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Latinos in Brockton

Poverty, Income, Education, Employment, and Housing

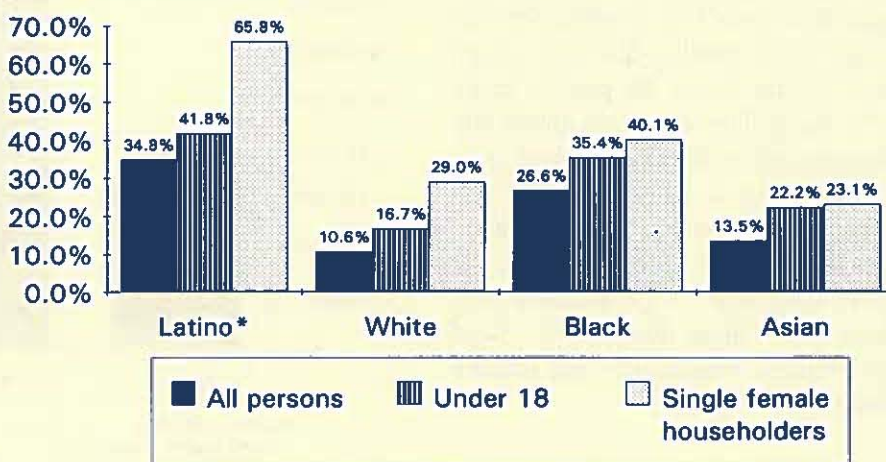
Part two of a series of profiles of Latinos in Massachusetts completed with support from The Boston Foundation

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, 34.8%. The poverty rate for Latinos is more than three times that of whites (10.6%) and higher than the rate for blacks (26.6%) and Asians (13.5%). Of those Latinos under the age of 18, 41.8% had income below the poverty level. In particular, the rate of poverty was greatest among those Latino children under 5 years of age.

Brockton: 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

Brockton: 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	1,772	34.8%	12,396	13.6%	7,743	10.6%	3,178	26.6%	191	13.5%
Under 5 years	297	56.0%	1,954	25.6%	1,023	19.0%	649	42.1%	31	25.6%
5 years	74	40.4%	410	26.5%	210	18.8%	149	50.9%	10	32.3%
6 to 11 years	227	30.5%	1,553	20.4%	922	17.2%	442	30.0%	27	20.1%
12 to 17 years	289	43.4%	1,236	17.0%	718	13.3%	334	29.4%	22	18.5%
18 to 64 years	847	30.0%	6,076	10.7%	3,848	8.4%	1,523	21.5%	101	10.3%
65 to 74 years	29	40.8%	556	9.3%	414	7.5%	78	27.3%	0	--
75 years and over	9	13.6%	611	14.6%	608	15.1%	3	2.3%	0	--
Total	5,085		90,855		72,793		11,941		1,416	

Universe: Persons for whom poverty is determined
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**Total includes Native Americans and Other Races

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

Families	Latino *	Poverty rate	Total**	Poverty rate	White	Poverty rate	Black	Poverty rate	Asian	Poverty rate
Income below poverty level	434	36.2%	2,729	11.7%	1,764	9.2%	651	23.0%	21	7.2%
Married-couple family:	113	17.8%	781	4.8%	541	3.8%	149	10.2%	15	6.7%
With related children under 18 years	86	17.0%	478	5.7%	276	4.1%	149	13.4%	15	8.6%
No related children under 18 years	27	20.9%	303	3.8%	265	3.6%	0	--	0	--
Male householder, no wife present:	9	10.2%	78	6.3%	52	5.4%	18	11.0%	0	--
With related children under 18 years	0	--	48	8.1%	35	8.6%	5	3.9%	0	--
No related children under 18 years	9	20.0%	30	4.6%	17	3.0%	13	37.1%	0	--
Female householder, no husband present:	312	65.8%	1,870	32.8%	1,171	29.0%	484	40.1%	6	--
With related children under 18 years	312	72.6%	1,753	46.2%	1,078	44.3%	460	47.7%	6	37.5%
No related children under 18 years	0	--	117	6.1%	93	5.8%	24	9.8%	0	--
Total Families	1,198		23,294		19,135		2,834		292	

Universe: Families

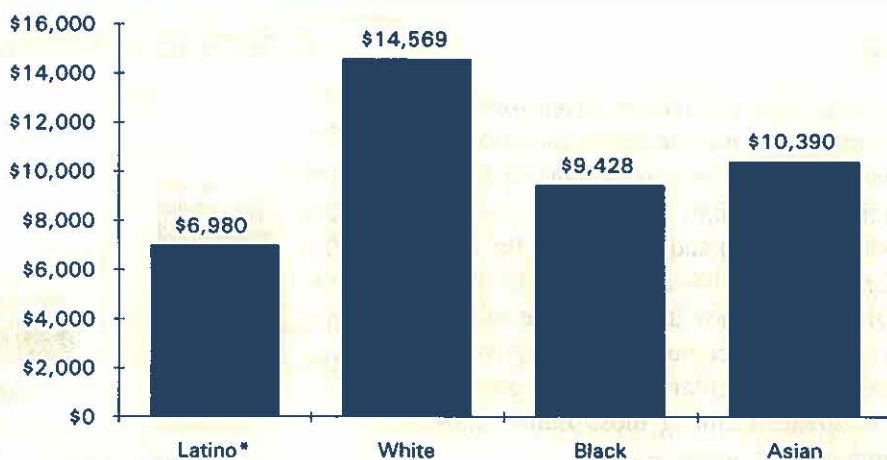
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Among Latino families, 36.2% had incomes below the poverty level in 1989, almost four times that of white families (9.2%). Black families also had a high rate of income below the poverty level, 23.0%. Asian families had the lowest rate of income below the poverty level, only 7.2%. However, in all race and ethnicity groups, except Asians, the majority of those families with income below the poverty level were single female householders. For Latino families, 65.8% of single female households had income below the poverty level.

Brockton: Per Capita Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989



Universe: Persons

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Brockton: Household Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Household Income	Latino *	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$5,000	166	1,661	1,287	248	0
\$5,000 to \$9,999	276	4,369	3,571	620	10
\$10,000 to \$14,999	136	2,345	2,021	220	6
\$15,000 to \$24,999	251	4,579	3,654	563	75
\$25,000 to \$34,999	172	4,811	4,001	570	58
\$35,000 to \$49,999	257	6,205	5,294	680	51
\$50,000 to \$74,999	110	5,770	5,123	471	83
\$75,000 to \$99,999	27	1,965	1,756	153	27
\$100,000 and more	9	1,009	949	36	5
Total	1,404	32,714	27,656	3,561	315

Universe: Households

Median household income in Brockton: \$31,712

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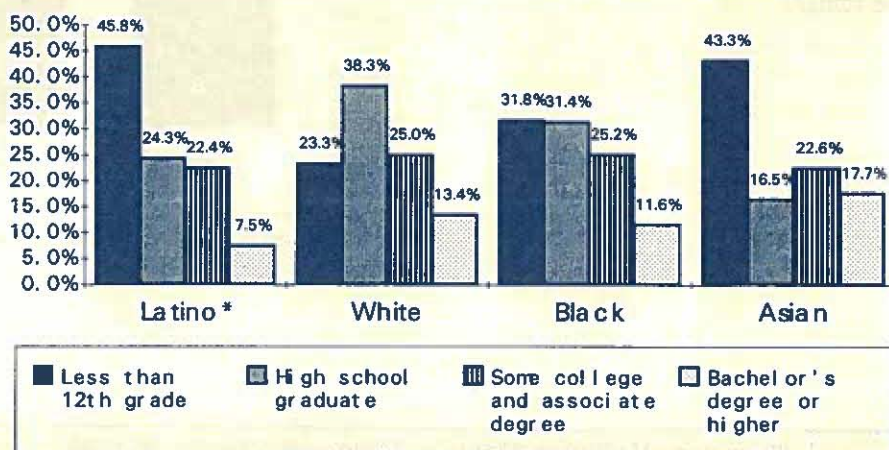
While the Massachusetts median household income in 1989 was \$36,952, the median income for Brockton was \$31,712. In 1989, the per capita income of Latinos in Brockton was \$6,980, lower than any other race or ethnic group. Blacks and Asians had a slightly higher per capita income, \$9,428 and \$10,390 respectively. Whites had the highest per capita income, \$14,569.

In 1990, 45.8% of the Latinos in the city of Brockton had not received a high school diploma. This proportion was higher than any other race or ethnic group. At higher levels of education, 22.4% of Latinos attended some college or received an associate degree. However, only 7.5% 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.



Brockton: Educational Attainment by Race and Ethnicity in 1990

Educational Attainment	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than 9th grade	565	4,500	3,129	536	187
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	504	10,394	8,346	1,392	156
High school graduate	566	21,426	18,823	1,902	131
Some college, no degree	352	9,808	8,542	935	132
Associate degree	171	4,493	3,764	591	47
Bachelor's degree	109	5,284	4,558	523	120
Graduate or professional	65	2,237	2,010	179	20
Total	2,332	58,142	49,172	6,058	793



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



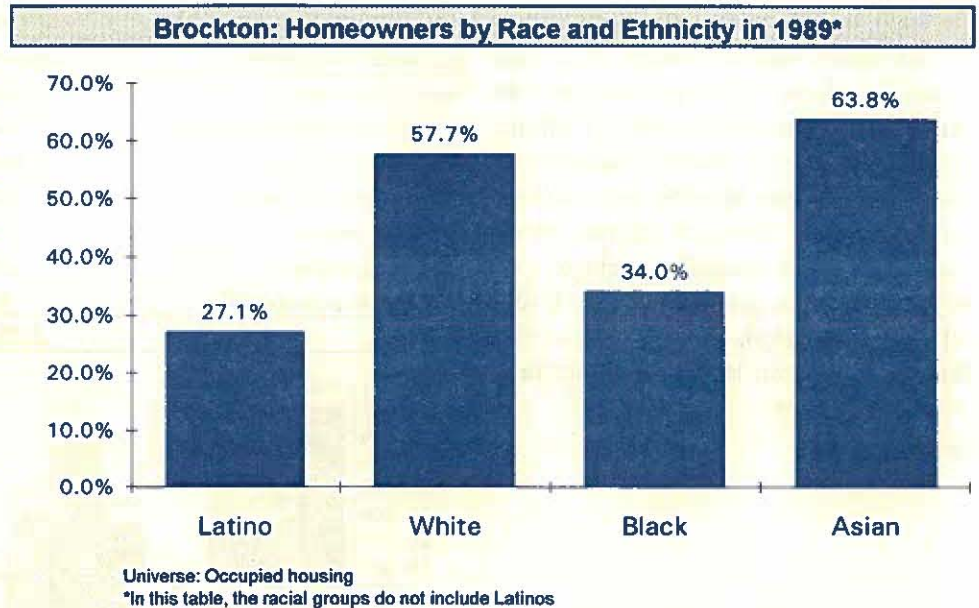
Persons	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Male	1,489	33,457	27,838	3,683	505
Employed	947	22,248	18,690	2,256	414
Unemployed	145	2,714	2,050	537	32
Armed forces	0	108	81	7	0
Not in labor force	397	8,387	7,017	883	59
Participation Rate	73.3%	74.6%	74.5%	75.8%	88.3%
Unemployment Rate	13.3%	10.8%	9.8%	19.2%	7.2%
Female	1,676	37,447	31,189	4,188	548
Employed	698	20,673	17,381	2,278	309
Unemployed	110	1,659	1,224	328	27
Armed forces	0	14	14	0	0
Not in labor force	868	15,101	12,570	1,582	212
Participation Rate	48.2%	59.6%	59.7%	62.2%	61.3%
Unemployment Rate	13.6%	7.4%	6.6%	12.6%	8.0%
Total	3,165	70,904	59,027	7,871	1,053
Employed	1,645	42,921	36,071	4,534	723
Unemployed	255	4,373	3,274	865	59
Armed forces	0	122	95	7	0
Not in labor force	1,265	23,488	19,587	2,465	271
Participation Rate	60.0%	66.7%	66.7%	68.6%	74.3%
Unemployment Rate	13.4%	9.2%	8.3%	16.0%	7.5%

Universe: Persons 16 years and over
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 **Total includes Native Americans and Other Races

In 1990, Latinos constituted 4.0% of the Brockton labor force (employed plus unemployed). Of the 1,900 Latinos in the labor force, 808 were females and 1,092 were males. The labor force participation rate for Latino men in 1990 was 73.3%, lower than any other group. Their unemployment rate was 13.3%; this proportion is higher than white men, 9.8%, and Asian men, 7.2%, but lower than black men, 19.2%. Latino women, on the other hand, had the lowest participation rate, 48.2%, and the highest unemployment rate, 13.6%.



In 1989, only 27.1% of Latino households were homeowners, compared to 57.7% of white, 34.0% of black, and 63.8% of Asian householders. The majority of Latino households, 72.9%, rented their dwelling. This was lower than the rate for Latinos in Massachusetts where 82.6% of Latino households are renters.



Brockton: Mortgage Status by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Mortgage Payments	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	0	126	99	7	20
\$300 to \$499	19	1,563	1,485	51	6
\$500 to \$999	82	4,241	3,933	231	9
\$1,000 or more	151	4,571	3,848	566	114
Not mortgaged:	6	3,568	3,483	60	25
Total	258	14,069	12,848	915	174

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 with a mortgage, over 50% or more of all the groups, except whites, had a mortgage of over \$1,000; only 29.9% of whites had a mortgage over \$1,000.



Of those renter-occupied housing units, 33.4% of the Latino population paid less than \$500 monthly compared to 41.8% of whites, 31.0% of blacks, and 39.8% of Asians. In 1989, only 2.4% of Latinos paid a monthly rent of over \$1,000, while 2.1% of whites, 3.0% of blacks, and 5.6% of Asians paid over \$1,000.

Brockton: Amount of Gross Rent by Race and Ethnicity for 1989

Gross Rent per Month	Latino	Total*	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	208	3,004	2,580	302	0
\$300 to \$499	150	2,979	2,368	441	43
\$500 to \$999	681	8,723	6,423	1,551	59
\$1,000 or more	26	347	248	72	6
No cash rent	8	232	204	28	0
Total	1,073	15,285	11,823	2,394	108

Universe: Specified renter-occupied housing

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