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Latinos in Springfield

Poverty, Income, Education, Employment, and Housing

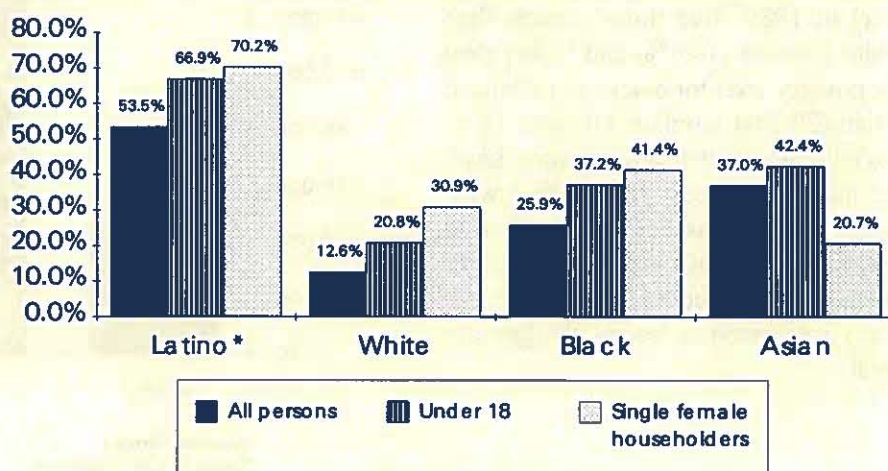
Part two of a series of profiles of Latinos in Massachusetts completed with support from The Boston Foundation

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 in Springfield had the largest proportion of persons with income below the poverty level, 53.5%. The poverty rate for Latinos is over four times that of whites (12.6%) and higher than the rate for blacks (25.9%) and Asians (37.0%). Of those Latinos under the age of 18, almost 67% had income below the poverty level. In particular, the rate of poverty was greatest among those Latino children under 11 years of age.

Springfield: 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

Springfield: 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	13,344	53.5%	30,241	20.1%	12,916	12.6%	7,674	25.9%	457	37.0%
Under 5 years	2,425	72.0%	4,614	35.1%	1,469	19.4%	1,420	43.6%	34	35.4%
5 years	433	67.4%	818	32.3%	250	16.4%	226	40.9%	10	100.0%
6 to 11 years	2,740	69.1%	5,001	35.9%	1,887	25.2%	1,211	33.5%	43	33.9%
12 to 17 years	1,916	58.8%	3,645	30.2%	1,234	18.3%	993	34.0%	71	50.7%
18 to 64 years	5,702	43.1%	14,052	15.9%	6,392	10.4%	3,481	20.0%	299	36.4%
65 to 74 years	96	27.1%	1,055	8.8%	746	7.1%	255	20.8%	0	--
75 years and over	32	27.8%	1,056	13.0%	938	12.7%	88	13.0%	0	--
Total	24,941		150,395		102,727		29,630		1,236	

Universe: Persons for whom poverty is determined

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**Total includes Native Americans and Other Races

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

Families	Latino*	Poverty rate	Total**	Poverty rate	White	Poverty rate	Black	Poverty rate	Asian	Poverty rate
Income below poverty level	3,241	53.0%	6,884	17.7%	2,698	10.0%	1,841	24.8%	65	29.7%
Married-couple family:	506	23.3%	1,501	6.0%	910	4.5%	232	7.0%	51	37.0%
With related children under 18 years	415	28.7%	1,038	8.7%	572	6.3%	149	8.3%	51	73.9%
No related children under 18 years	91	12.5%	463	3.5%	338	3.0%	83	5.5%	0	--
Male householder, no wife present:	181	59.7%	292	15.8%	71	6.0%	64	16.0%	8	15.4%
With related children under 18 years	181	71.0%	270	29.7%	64	13.9%	57	24.3%	0	--
No related children under 18 years	0	--	22	2.4%	7	1.0%	7	4.2%	8	44.4%
Female householder, no husband present:	2,554	70.2%	5,091	42.5%	1,717	30.9%	1,545	41.4%	6	20.7%
With related children under 18 years	2,475	74.3%	4,816	56.0%	1,581	48.7%	1,462	50.1%	0	--
No related children under 18 years	79	26.1%	275	8.2%	136	5.9%	83	10.2%	6	27.3%
Total Families	6,110		38,863		26,987		7,435		219	

Universe: Families

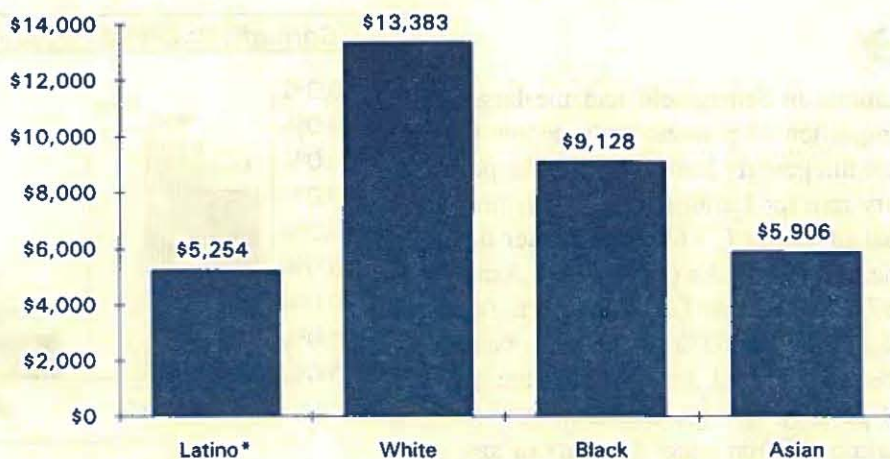
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Among Latino families in Springfield, 53.0% had incomes below the poverty level in 1989, five times greater than white families (10.0%) and higher than the poverty level for blacks (24.8%) and Asian (29.7%) families. Of those families with income below the poverty level, the majority (except for Asians) were single female householders. For Latino families, 74.3% of single female households with related children under 18 years had incomes below the poverty level.

Springfield: Per Capita Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989



Universe: Persons

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Springfield: Household Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Household Income	Latino *	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$5,000	1,088	3,953	2,182	1,102	37
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2,206	8,846	5,642	1,598	36
\$10,000 to \$14,999	949	5,607	3,791	1,048	64
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,170	9,693	7,194	1,675	42
\$25,000 to \$34,999	741	8,758	6,926	1,268	50
\$35,000 to \$49,999	718	10,840	8,647	1,691	36
\$50,000 to \$74,999	371	7,112	5,669	1,174	23
\$75,000 to \$99,999	34	1,875	1,521	333	3
\$100,000 and more	13	886	826	60	0
Total	7,290	57,570	42,398	9,949	291

Universe: Households

Median household income in Springfield: \$25,656

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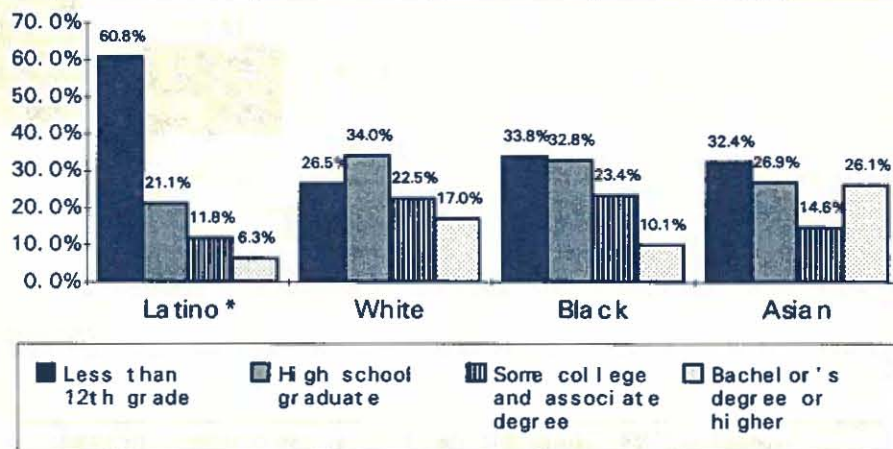
While Massachusetts median household income in 1989 was \$36,952, the median income in Springfield was \$25,656. In 1989, the per capita income of Latinos was \$5,254, lower than any other race or ethnic group. Blacks and Asians had a higher per capita income, \$9,128 and \$5,906 respectively. Whites had the highest per capita income, \$13,383.

In 1990, 60.8% of the Latino in the city of Springfield had not received a high school diploma. This proportion was higher than any other race or ethnic group. At higher levels of education, 11.8% of Latinos attended some college or received an associate degree. However, only 6.3% received a bachelor's, professional, or graduate degree. Overall, the educational attainment of the Latino population lagged the other race or ethnic groups.



Springfield: Educational Attainment by Race and Ethnicity in 1990

Educational Attainment	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than 9th grade	3,854	11,212	6,995	1,604	153
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,749	17,769	12,004	3,770	58
High school graduate	2,291	31,228	24,316	5,211	175
Some college, no degree	957	14,237	10,809	2,660	64
Associate degree	327	6,565	5,282	1,054	31
Bachelor's degree	377	9,061	7,636	1,097	102
Graduate or professional	303	5,289	4,519	505	68
Total	10,858	95,361	71,561	15,901	651



Universe: Persons 25 years old and over

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Springfield: Employment Status by Race and Ethnicity in 1990

Persons	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Male	6,752	54,088	39,873	9,152	567
Employed	3,482	33,550	25,631	5,338	278
Unemployed	696	3,915	2,443	982	24
Armed forces	0	128	106	22	0
Not in labor force	2,574	16,495	11,693	2,810	265
Participation Rate	61.9%	69.3%	70.4%	69.1%	53.3%
Unemployment Rate	16.7%	10.4%	8.7%	15.5%	7.9%
Female	8,367	64,756	46,831	11,753	438
Employed	2,551	31,724	23,803	6,062	167
Unemployed	676	2,827	1,460	919	12
Armed forces	0	21	21	0	0
Not in labor force	5,140	30,184	21,547	4,772	259
Participation Rate	38.6%	53.4%	53.9%	59.4%	40.9%
Unemployment Rate	20.9%	8.2%	5.8%	13.2%	6.7%
Total	15,119	118,844	86,704	20,905	1,005
Employed	6,033	65,274	49,434	11,400	445
Unemployed	1,372	6,742	3,903	1,901	36
Armed forces	0	149	127	22	0
Not in labor force	7,714	46,679	33,240	7,582	524
Participation Rate	49.0%	60.6%	61.5%	63.6%	47.9%
Unemployment Rate	18.5%	9.3%	7.3%	14.3%	7.5%

Universe: Persons 16 years and over

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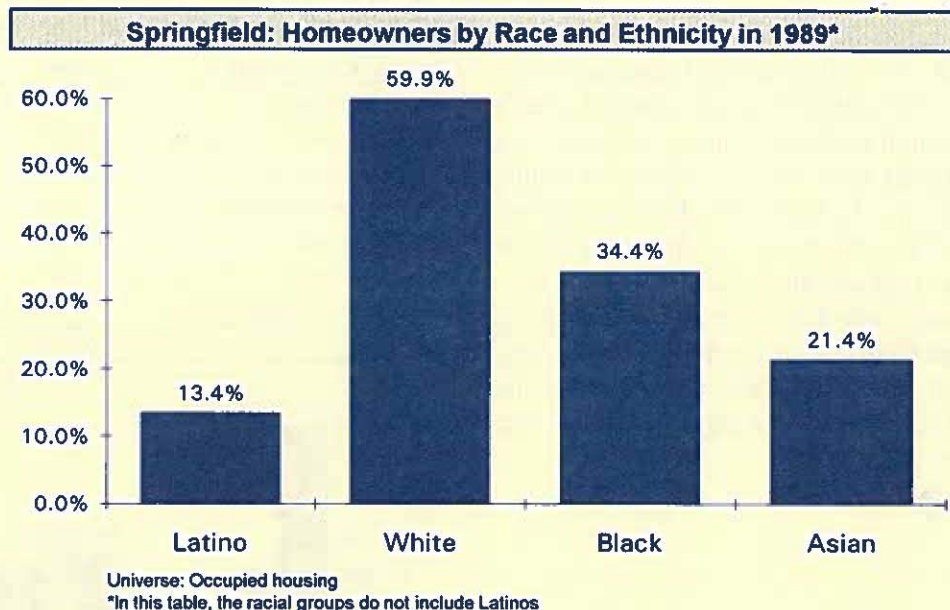
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In 1990, Latinos constituted 10.3% of the Springfield labor force. Of the 7,405 Latinos in the labor force (employed plus unemployed), 3,227 were females and 4,178 were males. The labor force participation rate for Latino men in 1990 was 61.9%, lower than any other group except Asians. Their unemployment rate was 16.7%, higher than any other group. Latina women had the lowest participation rate, 38.6%, and the highest unemployment rate, 20.9%, of all women.



In 1989, only 13.4% of Latino households in Springfield were homeowners, compared to 59.9% of white, 34.4% of black, and 21.4% of Asian households. The majority of Latino households, 86.6%, rented their dwelling. This rate was higher than the rate for Latinos in Massachusetts where 82.6% of Latino households are renters.



Springfield: Mortgage Status by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Mortgage Payments	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	10	605	522	64	0
\$300 to \$499	56	2,696	2,257	397	4
\$500 to \$999	395	7,139	5,769	1,124	24
\$1,000 or more	213	3,039	2,473	425	9
Not mortgaged:	58	8,813	8,244	519	0
Total	732	22,292	19,265	2,529	37

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, 29.1% of Latinos had a mortgage of over \$1,000; 12.8% of whites, 16.8% of blacks, and 24.3% of Asians had a mortgage over \$1,000.



Of those renter-occupied housing units, 59.2% of the Latino population paid less than \$500 monthly compared to 47.1% of whites, 51.1% of blacks, and 48.2% of Asians. Most of Latino renters (2,489) paid a gross rent of \$500 to \$999 a month; less than 2% of any race or ethnicity group paid \$1,000 or more per month.

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

Gross Rent per Month	Latino	Total*	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	2,279	6,874	3,591	1,637	35
\$300 to \$499	1,477	7,650	4,848	1,742	71
\$500 to \$999	2,489	13,646	8,809	3,071	114
\$1,000 or more	82	413	235	122	0
No cash rent	18	492	433	44	0
Total	6,345	29,075	17,916	6,616	220

Universe: Specified renter-occupied housing
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