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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.

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

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<th>Massachusetts</th>
<th>Boston</th>
<th>Brockton</th>
<th>Cambridge</th>
<th>Fall River</th>
<th>Lowell</th>
<th>Lynn</th>
<th>New Bedford</th>
<th>Quincy</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>10.1%</td>
<td>19.1%</td>
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<td>15.0%</td>
<td>19.0%</td>
<td>17.7%</td>
<td>19.4%</td>
<td>22.2%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>28.8%</td>
<td>28.4%</td>
<td>18.7%</td>
<td>19.5%</td>
<td>53.1%</td>
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<td>44.7%</td>
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<td>Not Hispanic</td>
<td>8.4%</td>
<td>17.3%</td>
<td>12.6%</td>
<td>14.6%</td>
<td>16.8%</td>
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Almost half of all Hispanics in Massachusetts reside in the 10 largest cities, compared to 25% of the total population (data not 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.