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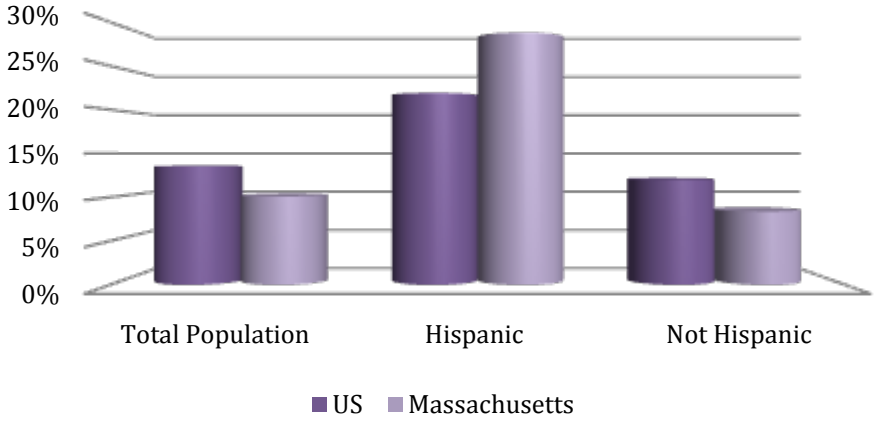
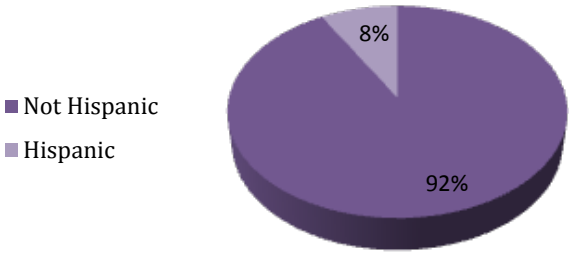
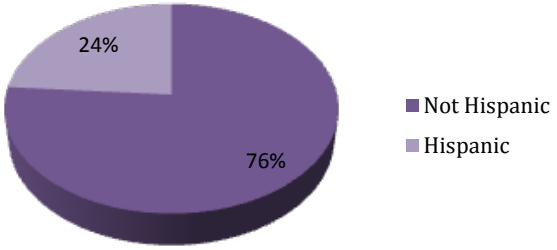


At just under 29%, the poverty rate for Hispanics is Massachusetts far exceed the poverty rate of 22% for Hispanics in the US. The poverty rate for non-Hispanics in Massachusetts is less than the US average.

Massachusetts Distribution of Total Population by Ethnicity



Massachusetts Distribution of Total Poor Population by Ethnicity



Hispanics comprise 8% of the total population in Massachusetts, but are nearly one-quarter (24%) of the total poor population.

Poverty Rates by Ethnicity in Massachusetts' 10 largest cities

	Massachu-setts	Boston	Brockton	Cambridge	Fall River	Lowell	Lynn	New Bedford	Quincy	Springfield	Worcester
Total	10.1%	19.1%	13.1%	15.0%	19.0%	17.7%	19.4%	22.2%	9.1%	27.4%	17.9%
Hispanic	28.8%	28.4%	18.7%	19.5%	53.1%	53.3%	26.4%	44.7%	6.3%	44.3%	34.8%
Not Hispanic	8.4%	17.3%	12.6%	14.6%	16.8%	11.7%	16.7%	18.6%	9.1%	18.1%	14.0%

Almost half of all Hispanics in Massachusetts reside in the 10 largest cities, compared to 25% of the total population (data no shown on table). Hispanic poverty rates differ considerably across Massachusetts' ten largest cities, ranging from 6.3% in Quincy to 53.3% in Lowell.

NOTE: All data are 5-year estimates, 2005-2009. Hispanics and Non- Hispanics can be any race.

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey Five Year Estimates, Subject Table S1701. Developed by Randy Albelda, Ferry Cadet and Dinghong Mei for the Center for Social Policy, 2011.