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Latinos in Lynn

Poverty, Income, Education, Employment, and Housing

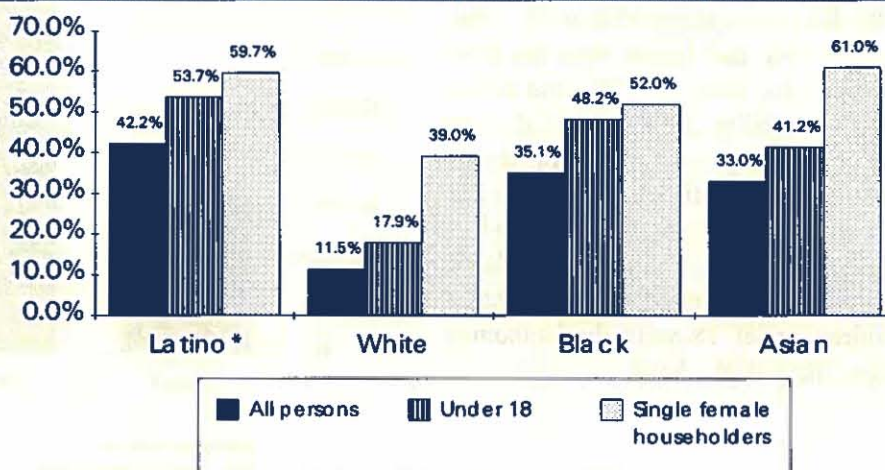
Part two of a series of profiles of Latinos in Massachusetts completed with support from The Boston Foundation

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 Lynn had the largest proportion of persons with income below the poverty level, 42.2%. The poverty rate for Latinos is almost four times that of whites (11.5%) and higher than the rate for blacks (35.1%) and Asians (33.0%). Of those Latinos under the age of 18, almost 53.7% had income below the poverty level. In particular, the rate of poverty was greatest among those Latino children under 11 years of age.

Lynn: 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

Lynn: Poverty Status by Age and Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Persons Below Poverty	Poverty		Poverty		Poverty		Poverty		Poverty	
	Latino*	Rate	Total**	Rate	White	Rate	Black	Rate	Asian	Rate
Total below poverty level	3,005	42.2%	12,756	15.9%	7,638	11.5%	2,185	35.1%	1,052	33.0%
Under 5 years	562	54.9%	1,923	29.3%	932	19.9%	458	53.7%	207	44.4%
5 years	93	46.7%	398	32.9%	182	21.9%	85	55.9%	74	59.2%
6 to 11 years	418	53.4%	1,729	27.3%	880	19.2%	329	47.1%	204	39.6%
12 to 17 years	464	54.0%	1,161	20.7%	583	13.7%	220	39.2%	91	31.3%
18 to 64 years	1,396	34.0%	6,188	12.7%	3,818	9.3%	1,019	27.2%	469	26.9%
65 to 74 years	45	42.5%	621	9.6%	552	8.9%	43	26.9%	7	17.9%
75 years and over	27	61.4%	736	14.3%	691	13.7%	31	51.7%	0	--
Total	7,123		80,181		66,540		6,233		3,185	

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

Lynn: 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	665	41.1%	2,789	13.9%	1,766	10.3%	450	33.0%	142	26.0%
Married-couple family:	126	20.8%	733	5.2%	536	4.2%	88	16.4%	51	13.6%
With related children under 18 years	113	24.1%	402	6.1%	237	4.2%	69	19.2%	51	15.9%
No related children under 18 years	13	9.5%	331	4.5%	299	4.2%	19	10.7%	0	--
Male householder, no wife present:	26	16.9%	91	8.4%	47	5.9%	22	12.8%	5	16.1%
With related children under 18 years	20	21.1%	67	15.9%	29	11.1%	22	25.3%	5	33.3%
No related children under 18 years	6	10.2%	24	3.6%	18	3.4%	0	--	0	--
Female householder, no husband present:	513	59.7%	1,965	39.0%	1,183	32.1%	340	52.0%	86	61.0%
With related children under 18 years	496	64.0%	1,868	54.8%	1,111	49.4%	318	62.4%	86	66.2%
No related children under 18 years	17	20.0%	97	6.0%	72	5.0%	22	15.3%	0	--
Total Families	1,619		20,130		17,216		1,363		547	

Universe: Families

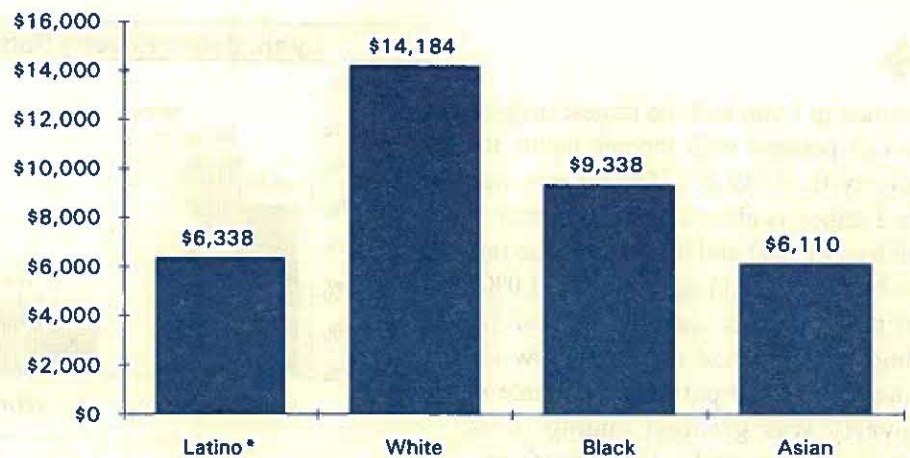
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Among Latino families in Lynn, 41.1% had incomes below the poverty level in 1989, four times greater than white families (10.3%), and higher than the poverty level for black (33.0%) and Asian (26.0%) families. However, in all race and ethnicity groups, the majority of those families with income below the poverty level were single female households. For Latino families, 64.0% of single female households with related children under 18 years had incomes below the poverty level.

Lynn: Per Capita Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989



Universe: Persons

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Lynn: Household Income by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Household Income	Latino *	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$5,000	301	2,102	1,576	229	67
\$5,000 to \$9,999	384	4,435	3,805	366	40
\$10,000 to \$14,999	290	2,470	2,116	175	57
\$15,000 to \$24,999	376	5,006	4,173	505	96
\$25,000 to \$34,999	251	4,444	3,974	223	99
\$35,000 to \$49,999	269	5,687	5,063	360	102
\$50,000 to \$74,999	147	5,133	4,768	184	110
\$75,000 to \$99,999	19	1,562	1,469	70	18
\$100,000 and more	0	551	524	24	3
Total	2,037	31,390	27,468	2,136	592

Universe: Households

Median household income in Lynn: \$28,553

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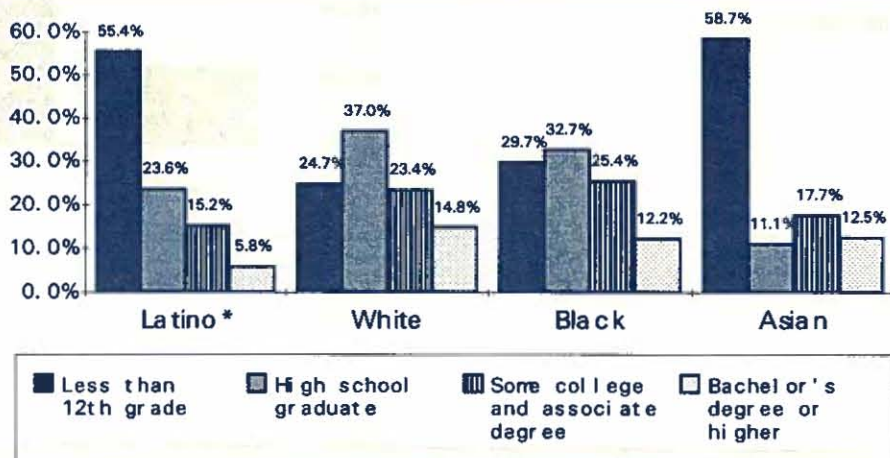


While Massachusetts median household income in 1989 was \$36,952, the median income in Lynn was \$28,553. In 1989, the per capita income of Latinos was \$6,338, lower than any other race or ethnic group except Asians (\$6,110). Blacks had a higher per capita income, \$9,338, and whites had the highest per capita income, \$14,184.

In 1990, 55.4% of the Latinos and 58.7% of Asians in the city of Lynn had not received a high school diploma. At higher levels of education, 15.2% of Latinos attended some college or received an associate degree. However, only 5.8% received a bachelor's, professional, or graduate degree. Overall, the educational attainment of the Latino population lagged the other race or ethnic groups.



Lynn: Educational Attainment by Race and Ethnicity in 1990					
Educational Attainment	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than 9th grade	1,026	5,297	3,903	212	585
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	669	8,878	7,631	754	169
High school graduate	723	18,908	17,247	1,063	142
Some college, no degree	344	8,898	7,972	617	123
Associate degree	122	3,320	2,949	211	104
Bachelor's degree	131	5,334	4,835	323	127
Graduate or professional	45	2,241	2,080	75	34
Total	3,060	52,876	46,617	3,255	1,284



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

Persons	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Male	2,175	29,320	25,333	1,908	820
Employed	1,253	18,767	16,422	1,120	500
Unemployed	383	2,290	1,734	338	44
Armed forces	0	60	60	0	0
Not in labor force	539	8,203	7,117	450	276
Participation Rate	75.2%	71.8%	71.7%	76.4%	66.3%
Unemployment Rate	23.4%	10.8%	9.5%	23.2%	8.1%
Female	2,339	33,911	29,130	2,275	1,071
Employed	934	17,286	15,129	1,187	433
Unemployed	207	1,433	1,101	185	29
Armed forces	0	19	19	0	0
Not in labor force	1,198	15,173	12,881	903	609
Participation Rate	48.8%	55.2%	55.7%	60.3%	43.1%
Unemployment Rate	18.1%	7.6%	6.8%	13.5%	6.3%
Total	4,514	63,231	54,463	4,183	1,891
Employed	2,187	36,053	31,551	2,307	933
Unemployed	590	3,723	2,835	523	73
Armed forces	0	79	79	0	0
Not in labor force	1,737	23,376	19,998	1,353	885
Participation Rate	61.5%	62.9%	63.1%	67.7%	53.2%
Unemployment Rate	21.2%	9.3%	8.2%	18.5%	7.3%

Universe: Persons 16 years and over
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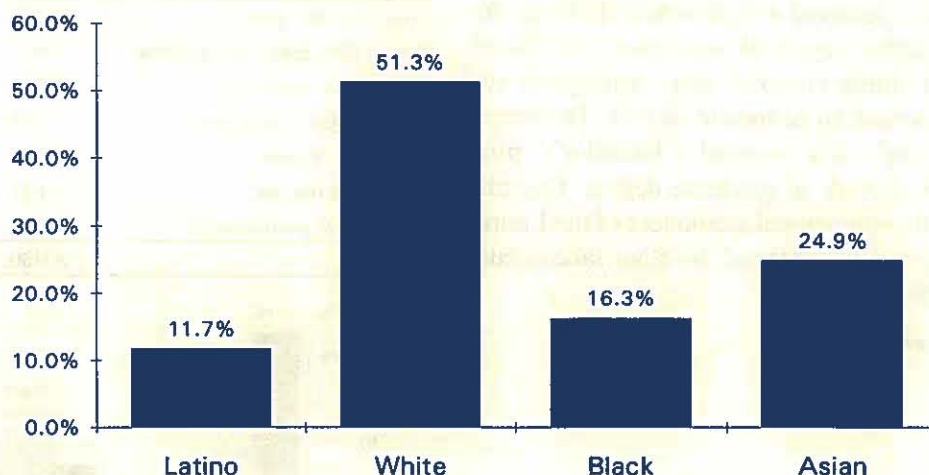


In 1990, Latinos constituted 7.0% of the Lynn labor force. Of the 2,777 Latinos in the labor force (employed plus unemployed), 1,141 were females and 1,636 were males. The labor force participation rate for Latino men in 1990 was 75.2%, higher than any other group except blacks. However, their unemployment rate was 23.4%, at least twice as high as that for whites (9.5%) and Asians (8.1%). Latina women had the lowest participation rate, 48.8%, except for Asians, and the highest unemployment rate, 18.1%.



In 1989, only 11.7% of Latino households in Lynn were homeowners, compared to 51.3% of white, 16.3% of black, and 24.9% of Asian householders. The majority of Latino households, 88.3%, rented their dwelling. This was higher than the rate for Latinos in Massachusetts where 82.6% of Latino households are renters.

Lynn: Homeowners by Race and Ethnicity in 1989*



Universe: Occupied housing

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

Lynn: Mortgage Status by Race and Ethnicity in 1989

Mortgage Payments	Latino*	Total**	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	0	111	111	0	0
\$300 to \$499	0	746	735	11	0
\$500 to \$999	18	2,649	2,598	23	13
\$1,000 or more	61	2,875	2,715	57	66
Not mortgaged:	7	3,717	3,670	40	0
Total	86	10,098	9,829	131	79

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 homeowners with a mortgage, 70.9% of Latinos had a mortgage of over \$1,000; 27.6% of whites, 43.5% of blacks, and 83.5% of Asians had a mortgage over \$1,000.



Of those in renter-occupied housing units, 33.3% of the Latino population paid less than \$500 monthly compared to 40.6% of whites, 31.5% of blacks, and 11.4% of Asians. The majority of Latino renters (1,145) paid a gross rent of \$500 to \$999 a month; only 3.4% of Latinos paid a monthly rent of over \$1,000, while 3.3% of whites, 5.0% of blacks, and 3.6% of Asians paid over \$1,000.

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

Gross Rent per Month	Latino	Total*	White	Black	Asian
Less than \$300	295	3,417	2,954	258	30
\$300 to \$499	308	3,106	2,582	300	24
\$500 to \$999	1,145	9,540	7,402	1,124	389
\$1,000 or more	61	609	453	88	17
No cash rent	0	271	254	3	14
Total	1,809	16,943	13,645	1,773	474

Universe: Specified renter-occupied housing

*Total includes Native Americans and Other Races