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Latinos in Waltham

Poverty, Income, Education, Employment, and Housing

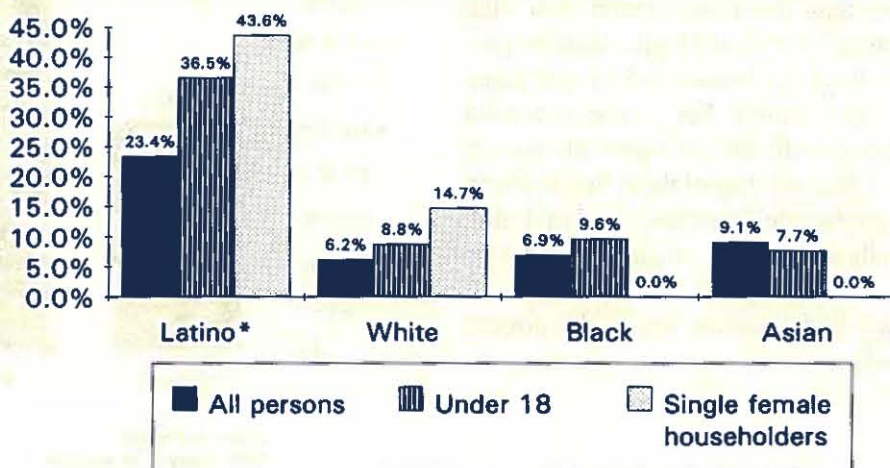
Part two of a series of profiles of Latinos in Massachusetts completed with support from The Boston Foundation

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, 23.4%. The poverty rate for Latinos is almost four times that of whites (6.2%) and higher than the rate for blacks (6.9%) and Asians (9.1%). Of those Latinos under the age of 18, 36.5% had income below the poverty level. In particular, the rate of poverty was greatest among those Latino children between the ages of 6 to 11.

Waltham: 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

Waltham: 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	631	23.4%	3,288	6.5%	2,849	6.2%	108	6.9%	155	9.1%
Under 5 years	86	33.9%	228	8.2%	186	7.8%	14	8.7%	7	5.4%
5 years	17	22.7%	62	12.0%	51	11.5%	0	--	0	--
6 to 11 years	117	40.8%	290	10.2%	260	10.5%	14	17.1%	4	2.0%
12 to 17 years	87	38.7%	235	8.8%	170	7.5%	9	7.7%	25	17.4%
18 to 64 years	310	17.2%	1,932	5.6%	1,641	5.2%	71	6.3%	119	10.4%
65 to 74 years	0	--	243	6.0%	243	6.1%	0	--	0	--
75 years and over	14	100.0%	298	10.4%	298	10.5%	0	--	0	--
Total	2,701		50,524		46,209		1,561		1,705	

Universe: Persons for whom poverty is determined

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**Total includes Native Americans and Other Races

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

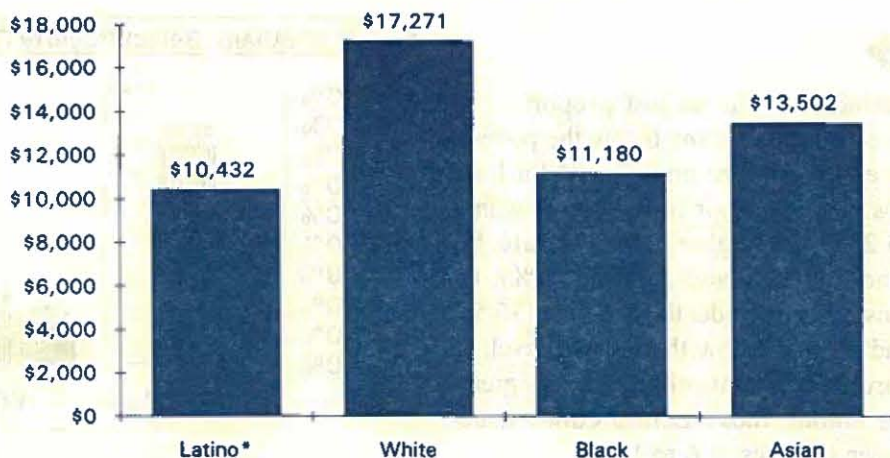
Families	Latino*	Poverty rate	Total**	Poverty rate	White	Poverty rate	Black	Poverty rate	Asian	Poverty rate
Income below poverty level	113	20.3%	510	4.2%	442	3.9%	17	4.5%	28	6.5%
Married-couple family:	24	7.8%	183	1.9%	141	1.6%	17	6.2%	13	3.6%
With related children under 18 years	24	9.4%	118	3.0%	84	2.5%	9	4.8%	13	5.5%
No related children under 18 years	0	--	65	1.2%	57	1.1%	8	9.3%	0	--
Male householder, no wife present:	0	--	39	6.2%	24	4.2%	0	--	15	45.5%
With related children under 18 years	0	--	33	25.0%	18	17.1%	0	--	15	55.6%
No related children under 18 years	0	--	6	1.2%	6	1.3%	0	--	0	--
Female householder, no husband present:	89	43.6%	288	13.9%	277	14.7%	0	--	0	--
With related children under 18 years	89	52.4%	270	28.6%	259	30.6%	0	--	0	--
No related children under 18 years	0	--	18	1.6%	18	1.7%	0	--	0	--
Total Families	557		12,272		11,247		375		432	

Universe: Families

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**Total includes Native Americans and Other Races

Waltham: Per Capita Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989



Universe: Persons

*Latino may be of any race

Waltham: Household Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Household Income	Latino *	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$5,000	88	666	566	16	54
\$5,000 to \$9,999	46	1,290	1,255	9	26
\$10,000 to \$14,999	40	1,050	990	43	7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	164	2,918	2,677	131	64
\$25,000 to \$34,999	167	3,194	2,942	70	107
\$35,000 to \$49,999	215	4,338	4,018	110	114
\$50,000 to \$74,999	41	4,312	4,017	105	184
\$75,000 to \$99,999	5	1,754	1,717	6	31
\$100,000 and more	34	1,126	1,089	9	13
Total	800	20,648	19,271	499	600

Universe: Households

Median household income in Waltham: \$38,514

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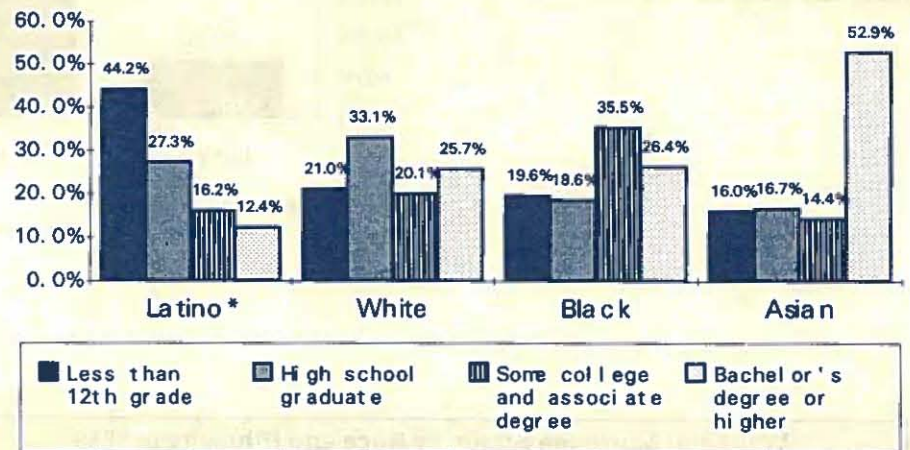
While Massachusetts median household income in 1989 was \$36,952, the median income in Waltham was \$38,514. In 1989, the per capita income of Latinos in Waltham was \$10,432, lower than any other race or ethnic group. Blacks and Asians had a slightly higher per capita income, \$11,180 and \$13,502 respectively. Whites had the highest per capita income, \$17,271.

In 1990, 44.2% of the Latinos in the city of Waltham had not received a high school diploma. This proportion was higher than any other race or ethnic group. At higher levels of education, 16.2% of Latinos attended some college or received an associate degree and 12.4% received a bachelor's, professional, or graduate degree. Overall, the educational attainment of the Latino population lagged the other race or ethnic groups.



Waltham: Educational Attainment by Race and Ethnicity in 1990

Educational Attainment	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than 9th grade	364	3,366	3,126	79	86
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	262	4,548	4,197	140	106
High school graduate	387	12,138	11,536	208	200
Some college, no degree	171	5,216	4,782	281	90
Associate degree	58	2,417	2,212	116	82
Bachelor's degree	120	6,474	5,895	213	295
Graduate or professional	55	3,495	3,057	82	338
Total	1,417	37,654	34,805	1,119	1,197



Universe: Persons 25 years old and over
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 **Total includes Native Americans and Other Races

Waltham: Employment Status by Race and Ethnicity in 1990

Persons	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Male	1,118	24,106	22,082	754	859
Employed	882	16,885	15,312	590	651
Unemployed	68	1,194	1,105	52	37
Armed forces	0	93	93	0	0
Not in labor force	168	5,934	5,572	112	171
Participation Rate	85.0%	75.0%	74.3%	85.1%	80.1%
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	6.6%	6.7%	8.1%	5.4%
Female	1,084	25,939	24,101	696	692
Employed	712	15,468	14,185	469	460
Unemployed	85	898	833	46	5
Armed forces	0	21	21	0	0
Not in labor force	287	9,552	9,062	181	227
Participation Rate	73.5%	63.1%	62.3%	74.0%	67.2%
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	5.5%	5.5%	8.9%	1.1%
Total	2,202	50,045	46,183	1,450	1,551
Employed	1,594	32,353	29,497	1,059	1,111
Unemployed	153	2,092	1,938	98	42
Armed forces	0	114	114	0	0
Not in labor force	455	15,486	14,634	293	398
Participation Rate	79.3%	68.8%	68.1%	79.8%	74.3%
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	6.1%	6.1%	8.5%	3.6%

Universe: Persons 16 years and over
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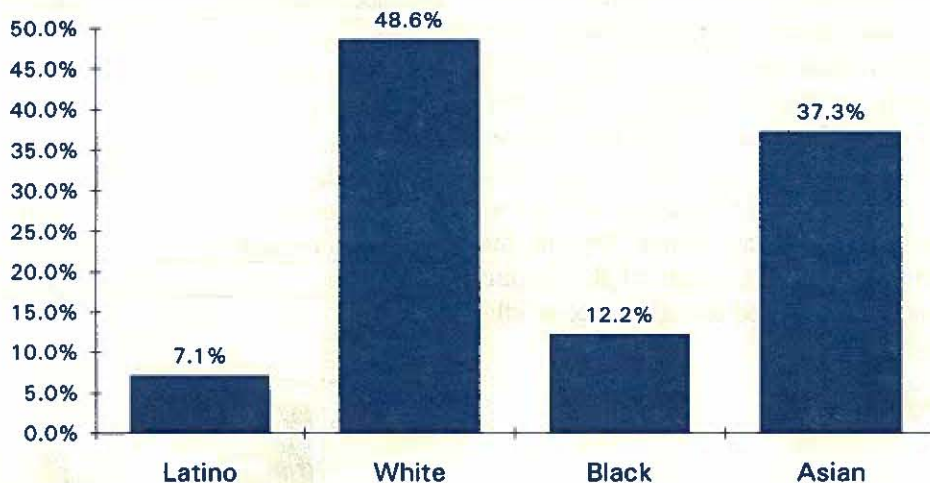


In 1990, Latinos constituted 5.1% of the Waltham labor force (employed plus unemployed). Of the 1,747 Latinos in the labor force, 797 were females and 950 were males. The labor force participation rate for Latino men in 1990 was 85.0%, higher than any other group (except for blacks). However, their unemployment rate was 7.2%; this proportion is lower than black men (8.1%) but higher than white men (6.7%) and Asian men (5.4%). Latinas had a participation rate of 73.5%, higher than white (62.3%) and Asian (67.2%) women, but lower than black women (74.0%). Their unemployment rate, on the other hand, was the highest of all women (10.7%).



In 1989, only 7.1% of Latinos households were homeowners, compared to 48.6% of whites, 12.2% of blacks, and 37.3% of Asians householders. The majority of Latino households, 92.9%, rented their dwelling. This rate was higher than the rate for Latinos in Massachusetts where 82.6% of Latino households are renters.

Waltham: Homeowners by Race and Ethnicity in 1989*



Universe: Occupied housing

*In this table, the racial groups do not include Latinos

Waltham: Mortgage Status by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Mortgage Payments	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	0	6	6	0	0
\$300 to \$499	0	673	668	0	5
\$500 to \$999	5	1,756	1,687	12	57
\$1,000 or more	13	2,292	2,167	27	98
Not mortgaged:	6	2,876	2,876	0	0
Total	24	7,603	7,404	39	160

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 owner-occupied householders in Waltham, 54.2% of Latinos had a mortgage of over \$1,000; 29.3% of whites, 69.2% of blacks, and 61.3% of Asians had a mortgage over \$1,000.



Of those with renter-occupied housing units in Waltham, 23.8% of the Latino population paid less than \$500 monthly compared to 20.8% of whites, 14.9% of blacks, and 10.6% of Asians. The majority of Latino renters (385) paid a gross rent of \$500 to \$999 a month; 13.9% of Latino renters paid a monthly rent of over \$1,000, while 9.7% of white, 14.5% black, and 8.3% Asian renters paid over \$1,000.

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

Gross Rent per Month	Latino	Total*	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	81	965	921	21	7
\$300 to \$499	66	1,308	1,183	50	30
\$500 to \$999	385	7,720	6,952	335	283
\$1,000 or more	86	1,112	980	69	29
No cash rent	0	87	87	0	0
Total	618	11,192	10,123	475	349

Universe: Specified renter-occupied housing

*Total includes Native Americans and Other Races