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# **Summary Brief: U.S. Census Bureau’s Census 2020 Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics-A File (DDHC-A) for Massachusetts Populations**

**Asian**

According to the 2020 Census, 7.2% of the Massachusetts population reported their race as Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino, compared to 5.3% in Census 2010.

Within the Massachusetts Asian Alone [[1]](#footnote-1)population, the top 10 detailed race groups include:

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| **Detailed Race Group** | **Population** | **Percent of Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total State Population**  |
| **Chinese, except Taiwanese alone** | 165,425 | 32.8% | 2.4% |
| **Asian Indian alone** | 125,534 | 24.9% | 1.8% |
| **Vietnamese alone** | 54,739 | 10.8% | 0.8% |
| **Cambodian alone** | 30,042 | 6.0% | 0.4% |
| **Korean alone** | 26,464 | 5.2% | 0.4% |
| **Filipino alone** | 16,109 | 3.2% | 0.2% |
| **Pakistani alone** | 10,866 | 2.2% | 0.2% |
| **Japanese alone** | 9,800 | 1.9% | 0.1% |
| **Nepalese alone** | 8,594 | 1.7% | 0.1% |
| **Taiwanese alone** | 7,007 | 1.4% | 0.1% |

Places with the greatest populations of Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino in Massachusetts include:

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| **Place** | **Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total MA Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Place's Total Population** |
| **Boston city** | 75,588 | 15.0% | 11.2% |
| **Quincy city** | 31,196 | 6.2% | 30.7% |
| **Lowell city** | 25,548 | 5.1% | 22.1% |
| **Cambridge city** | 22,628 | 4.5% | 19.1% |
| **Malden city** | 17,120 | 3.4% | 25.8% |
| **Newton city** | 14,681 | 2.9% | 16.5% |
| **Worcester city** | 14,562 | 2.9% | 7.1% |
| **Brookline CDP** | 12,091 | 2.4% | 19.1% |
| **Lexington CDP** | 11,404 | 2.3% | 33.1% |
| **Somerville city** | 8,567 | 1.7% | 10.6% |

The top 5 detailed race groups by share from the top 3 places with the highest population of Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino are:

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| **Boston** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| Chinese, except Taiwanese alone | 42.5% |
| Asian Indian alone | 17.3% |
| Vietnamese alone | 16.9% |
| Korean alone | 5.9% |
| Other Asian alone | 4.0% |
| **Quincy** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| Chinese, except Taiwanese alone | 63.5% |
| Vietnamese alone | 12.6% |
| Asian Indian alone | 11.9% |
| Filipino alone | 2.4% |
| Other Asian alone, not specified | 1.9% |
| **Lowell** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's Asian Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| Cambodian alone | 62.2% |
| Asian Indian alone | 9.7% |
| Vietnamese alone | 7.8% |
| Laotian alone | 5.9% |
| Other Asian alone | 3.3% |

**Black or African American**

According to the 2020 Census, 6.5% of the Massachusetts population reported their race as Black or African American Alone, not Hispanic or Latino, compared to 6.0% in Census 2010.

Within the Massachusetts Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino population, the top 10 detailed race groups include:

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| **Detailed Race Group** | **Population** | **Percent of Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total State Population**  |
| **African American alone** | 167,986 | 36.8% | 2.4% |
| **Other Black or African American alone, not specified** | 134,306 | 29.4% | 1.9% |
| **Haitian alone** | 79,596 | 17.4% | 1.1% |
| **Jamaican alone** | 21,924 | 4.8% | 0.3% |
| **Nigerian (Nigeria) alone** | 12,033 | 2.6% | 0.2% |
| **Other Sub-Saharan African alone** | 11,943 | 2.6% | 0.2% |
| **Ghanaian alone** | 8,716 | 1.9% | 0.1% |
| **Ethiopian alone** | 6,715 | 1.5% | 0.1% |
| **Kenyan alone** | 6,276 | 1.4% | 0.1% |
| **Ugandan alone** | 4,662 | 1.0% | 0.1% |

Places with the greatest populations of Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino in Massachusetts include:

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| **Place** | **Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total MA Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Place's Total Population** |
| **Boston city** | 129,264 | 28.3% | 19.1% |
| **Brockton city** | 35,656 | 7.8% | 33.8% |
| **Springfield city** | 28,548 | 6.2% | 18.3% |
| **Worcester city** | 28,378 | 6.2% | 13.7% |
| **Randolph Town city** | 14,662 | 3.2% | 41.9% |
| **Cambridge city** | 12,016 | 2.6% | 10.1% |
| **Lynn city** | 10,735 | 2.3% | 10.6% |
| **Lowell city** | 9,570 | 2.1% | 8.3% |
| **Malden city** | 9,428 | 2.1% | 14.2% |
| **Everett city** | 6,929 | 1.5% | 14.1% |

The top 5 detailed race groups by share from the top 3 places with the highest population of Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino are:

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| **Boston** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| African American alone | 39.5% |
| Other Black or African American alone, not specified | 32.3% |
| Haitian alone | 15.1% |
| Jamaican alone | 4.9% |
| Nigerian (Nigeria) alone | 2.4% |
| **Brockton** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| Haitian alone | 36.4% |
| African American alone | 27.8% |
| Other Black or African American alone, not specified | 26.1% |
| Jamaican alone | 3.0% |
| Nigerian (Nigeria) alone | 2.3% |
| **Springfield** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's Black or African American Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| African American alone | 54.9% |
| Other Black or African American alone, not specified | 38.6% |
| Jamaican alone | 9.2% |
| Haitian alone | 1.4% |
| Somali alone | 1.0% |

**White**

According to the 2020 Census, 67.6% of the Massachusetts population reported their race as White Alone, not Hispanic or Latino, compared to 76.1% in Census 2010.

Within the Massachusetts White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino population, the top 10 detailed race groups include:

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| **Detailed Race Group** | **Population** | **Percent of White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total State Population**  |
| **Other White alone, not specified** | 1,359,674 | 28.6% | 19.3% |
| **Irish alone** | 549,244 | 11.6% | 7.8% |
| **English alone** | 351,130 | 7.4% | 5.0% |
| **Italian alone** | 297,240 | 6.3% | 4.2% |
| **Portuguese alone** | 141,666 | 3.0% | 2.0% |
| **French alone** | 111,502 | 2.3% | 1.6% |
| **German alone** | 86,013 | 1.8% | 1.2% |
| **Other European alone** | 84,887 | 1.8% | 1.2% |
| **Polish alone** | 78,963 | 1.7% | 1.1% |
| **Russian alone** | 40,926 | 0.9% | 0.6% |

Places with the greatest populations of White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino in Massachusetts include:

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| **Place** | **White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total MA White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Place's Total Population** |
| **Boston city** | 301,464 | 6.3% | 44.6% |
| **Worcester city** | 101,039 | 2.1% | 48.9% |
| **Fall River city** | 66,746 | 1.4% | 71.0% |
| **Cambridge city** | 65,553 | 1.4% | 55.4% |
| **Newton city** | 62,303 | 1.3% | 70.1% |
| **New Bedford city** | 57,498 | 1.2% | 56.9% |
| **Quincy city** | 55,055 | 1.2% | 54.2% |
| **Somerville city** | 52,874 | 1.1% | 65.2% |
| **Lowell city** | 46,908 | 1.0% | 40.6% |
| **Haverhill city** | 44,928 | 0.9% | 66.3% |

The top 5 detailed race groups by share from the top 3 places with the highest population of White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino are:

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| **Boston** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| Other White alone, not specified | 33.5% |
| Irish alone | 13.6% |
| Italian alone | 6.1% |
| English alone | 4.8% |
| German alone | 2.5% |
| **Worcester** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| Other White alone, not specified | 41.0% |
| Irish alone | 9.6% |
| Italian alone | 6.1% |
| English alone | 5.9% |
| Albanian alone | 3.6% |
| **Fall River** |
| **Detailed Race Group** | **Percent of Place's White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  |
| Portuguese alone | 33.6% |
| Other White alone, not specified | 31.4% |
| English alone | 8.5% |
| Irish alone | 3.7% |
| French alone | 3.7% |

**Hispanic or Latino**

According to the 2020 Census, 12.6% of the Massachusetts population reported their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino of Any Race, compared to 9.6% in Census 2010.

Within the Massachusetts Hispanic or Latino of Any Race population, the top 10 detailed origin groups include:

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| **Detailed Origin Group** | **Population** | **Percent of Hispanic or Latino of Any Race Population**  | **Percent of Total State Population**  |
| **Puerto Rican** | 312,277 | 35.2% | 4.4% |
| **Dominican** | 175,130 | 19.7% | 2.5% |
| **Salvadoran** | 63,846 | 7.2% | 0.9% |
| **Guatemalan** | 53,437 | 6.0% | 0.8% |
| **Mexican** | 51,646 | 5.8% | 0.7% |
| **All other Hispanic or Latino, not specified**  | 43,840 | 4.9% | 0.6% |
| **Colombian** | 36,994 | 4.2% | 0.5% |
| **Hispanic** | 23,801 | 2.7% | 0.3% |
| **Honduran** | 19,437 | 2.2% | 0.3% |
| **Spanish** | 14,186 | 1.6% | 0.2% |

Places with the greatest populations of Hispanic or Latino of Any Race in Massachusetts include:

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| **Place** | **Hispanic or Latino of any race Population**  | **Percent of Total MA Hispanic or Latino of Any Race Population**  | **Percent of Place's Total Population** |
| **Boston city** | 126,113 | 14.2% | 18.7% |
| **Lawrence city** | 72,902 | 8.2% | 81.8% |
| **Springfield city** | 72,874 | 8.2% | 46.7% |
| **Worcester city** | 50,736 | 5.7% | 24.6% |
| **Lynn city** | 44,560 | 5.0% | 44.0% |
| **Chelsea city** | 26,826 | 3.0% | 65.8% |
| **Lowell city** | 25,051 | 2.8% | 21.7% |
| **New Bedford city** | 24,525 | 2.8% | 24.3% |
| **Revere city** | 23,175 | 2.6% | 37.3% |
| **Holyoke city** | 19,597 | 2.2% | 51.3% |

The top 5 detailed origin groups by share from the top 3 places with the highest population of Hispanic or Latino of Any Race are:

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| **Boston** |
| **Detailed Origin Group** | **Percent of Place's Hispanic or Latino of Any Race Population**  |
| Dominican | 29.4% |
| Puerto Rican | 22.2% |
| Salvadoran | 8.1% |
| Colombian | 6.4% |
| Mexican | 5.4% |
| **Lawrence** |
| **Detailed Origin Group** | **Percent of Place's Hispanic or Latino of Any Race Population**  |
| Dominican | 66.0% |
| Puerto Rican | 18.9% |
| Guatemalan | 3.8% |
| Ecuadorian | 1.0% |
| Salvadoran | 1.0% |
| **Springfield** |
| **Detailed Origin Group** | **Percent of Place's Hispanic or Latino of Any Race Population**  |
| Puerto Rican | 81.0% |
| Dominican | 6.8% |
| Mexican | 2.3% |
| Guatemalan | 2.3% |
| Colombian | 0.6% |

**Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander**

According to the 2020 Census, 0.02% of the Massachusetts population reported their race as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone, not Hispanic or Latino, compared to 0.02% in Census 2010.

Within the Massachusetts Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino population, the top 10 detailed race groups include:

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| **Detailed Race Group** | **Population** | **Percent of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total State Population**  |
| **Native Hawaiian alone** | 829 | 51.6% | 0.0% |
| **Other Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, not specified** | 633 | 39.4% | 0.0% |
| **Samoan alone** | 260 | 16.2% | 0.0% |
| **Chamorro alone** | 218 | 13.6% | 0.0% |
| **Guamanian alone** | 120 | 7.5% | 0.0% |
| **Fijian alone** | 63 | 3.9% | 0.0% |
| **Tongan alone** | 28 | 1.7% | 0.0% |
| **Marshallese alone** | 21 | 1.3% | 0.0% |
| **Other Micronesian alone** | 21 | 1.3% | 0.0% |
| **Other Polynesian alone** | 13 | 0.8% | 0.0% |

Places with the greatest populations of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino in Massachusetts include:

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| **Place** | **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population** | **Percent of Total MA Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone, not Hispanic or Latino Population** | **Percent of Place's Total Population** |
| **Boston city** | 251 | 15.6% | 0.0% |
| **Springfield city** | 75 | 4.7% | 0.0% |
| **Lowell city** | 56 | 3.5% | 0.0% |
| **Cambridge city** | 49 | 3.0% | 0.0% |
| **Worcester city** | 48 | 3.0% | 0.0% |
| **New Bedford city** | 32 | 2.0% | 0.0% |
| **Chicopee city** | 30 | 1.9% | 0.1% |
| **Brockton city** | 28 | 1.7% | 0.0% |
| **Lynn city** | 28 | 1.7% | 0.0% |
| **Newton city** | 25 | 1.6% | 0.0% |

**American Indian and Alaska Native**

According to the 2020 Census, 0.13% of the Massachusetts population reported their race as American Indian and Alaska Native Alone, not Hispanic or Latino, compared to 0.16% in Census 2010.

Within the Massachusetts American Indian and Alaska Native Alone population, the top 10 detailed race groups include:

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| **Detailed Race Group** | **Population** | **Percent of American Indian and Alaska Native Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total State Population**  |
| **Maya alone** | 3,885 | 41.4% | 0.1% |
| **American Indian alone, not specified** | 2,702 | 28.8% | 0.0% |
| **Taino alone** | 1,654 | 17.6% | 0.0% |
| **Wampanoag alone** | 911 | 9.7% | 0.0% |
| **Aztec alone** | 768 | 8.2% | 0.0% |
| **Cherokee alone** | 554 | 5.9% | 0.0% |
| **Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe alone** | 467 | 5.0% | 0.0% |
| **Micmac alone** | 424 | 4.5% | 0.0% |
| **Maya Central American alone** | 345 | 3.7% | 0.0% |
| **Canadian Indian and French American Indian alone** | 319 | 3.4% | 0.0% |

Places with the greatest populations of American Indian and Alaska Native Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino in Massachusetts include:

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| **Place** | **American Indian and Alaska Native, Not Hispanic or Latino Population**  | **Percent of Total MA American Indian and Alaska Native, Not Hispanic or Latino Population** | **Percent of Place's Total Population** |
| **Boston city** | 989 | 10.5% | 0.1% |
| **Worcester city** | 336 | 3.6% | 0.2% |
| **New Bedford city** | 265 | 2.8% | 0.3% |
| **Springfield city** | 259 | 2.8% | 0.2% |
| **Brockton city** | 232 | 2.5% | 0.2% |
| **Barnstable Town city** | 226 | 2.4% | 0.5% |
| **Fall River city** | 185 | 2.0% | 0.2% |
| **Cambridge city** | 154 | 1.6% | 0.1% |
| **Quincy city** | 117 | 1.2% | 0.1% |
| **Lynn city** | 115 | 1.2% | 0.1% |

## **Data Sources:**

Census 2010 population by major race and origin group from: Census 2010 Summary File 1, U.S. Census Bureau. June 16, 2011.

Census 2020 Total Population by Geography and Population by Major Race Group from: *Decennial Census, DEC Redistricting Data* (PL 94-171), U.S. Census Bureau. August 12, 2021 and 2020 Census Demographic Profile, U.S. Census Bureau. May 25, 2023.

Census 2020 Population by Detailed Race and Origin from: *2020 Census Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A* (Detailed DHC-A). U.S. Census Bureau. September 21, 2023.

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1. “Note: Responses in the Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish code range (2000-2999) are tabulated as Hispanic when reported in the Hispanic origin question. Responses in the 1000-1999 or 3000-8999 code range are considered Not Hispanic when reported in the Hispanic origin question. When reported in the race question, responses in the Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish code range are tabulated as Some Other Race.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)