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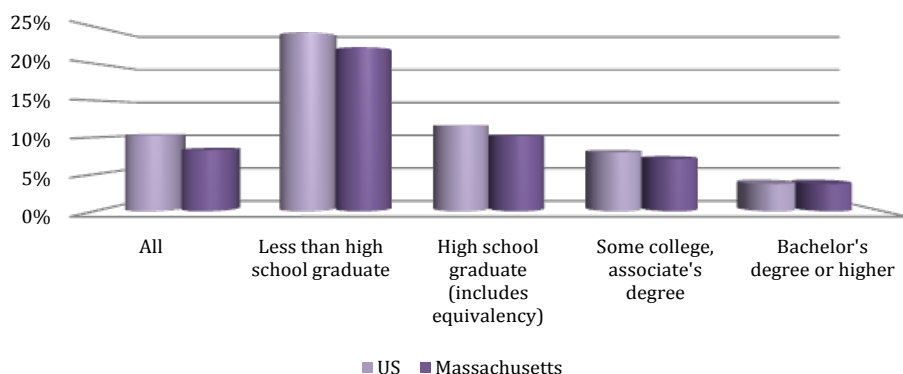
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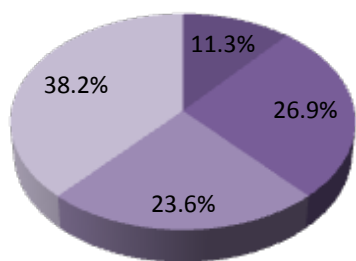
US and Massachusetts



Massachusetts has lower poverty rates compared to the US average. But, like the US, the poverty rate for the people with less than high school graduate far exceed those of higher education level.

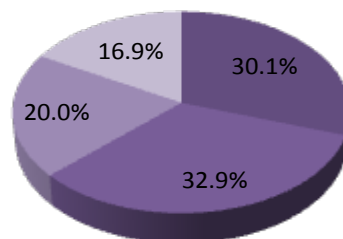
Massachusetts Distribution of Total Population by Education Status

- Less than high school graduate
- High school graduate (includes equivalency)
- Some college, associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree or higher



Massachusetts Distribution of Total Poor by Education Status

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People with less than high school graduate are 11.3% of the total population 25 years and older, but are 30.1% of the poor. Conversely, those with a bachelor's degree or higher education are 38.2% of those 25 years and older.

Poverty Rates by Education Status (Age 25 Years and Older) in Massachusetts' 10 largest cities

	Massachusetts	Boston	Brockton	Cambridge	Fall River	Lowell	Lynn	New Bedford	Quincy	Springfield	Worcester
All	8.3%	14.5%	11.5%	12.3%	15.4%	14.8%	17.1%	17.7%	8.2%	21.1%	13.9%
Less than high school graduate	22.2%	28.8%	19.6%	28.1%	24.2%	29.0%	30.5%	23.7%	18.2%	39.6%	28.4%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	10.2%	18.5%	11.7%	20.7%	14.2%	15.3%	16.6%	17.8%	10.3%	19.6%	16.3%
Some college, associate's degree	7.1%	14.4%	10.0%	15.2%	10.5%	10.3%	12.0%	14.8%	6.7%	13.8%	11.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	3.7%	7.2%	4.6%	9.3%	5.5%	4.9%	7.9%	7.3%	4.1%	7.9%	5.9%

Poverty rates differ considerably across Massachusetts' ten largest cities, ranging from 18.2% in Quincy to 39.6% in Springfield for those with the lowest educational attainment. Cambridge, one of the best-known academic center in the nation, has the highest poverty rate among those with a bachelor's degree or higher educational level.

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

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey Five Year Estimates, Subject Table S1701. Developed by Randy Albelda, Ferry Cadet and Dinghong Mei for the Center for Social Policy, 2011.