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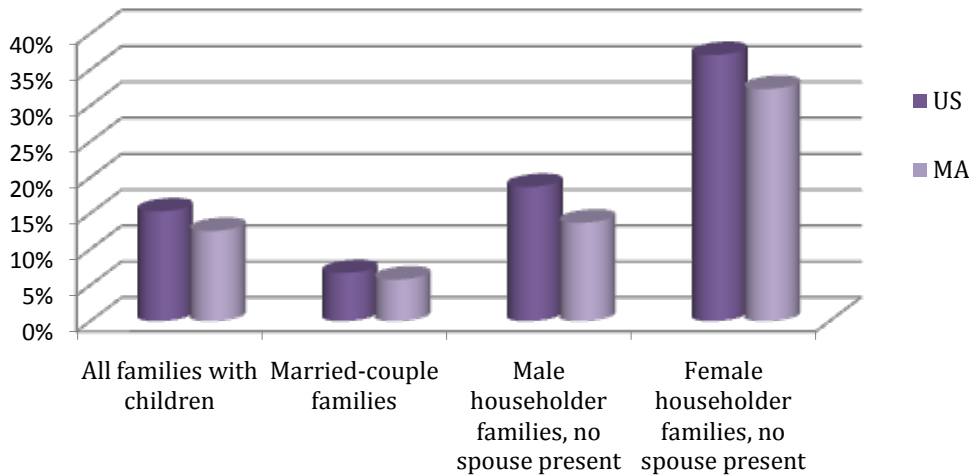
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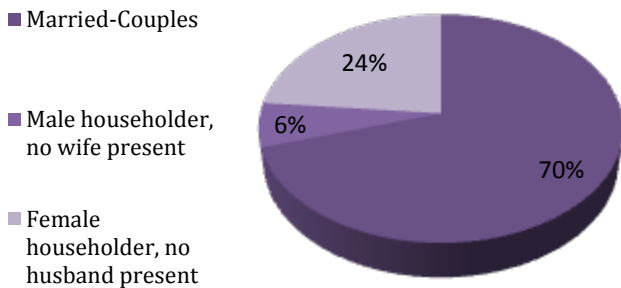
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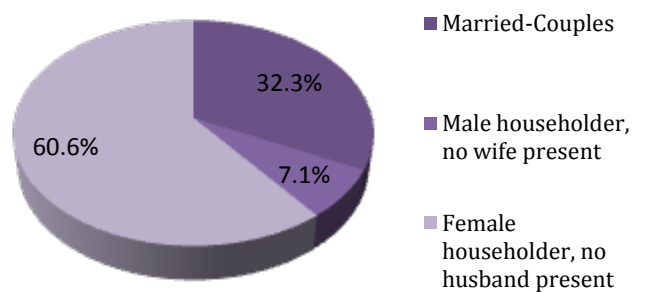


Massachusetts has lower poverty rates compared to the US average for all families with children. The poverty rates for female-headed families with children (single mother families) are 5.5 times higher than those of married couples with children in Massachusetts and the US.

Massachusetts Distribution of Total Population by Families with Children



Massachusetts Distribution of Total Poor Population by Families with Children



Single mother families are almost one out of every four families with children but comprise close to 61% of all poor families with children in Massachusetts.

Poverty rates for families with children in Massachusetts' 10 largest cities

	Massachusetts	Boston	Brockton	Cambridge	Fall River	Lowell	Lynn	New Bedford	Quincy	Springfield	Worcester
All Families with children	12.5%	23.2%	14.1%	14.4%	25.5%	22.5%	20.1%	29.2%	10.0%	33.4%	21.3%
Married-Couples	5.8%	7.3%	4.5%	8.3%	7.3%	5.5%	7.5%	9.2%	4.5%	12.5%	5.1%
Male householder, no spouse present	14.3%	16.4%	13.7%	18.9%	10.6%	25.0%	24.1%	23.2%	1.6%	26.7%	13.7%
Female householder, no spouse present	32.3%	40.8%	26.1%	31.4%	46.8%	46.9%	36.4%	50.4%	30.9%	50.5%	46.9%

Poverty rates for families with children differ considerably across Massachusetts' ten largest cities, and are typically considerably higher than the Massachusetts average for all family types. Springfield has the highest poverty rates for each family type with children while Quincy has the lowest.

NOTE: All data are 5-year estimates, 2005-2009.

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey Five Year Estimates, Detailed Table S17010. Developed by Randy Albelda, Ferry Cadet and Dinghong Mei for the Center for Social Policy, 2011.