

Massachusetts

African American Population

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Subject	Massachusetts	
	African American	Total population
	Estimate	Estimate
TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED		
Total population	574,269	6,646,144
SEX AND AGE		
Total population	574,269	6,646,144
Male	48.8%	48.4%
Female	51.2%	51.6%
Under 5 years	8.6%	5.5%
5 to 17 years	21.1%	15.6%
18 to 24 years	13.2%	10.4%
25 to 34 years	14.6%	13.3%
35 to 44 years	13.8%	12.9%
45 to 54 years	12.6%	15.1%
55 to 64 years	8.8%	12.8%
65 to 74 years	4.4%	7.7%
75 years and over	2.9%	6.8%
Median age (years)	29.6	39.5
18 years and over	70.3%	78.9%
21 years and over	63.9%	74.0%
62 years and over	9.3%	17.9%
65 years and over	7.3%	14.5%
Under 18 years	170,666	1,401,255
Male	52.1%	51.1%
Female	47.9%	48.9%
18 years and over	403,603	5,244,889
Male	47.4%	47.7%
Female	52.6%	52.3%
18 to 34 years	159,884	1,574,996
Male	49.8%	49.7%
Female	50.2%	50.3%
35 to 64 years	201,610	2,708,862
Male	47.1%	48.5%

Female	52.9%	51.5%
65 years and over	42,109	961,031
Male	39.4%	42.3%
Female	60.6%	57.7%
RELATIONSHIP		
Population in households	547,270	6,398,214
Householder or spouse	41.9%	57.8%
Child	39.5%	29.8%
Other relatives	11.6%	5.9%
Nonrelatives	6.9%	6.5%
Unmarried partner	2.1%	2.5%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Households	176,877	2,522,394
Family households	66.2%	63.4%
With own children under 18 years	37.7%	27.7%
Married-couple family	27.5%	46.5%
With own children under 18 years	15.0%	19.0%
Female householder, no husband present, family	31.0%	12.8%
With own children under 18 years	18.9%	7.0%
Nonfamily households	33.8%	36.6%
Male householder	16.5%	16.1%
Living alone	13.4%	12.0%
Not living alone	3.1%	4.1%
Female householder	17.3%	20.5%
Living alone	14.8%	16.9%
Not living alone	2.4%	3.6%
Average household size	2.90	2.54
Average family size	3.58	3.16
MARITAL STATUS		
Population 15 years and over	431,895	5,498,140
Now married, except separated	29.6%	46.1%
Widowed	4.1%	5.9%
Divorced	10.5%	10.1%
Separated	4.3%	2.0%
Never married	51.6%	36.0%
Male 15 years and over	205,600	2,633,255
Now married, except separated	32.7%	48.4%
Widowed	1.9%	2.6%
Divorced	9.0%	8.6%
Separated	3.8%	1.8%
Never married	52.6%	38.6%
Female 15 years and over	226,295	2,864,885
Now married, except separated	26.8%	43.9%
Widowed	6.0%	8.9%
Divorced	11.9%	11.6%
Separated	4.7%	2.1%
Never married	50.6%	33.5%

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	205,187	1,761,641
Nursery school, preschool	6.2%	6.4%
Kindergarten	6.6%	4.5%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	35.0%	35.7%
High school (grades 9-12)	20.1%	19.4%
College or graduate school	32.1%	34.0%
Male 3 years and over enrolled in school	99,777	854,663
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	66.9%	63.0%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	25.8%	30.1%
Female 3 years and over enrolled in school	105,410	906,978
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	56.7%	56.6%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	38.1%	37.6%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	327,575	4,556,609
Less than high school diploma	20.9%	10.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	28.9%	25.9%
Some college or associate's degree	29.3%	24.4%
Bachelor's degree	13.0%	22.2%
Graduate or professional degree	7.8%	17.1%
High school graduate or higher	79.1%	89.7%
Male, high school graduate or higher	78.5%	89.3%
Female, high school graduate or higher	79.6%	90.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	20.8%	39.3%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	18.0%	39.4%
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	23.2%	39.2%
FERTILITY		
Women 15 to 50 years	161,238	1,667,892
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	9,308	72,166
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	5,596	21,618
As a percent of all women with a birth in the past 12 months	60.1%	30.0%
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS		
Population 30 years and over	283,824	4,094,193
Living with grandchild(ren)	6.1%	3.0%
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	39.4%	29.7%
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	403,149	5,240,927
Civilian veteran	4.2%	7.3%
DISABILITY STATUS		
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population	563,742	6,566,851
With a disability	12.5%	11.5%

Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18	169,953	1,397,972
With a disability	6.3%	4.6%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	353,882	4,246,935
With a disability	11.8%	8.9%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older	39,907	921,944
With a disability	44.7%	33.7%
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO		
Population 1 year and over	565,919	6,580,641
Same house	84.5%	87.4%
Different house in the U.S.	14.4%	11.7%
Same county	9.2%	7.1%
Different county	5.1%	4.6%
Same state	2.7%	2.4%
Different state	2.4%	2.2%
Abroad	1.2%	0.9%
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY		
Native	388,261	5,650,452
Male	49.3%	48.5%
Female	50.7%	51.5%
Foreign born	186,008	995,692
Male	47.8%	48.1%
Female	52.2%	51.9%
Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen	84,490	510,210
Male	43.7%	46.2%
Female	56.3%	53.8%
Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen	101,518	485,482
Male	51.2%	50.1%
Female	48.8%	49.9%
Population born outside the United States	186,008	995,692
Entered 2010 or later	11.1%	10.4%
Entered 2000 to 2009	34.6%	30.6%
Entered before 2000	54.2%	58.9%
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population excluding population born at	186,008	995,692
Europe	0.9%	23.3%
Asia	0.2%	29.5%
Africa	31.5%	8.2%
Oceania	0.0%	0.4%
Latin America	66.9%	35.6%
Northern America	0.5%	2.9%
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH		

Population 5 years and over	524,690	6,282,285
English only	59.3%	77.7%
Language other than English	40.7%	22.3%
Speak English less than "very well"	18.8%	8.9%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	424,098	5,416,163
In labor force	68.8%	67.3%
Civilian labor force	68.7%	67.3%
Employed	59.1%	61.6%
Unemployed	9.6%	5.7%
Percent of civilian labor force	14.0%	8.5%
Armed Forces	0.1%	0.1%
Not in labor force	31.2%	32.7%
Females 16 years and over		
Population 16 years and over	222,009	2,822,635
In labor force	66.1%	63.3%
Civilian labor force	66.0%	63.3%
Employed	56.9%	58.5%
Unemployed	9.1%	4.8%
Percent of civilian labor force	13.8%	7.6%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	244,564	3,273,690
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	56.4%	71.9%
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	10.6%	7.8%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	22.6%	9.4%
Walked	6.5%	4.9%
Other means	1.7%	1.7%
Worked at home	2.1%	4.2%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.0	28.3
OCCUPATION		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	250,588	3,334,794
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	28.3%	43.3%
Service occupations	29.7%	17.4%
Sales and office occupations	24.5%	23.4%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	5.1%	7.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving	12.5%	8.7%
Male civilian employed population 16 years and over		
Population 16 years and over	124,220	1,683,459
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	22.8%	39.8%
Service occupations	26.2%	15.3%
Sales and office occupations	21.3%	18.0%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	9.8%	13.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	19.9%	13.1%
Female civilian employed population 16 years and over		
Population 16 years and over	126,368	1,651,335
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	33.7%	46.9%
Service occupations	33.1%	19.5%
Sales and office occupations	27.6%	28.8%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	0.4%	0.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving	5.2%	4.3%

INDUSTRY		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	250,588	3,334,794
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0.4%	0.4%
Construction	3.4%	5.6%
Manufacturing	6.6%	9.1%
Wholesale trade	2.2%	2.3%
Retail trade	11.9%	10.9%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5.6%	3.7%
Information	1.5%	2.2%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and	5.1%	7.7%
Professional, scientific, and management, and	8.2%	12.8%
Educational services, and health care and social	35.5%	27.9%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and	9.7%	9.0%
accommodation and food services		
Other services (except public administration)	5.2%	4.4%
Public administration	4.7%	4.1%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	250,588	3,334,794
Private wage and salary workers	84.4%	81.4%
Government workers	12.9%	12.5%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated	2.6%	6.0%
Unpaid family workers	0.1%	0.1%
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Households	176,877	2,522,394
Median household income (dollars)	40,861	65,339
With earnings	80.2%	78.3%
Mean earnings (dollars)	61,041	93,838
With Social Security income	20.3%	28.8%
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	11,866	16,466
With Supplemental Security Income	11.3%	6.5%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,590	9,404
With cash public assistance income	7.5%	3.2%
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,223	4,656
With retirement income	8.1%	16.1%
Mean retirement income (dollars)	15,695	24,060
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	31.0%	12.9%
Families	117,089	1,598,867
Median family income (dollars)	47,193	82,977
Married-couple family	41.6%	73.4%
Median income (dollars)	71,308	100,696
Male householder, no spouse present, family	11.6%	6.5%
Median income (dollars)	49,458	55,359
Female householder, no husband present, family	46.8%	20.1%
Median income (dollars)	31,233	36,767
Individuals	574,269	6,646,144
Per capita income (dollars)	19,269	34,907
With earnings for full-time, year-round workers:		

Male	83,491	1,251,613
Female	74,378	972,031
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round		
Male	47,521	80,941
Female	45,197	59,015
Median earnings (dollars) full-time, year-round		
Male	37,296	60,243
Female	38,005	47,651
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE		
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	563,742	6,566,851
With private health insurance	51.0%	74.8%
With public coverage	48.5%	33.5%
No health insurance coverage	7.2%	3.9%
POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED		
All families	21.0%	8.5%
With related children under 18 years	27.3%	13.7%
With related children under 5 years only	26.0%	12.9%
Married-couple family	8.0%	3.1%
With related children under 18 years	9.4%	3.9%
With related children under 5 years only	8.8%	4.0%
Female householder, no husband present, family	32.3%	27.1%
With related children under 18 years	39.8%	37.1%
With related children under 5 years only	41.8%	40.9%
All people	23.2%	11.9%
Under 18 years	30.9%	15.4%
Related children under 18 years	30.6%	15.0%
Related children under 5 years	34.2%	17.3%
Related children 5 to 17 years	29.1%	14.2%
18 years and over	19.8%	10.9%
18 to 64 years	19.8%	11.3%
65 years and over	19.6%	9.3%
People in families	21.0%	8.7%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	33.0%	23.6%
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	176,877	2,522,394
Owner-occupied housing units	30.5%	62.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	69.5%	37.8%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.31	2.71
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.72	2.26
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
Occupied housing units	176,877	2,522,394
1-unit, detached or attached	27.8%	57.8%
2 to 4 units	37.1%	20.9%
5 or more units	34.6%	20.5%
Mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc.	0.5%	0.8%
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		

Occupied housing units	176,877	2,522,394
Built 2010 or later	0.7%	0.6%
Built 2000 to 2009	6.8%	7.6%
Built 1980 to 1999	12.7%	18.0%
Built 1960 to 1979	22.8%	22.0%
Built 1940 to 1959	15.8%	17.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	41.2%	34.0%
VEHICLES AVAILABLE		
Occupied housing units	176,877	2,522,394
None	27.0%	12.7%
1 or more	73.0%	87.3%
HOUSE HEATING FUEL		
Occupied housing units	176,877	2,522,394
Gas	58.0%	52.2%
Electricity	26.6%	14.5%
All other fuels	15.1%	33.1%
No fuel used	0.3%	0.2%
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS		
Occupied housing units	176,877	2,522,394
No telephone service available	2.1%	1.6%
1.01 or more occupants per room	5.6%	1.7%
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A		
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where	46,380	1,117,315
Less than 30 percent	48.1%	64.8%
30 percent or more	51.9%	35.2%
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS		
Owner-occupied housing units	53,995	1,570,055
Median value (dollars)	268,000	323,800
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage	1,956	2,010
Median selected monthly owner costs without a	624	681
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where	118,631	901,567
Less than 30 percent	44.7%	50.6%
30 percent or more	55.3%	49.4%
GROSS RENT		
Occupied units paying rent	120,646	919,291
Median gross rent (dollars)	998	1,036

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

See the Glossary for more information on the definition of the following population groups: Arab, Arab/Arabic, European, Sub-Saharan African, African, American, and All Other Hispanic or Latino.

Data for the households, families, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines refer to the specified race, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or ancestry of the householder shown in the table. Data in the "Total population" column are shown regardless of the race, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or ancestry of the person.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #92 for details.

The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the Evaluation Report Covering Disability.

The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, we recommend using caution when making labor force data comparisons from 2008 or later with data from prior years. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the "Evaluation Report Covering Employment Status" at

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6b_Weeks_Worked_Final_Report.pdf.

Additional information can also be found at <http://www.census.gov/people/laborforce/>.

Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2007. The Industry categories adhere to the guidelines issued in Clarification Memorandum No. 2, "NAICS Alternate Aggregation Structure for Use By U.S. Statistical Agencies," issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2010.

Telephone service data are not available

for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #93 for details.

The health insurance coverage category names were modified in 2010. See ACS Health Insurance Definitions for a list of the insurance type definitions.

While the 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

Note: This is a modified view of the original table.

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.