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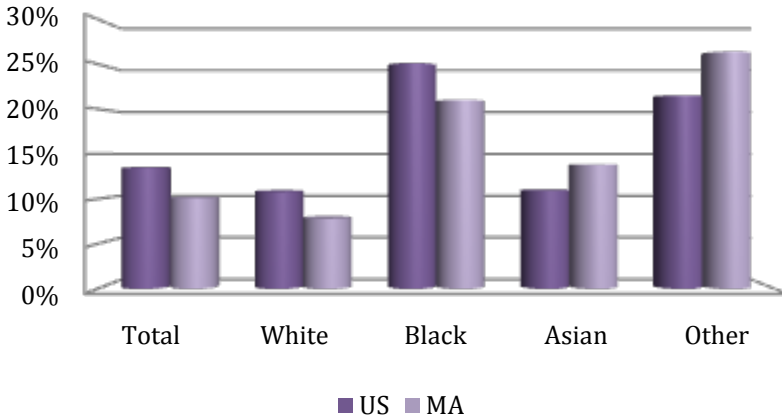
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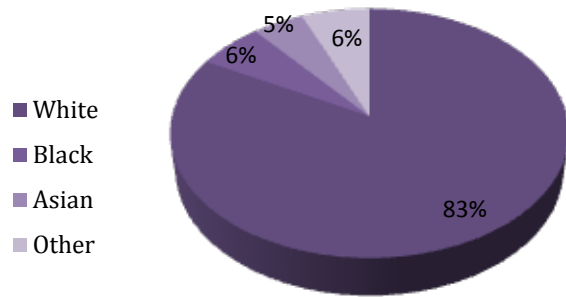
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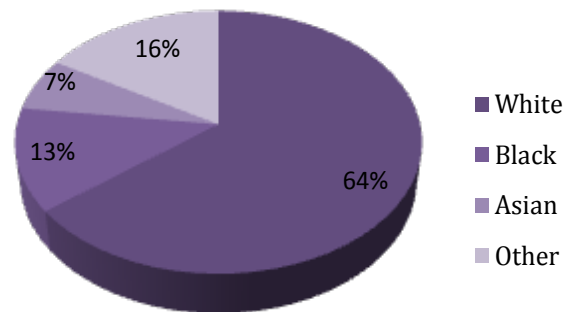


Massachusetts has lower total poverty rates compared to the US average. However, Asian and other minorities in Massachusetts have higher poverty rates while Black and White populations have lower poverty rates than compared to US averages.

Massachusetts Distribution of Total Population by Race



Massachusetts Distribution of Total Poor Population by Race



Blacks are 6.1% of the total population, but make up 13% of the total poor. Conversely whites are close 83% of the total population, but only 64% of the poor.

Poverty Rates by Race in Massachusetts' 10 largest cities

	Massachusetts	Boston	Brockton	Cambridge	Fall River	Lowell	Lynn	New Bedford	Quincy	Springfield	Worcester
All	10.1%	19.1%	13.1%	15.0%	19.0%	17.7%	19.4%	22.2%	9.1%	27.4%	17.9%
White	7.8%	13.0%	10.5%	10.6%	16.1%	14.8%	18.1%	19.4%	8.0%	18.2%	16.9%
Black	21.0%	25.2%	15.2%	30.8%	41.7%	17.0%	20.7%	33.6%	20.6%	26.8%	18.9%
Asian	13.8%	30.3%	4.5%	22.3%	27.2%	14.6%	20.6%	11.2%	10.4%	26.7%	20.5%
Other	26.4%	27.4%	20.2%	21.4%	50.5%	39.0%	25.2%	33.5%	11.2%	46.3%	25.7%

Poverty rates by race differ considerably across Massachusetts' ten largest cities. For Blacks, the highest poverty rates are in Fall River (41.7%), for Asians it is Boston (30.2%) and for Whites it is New Bedford (19.4%). Quincy's poverty rates are the lowest for Whites (8.0%) and other racial groups (11.2%), while Cambridge has the lowest poverty rates for Blacks at 15.2% and Brockton for Asians at 4.5%.

NOTE: All data are 5-year estimates, 2005-2009. "Other" includes American Indian, Pacific Islanders, people who designated more than one race, or other race besides white, Asian or black.

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