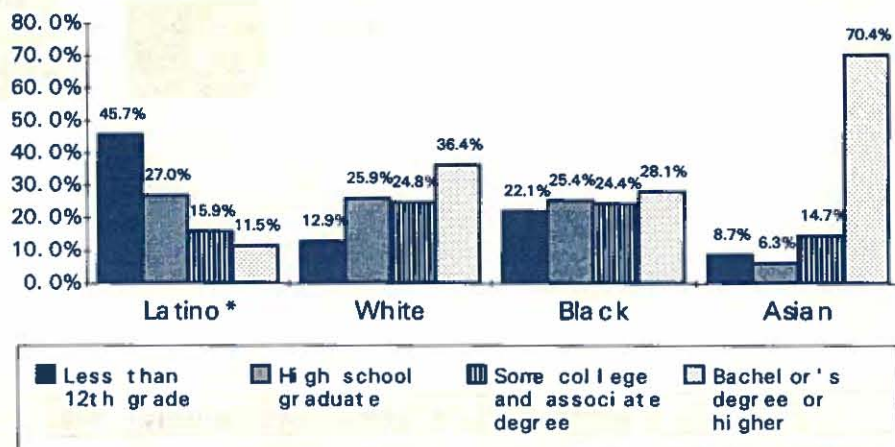


In 1990, 45.7% of the Latinos in the city of Framingham had not received a high school diploma. This proportion was higher than any other race or ethnic group. At higher levels of education, 15.9% of Latinos attended some college or received an associate degree. However, only 11.5% received a bachelor's or a professional or graduate degree. Overall, the educational attainment of the Latino population lagged the other race or ethnic groups.



**Framingham: Educational Attainment by Race and Ethnicity in 1990**

Educational Attainment	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than 9th grade	672	2,208	1,805	73	44
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	479	3,936	3,440	241	62
High school graduate	680	11,211	10,499	361	76
Some college, no degree	353	7,617	7,146	234	95
Associate degree	47	3,143	2,907	113	83
Bachelor's degree	165	9,927	9,281	238	357
Graduate or professional	124	6,153	5,453	161	498
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>44,195</b>	<b>40,531</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>1,215</b>



Universe: Persons 25 years old and over  
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**Framingham: Employment Status by Race and Ethnicity in 1990**

Persons	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
<b>Male</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>24,870</b>	<b>22,731</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>737</b>
Employed	1,390	19,008	17,311	601	643
Unemployed	123	1,445	1,359	32	15
Armed forces	0	44	37	7	0
Not in labor force	258	4,373	4,024	157	79
Participation Rate	85.4%	82.2%	82.1%	79.4%	89.3%
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	7.0%	7.3%	5.0%	2.3%
<b>Female</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>28,867</b>	<b>26,355</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>678</b>
Employed	876	17,656	16,266	592	406
Unemployed	216	1,075	957	15	28
Armed forces	0	6	6	0	0
Not in labor force	650	10,130	9,126	378	244
Participation Rate	62.7%	64.9%	65.4%	61.6%	64.0%
Unemployment Rate	19.8%	5.7%	5.6%	2.5%	6.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>53,737</b>	<b>49,086</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,415</b>
Employed	2,266	36,664	33,577	1,193	1,049
Unemployed	339	2,520	2,316	47	43
Armed forces	0	50	43	7	0
Not in labor force	908	14,503	13,150	535	323
Participation Rate	74.2%	72.9%	73.1%	69.6%	77.2%
Unemployment Rate	13.0%	6.4%	6.4%	3.8%	3.9%

Universe: Persons 16 years and over  
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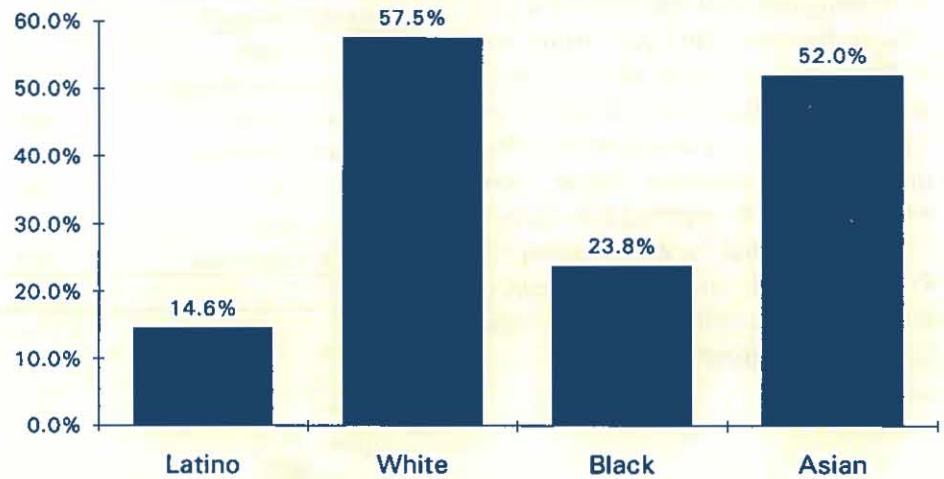
In 1990, Latinos constituted 6.6% of the Framingham labor force (employed plus unemployed). Of the 2,605 Latinos in the labor force, 1,092 were females and 1,513 were males. The labor force participation rate for Latino men in 1990 was 85.4%, slightly higher than white and black men, but lower than Asian men. Their unemployment rate was 8.1%; this proportion is higher than white men, 7.3%, black men, 5.0%, and Asian men, 2.3%. Latino women, on the other hand, had the lowest participation rate, 62.7% (except for black women), and the highest unemployment rate, 19.8%.





In 1989, only 14.6% of Latino households were homeowners, compared to 57.5% of white, 23.8% of black, and 52.0% of Asian homeowners. The majority of Latino households, 85.4%, rented their dwelling. This was higher than the rate for Latinos in Massachusetts where 82.6% of Latino households are renters.

**Framingham: Homeowners by Race and Ethnicity in 1989\***



Universe: Occupied housing  
\*In this table, the racial groups do not include Latinos

**Framingham: Mortgage Status by Race and Ethnicity in 1989**

Mortgage Payments	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	0	36	36	0	0
\$300 to \$499	13	717	699	12	6
\$500 to \$999	41	2,845	2,743	13	62
\$1,000 or more	97	4,985	4,684	137	154
Not mortgaged:	0	2,871	2,819	16	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>11,454</b>	<b>10,981</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>252</b>

Universe: Specified owner-occupied housing units include only one-family houses, on fewer than 10 acres, without a business or medical office on property

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Of those householders with a mortgage, 50% or more of all the householders, except whites, had a mortgage of over \$1,000; only 6.6% of the total population had a mortgage under \$500.



Of those renter-occupied housing units, 31.3% of the Latino population paid less than \$500 monthly, compared to 25.2% of whites and 21.9% of blacks. In 1989, 11.5% of Latinos paid a monthly rent of over \$1,000, while 11.0% of whites, 7.4% of blacks, and 12.3% of Asians paid over \$1,000.

**Framingham: Amount of Gross Rent by Race and Ethnicity for 1989**

Gross Rent per Month	Latino	Total*	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	226	1,567	1,378	82	0
\$300 to \$499	160	1,352	1,193	57	0
\$500 to \$999	697	7,165	6,302	444	242
\$1,000 or more	142	1,286	1,118	47	34
No cash rent	6	209	204	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>11,579</b>	<b>10,195</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>276</b>

Universe: Specified renter-occupied housing

\*Total includes Native Americans and Other Races