

A Prosperous Boston for All

Puerto Ricans



Puerto Ricans' contribution to the economy as entrepreneurs and workers is significant.



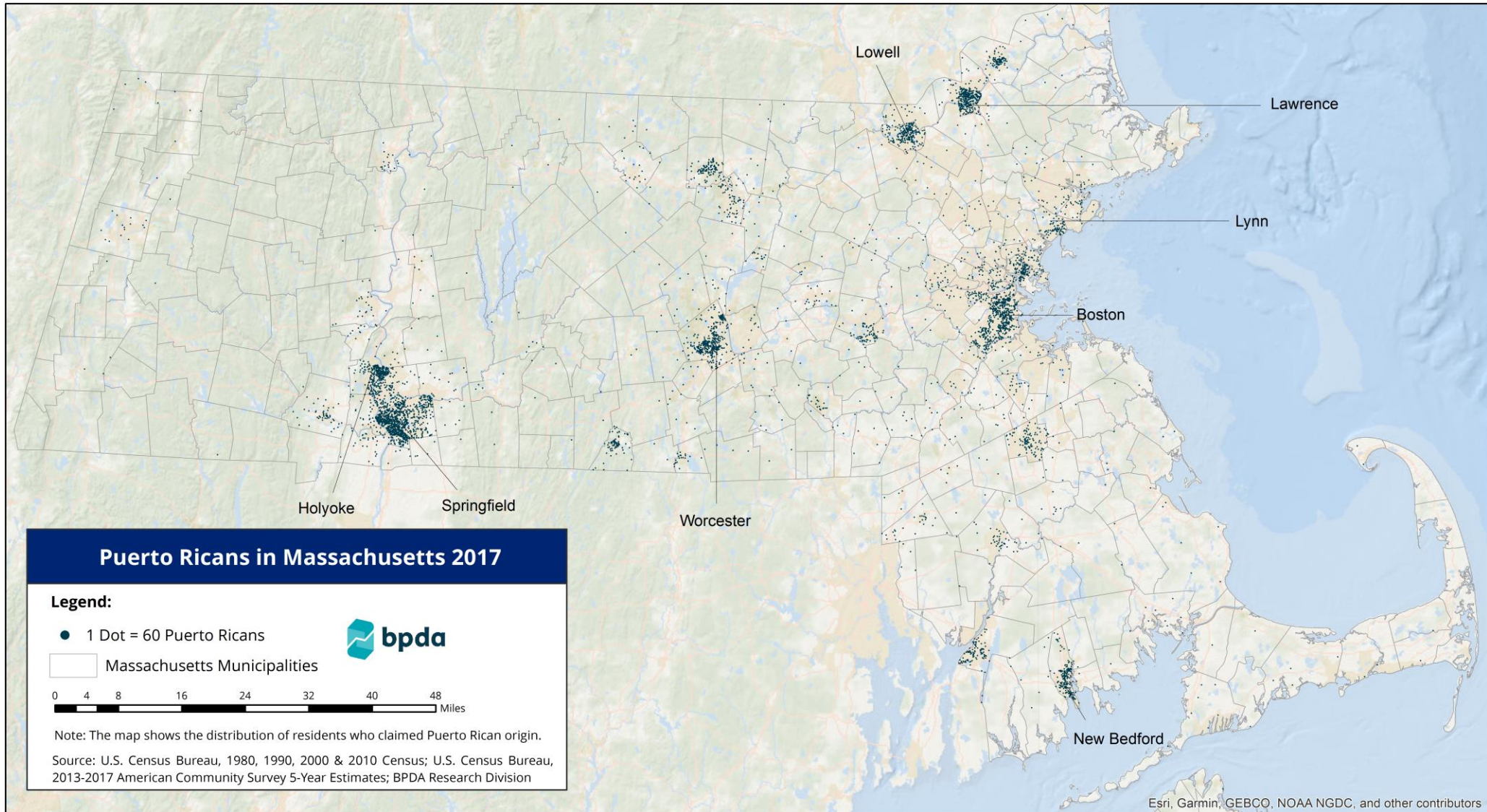
- **Puerto Ricans make up 5.3% of Boston's population (35,346 people).**
- **Puerto Ricans in Boston earned \$516 million in income in 2017.**
- **Puerto Ricans living in Boston hold 14,052 jobs and own approximately 3,564 businesses.**
- **Puerto Ricans' consumer demand supported an additional 1,692 jobs and contributed \$259 million to Boston's gross city product in 2017.**
- **Puerto Ricans contributed \$26.3 million in state income taxes and \$8.5 million in state sales taxes in 2017.**

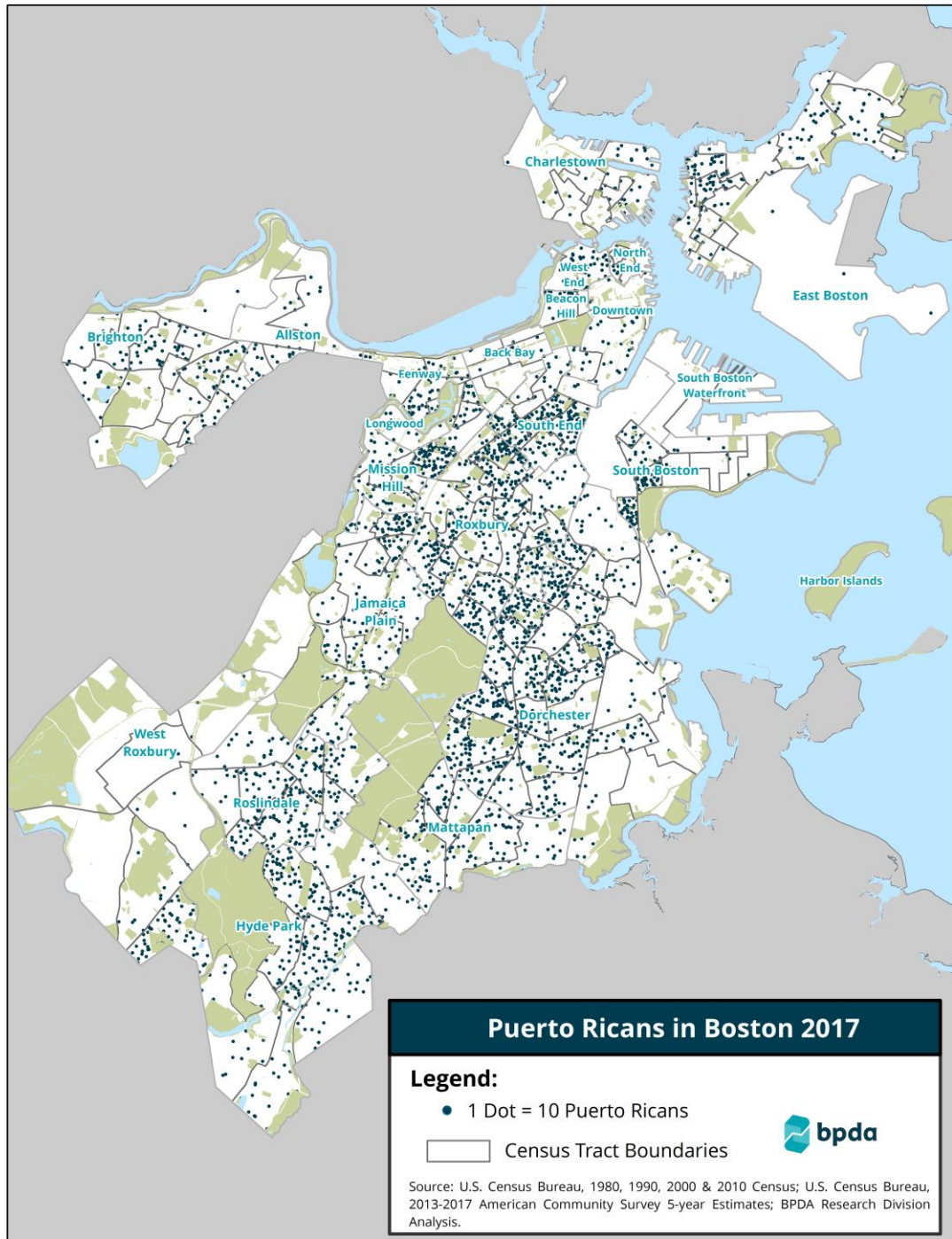
Note: Puerto Ricans are defined here as those born in Puerto Rico or who identify as Puerto Rican.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), PI+ Massachusetts Regions, BPDA Research Division

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The 318,500 Puerto Ricans in Massachusetts live primarily in Springfield, Boston, Worcester, Holyoke, and Lawrence.





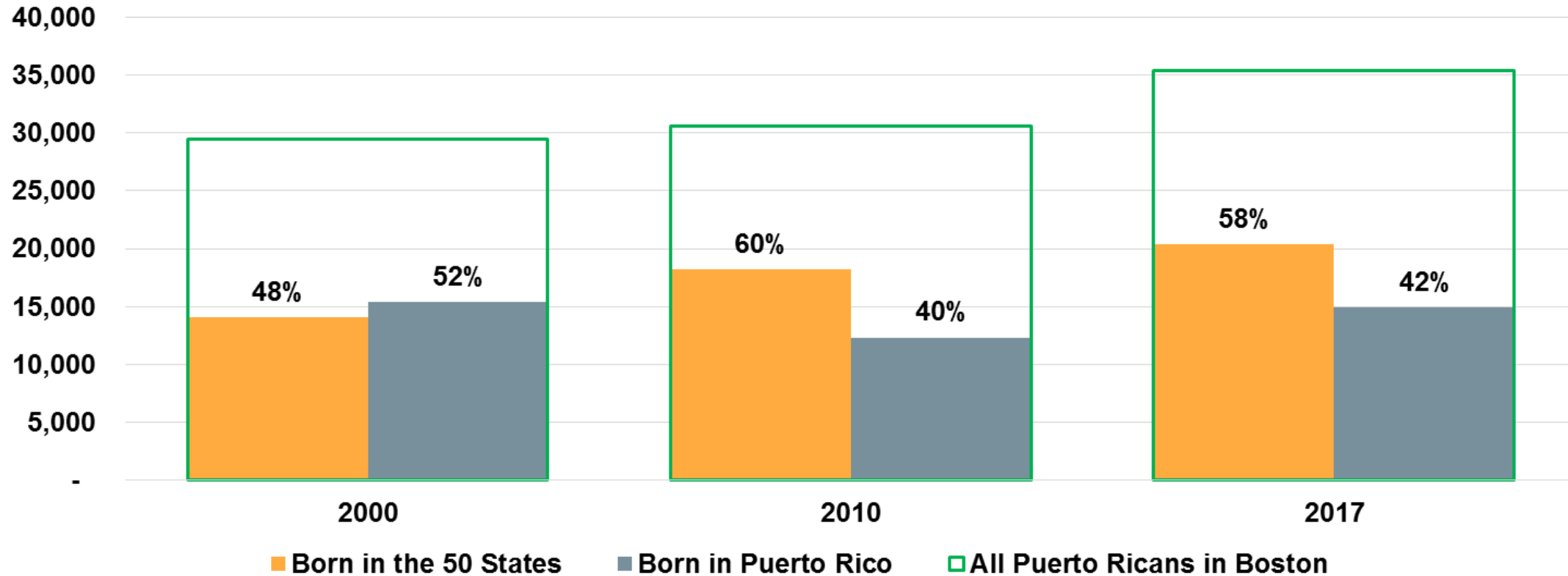
Puerto Ricans live throughout Boston's neighborhoods, with a high concentration in the South End.

The Puerto Rican community of Boston grew by 20% from 2000 to 2017.



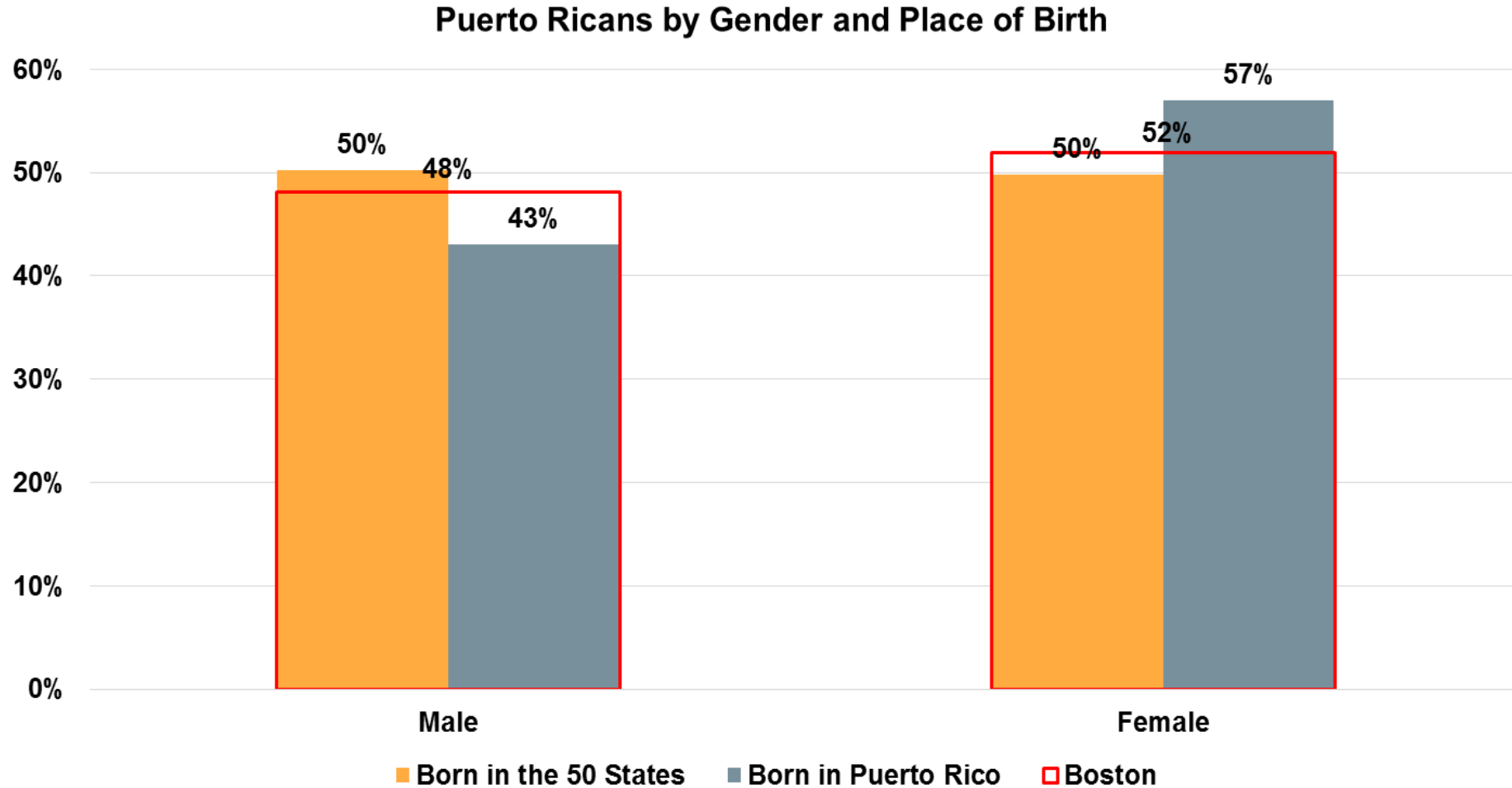
When available, 2018 data may show an uptick in the Puerto Rican population of Boston in the wake of Hurricane Maria. As of December 12th, 2017 the Boston Public Schools had enrolled 154 Puerto Rican children who had moved to Boston in the 12 weeks after the hurricane.

Puerto Ricans in Boston by Place of Birth



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census, 2006-2010 & 2013-2017 ACS Community Survey, PUMS, BPDA Research Division. December 12, 2017 email from Sonia Gomez-Banrey, BPS
Note: 775 Puerto Rican Boston residents (2017) were born outside of the United States territories (about half in the Dominican Republic), about a third of which were children of U.S. citizens. They are combined with those born in Puerto Rico in this report.

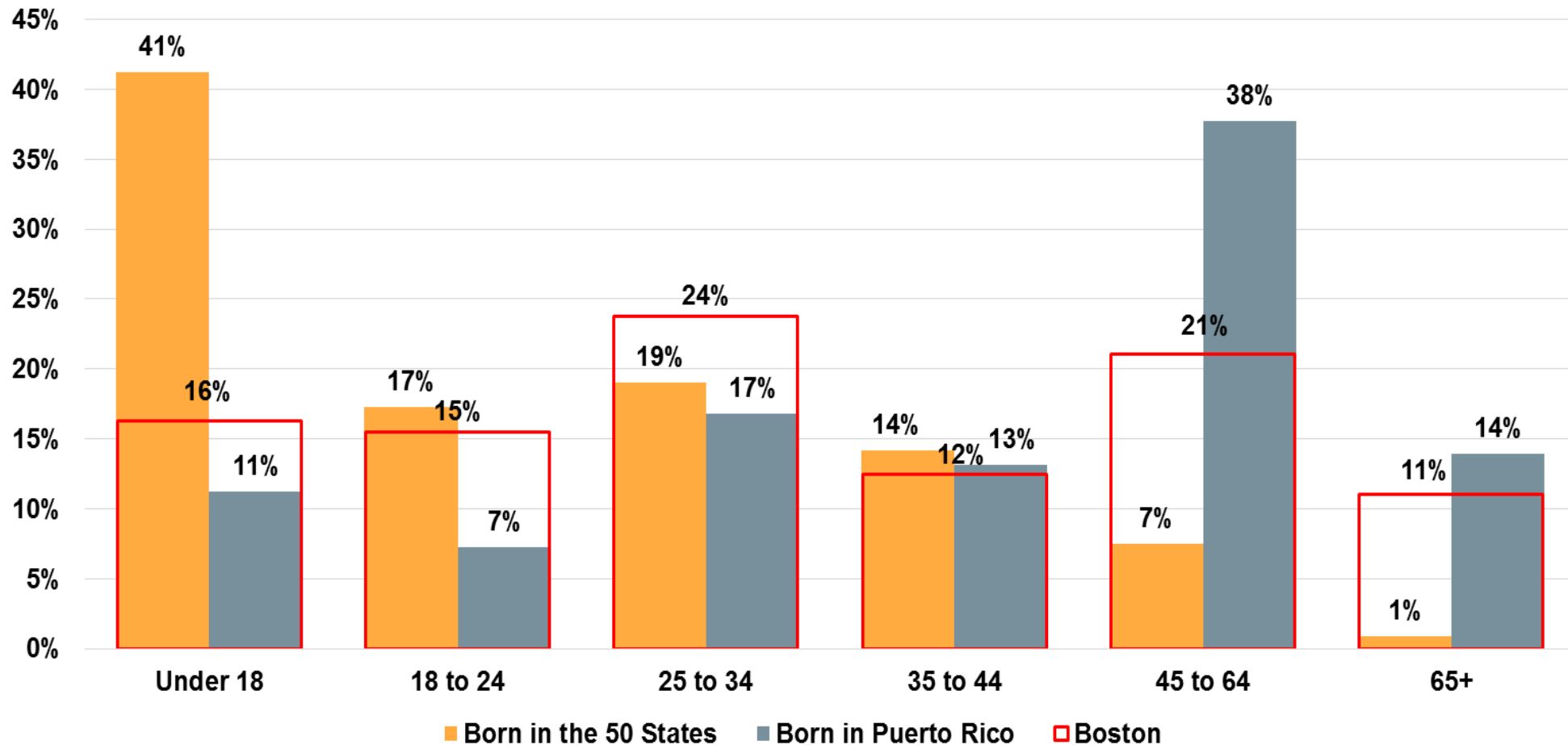
57% of the Puerto Rican population born in Puerto Rico is female.



52% of Puerto Ricans born in Puerto Rico are older than 45, while 41% of Puerto Ricans born in the fifty states are children.



Age Distribution of Puerto Ricans

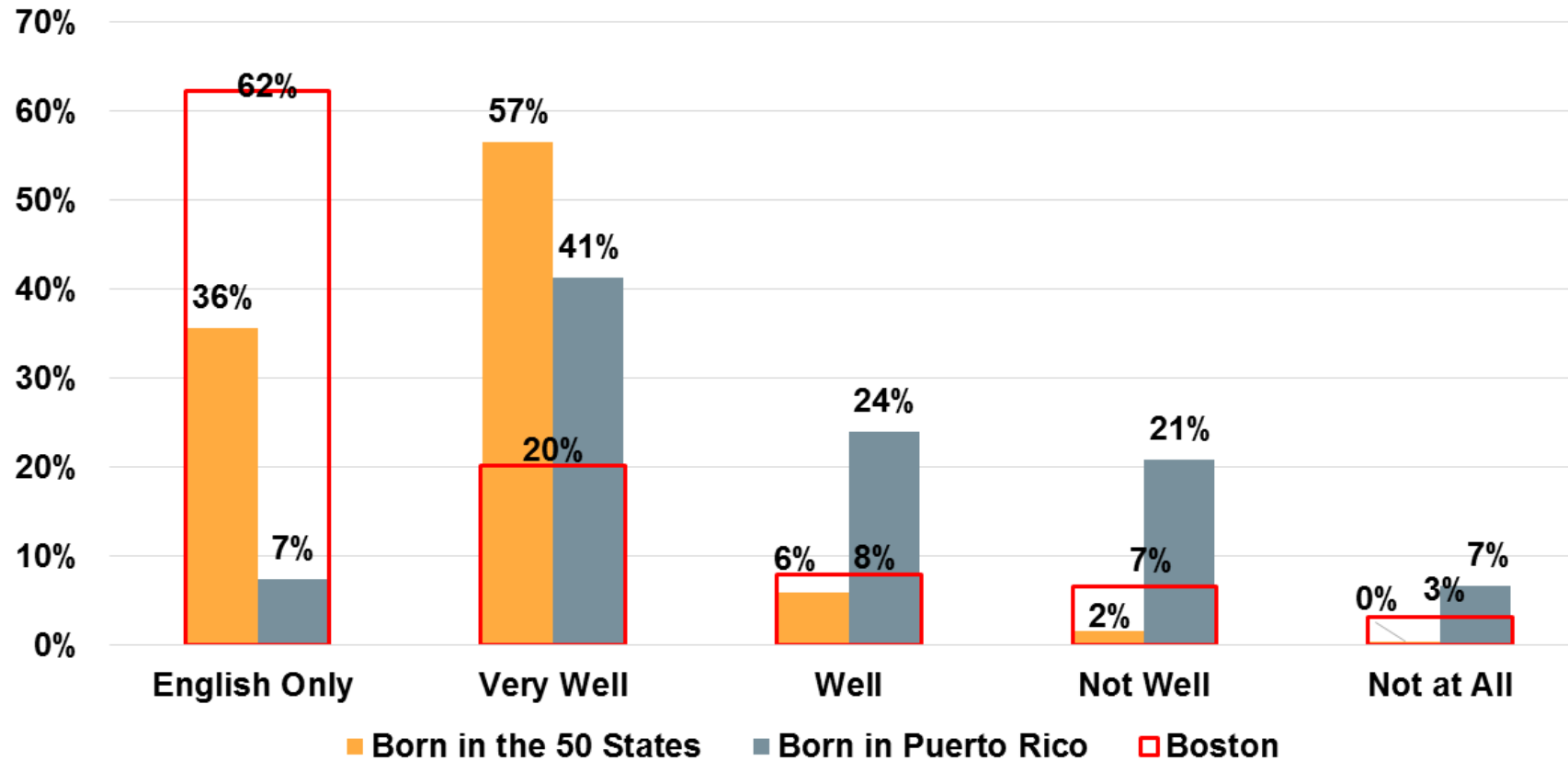


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Puerto Ricans born in the 50 states speak English very well, while many born in Puerto Rico are not proficient in English.



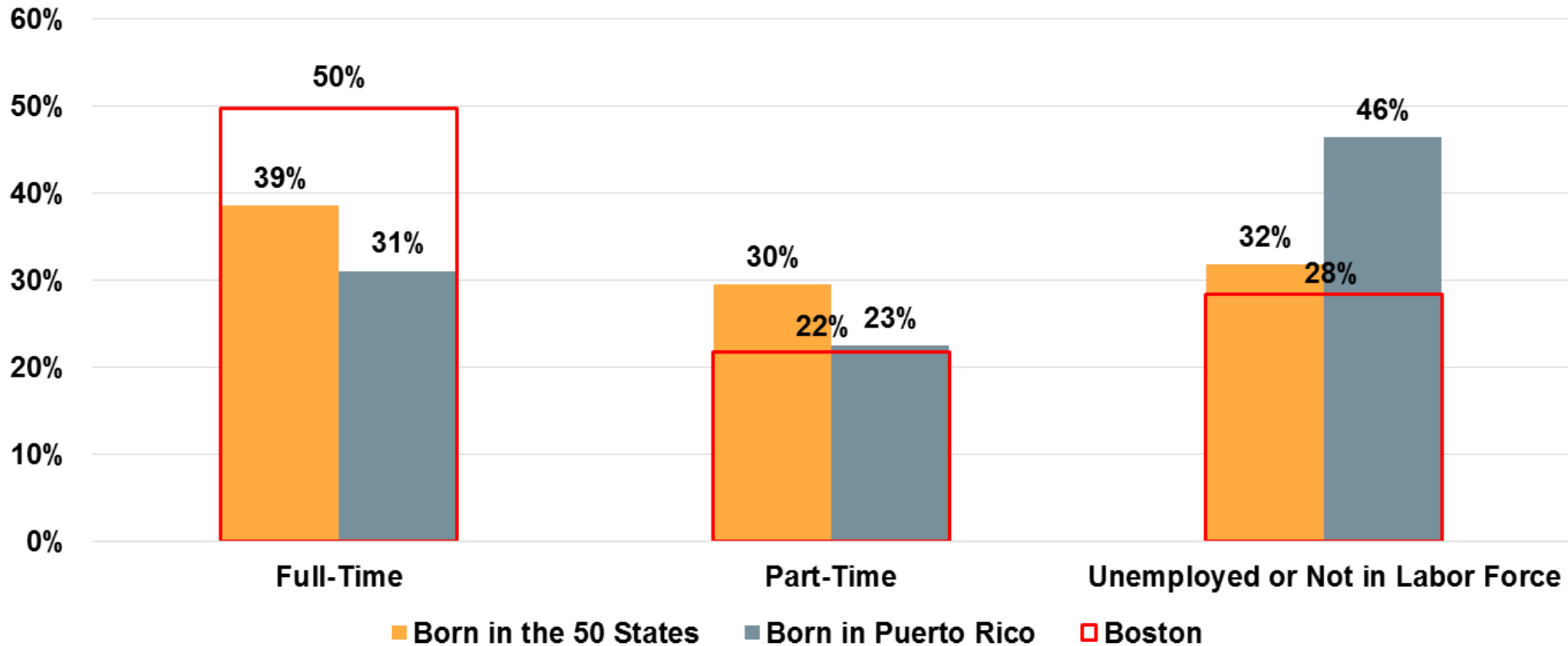
English Proficiency of Puerto Ricans by Place of Birth



About a third of adult Puerto Ricans work full-time.



Employment Type (18-64 years)



Puerto Rican women work primarily in office support or healthcare support or personal care.

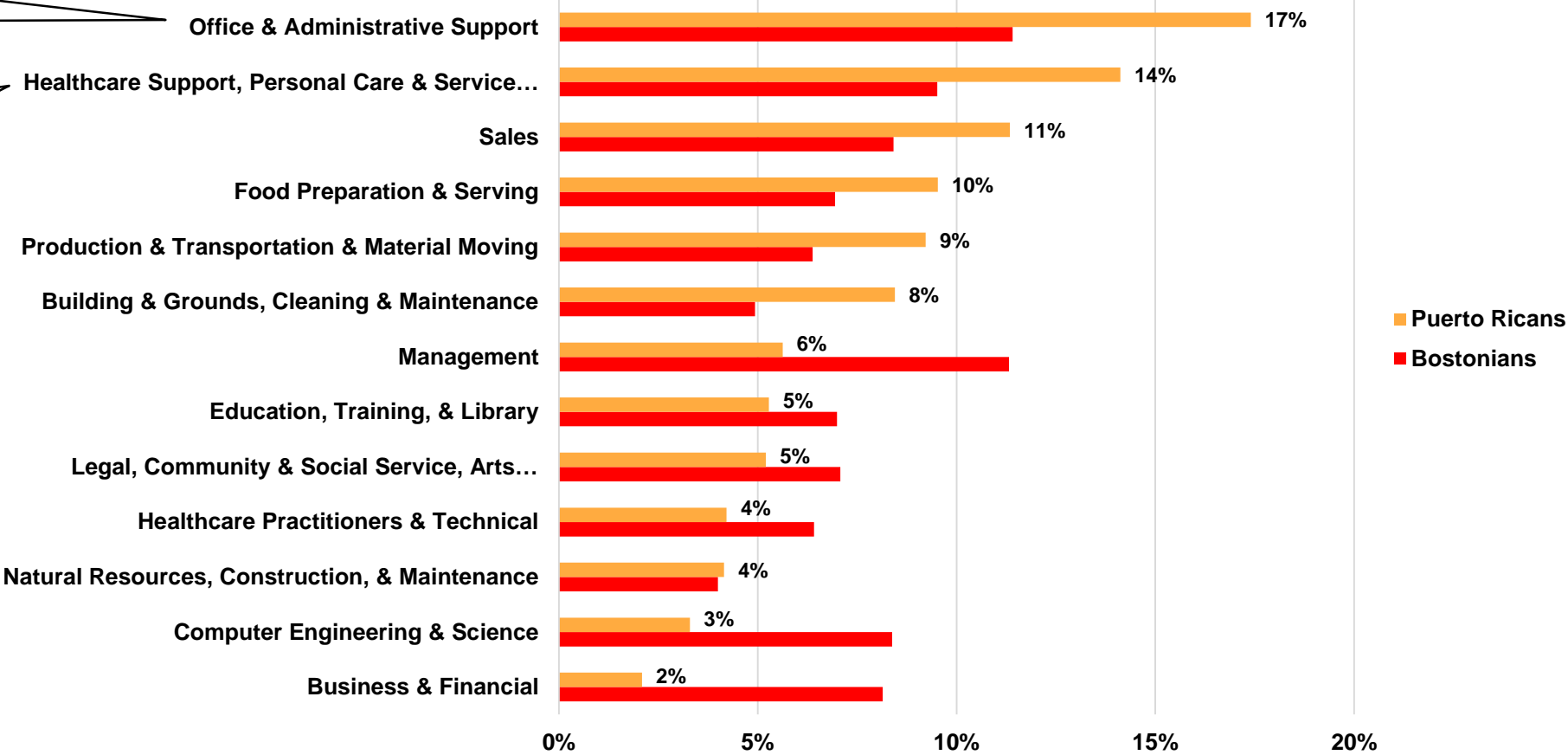


25% of Puerto Rican Women

18% of Puerto Rican Women

16% of Puerto Rican Men

Puerto Rican Workers by Occupation

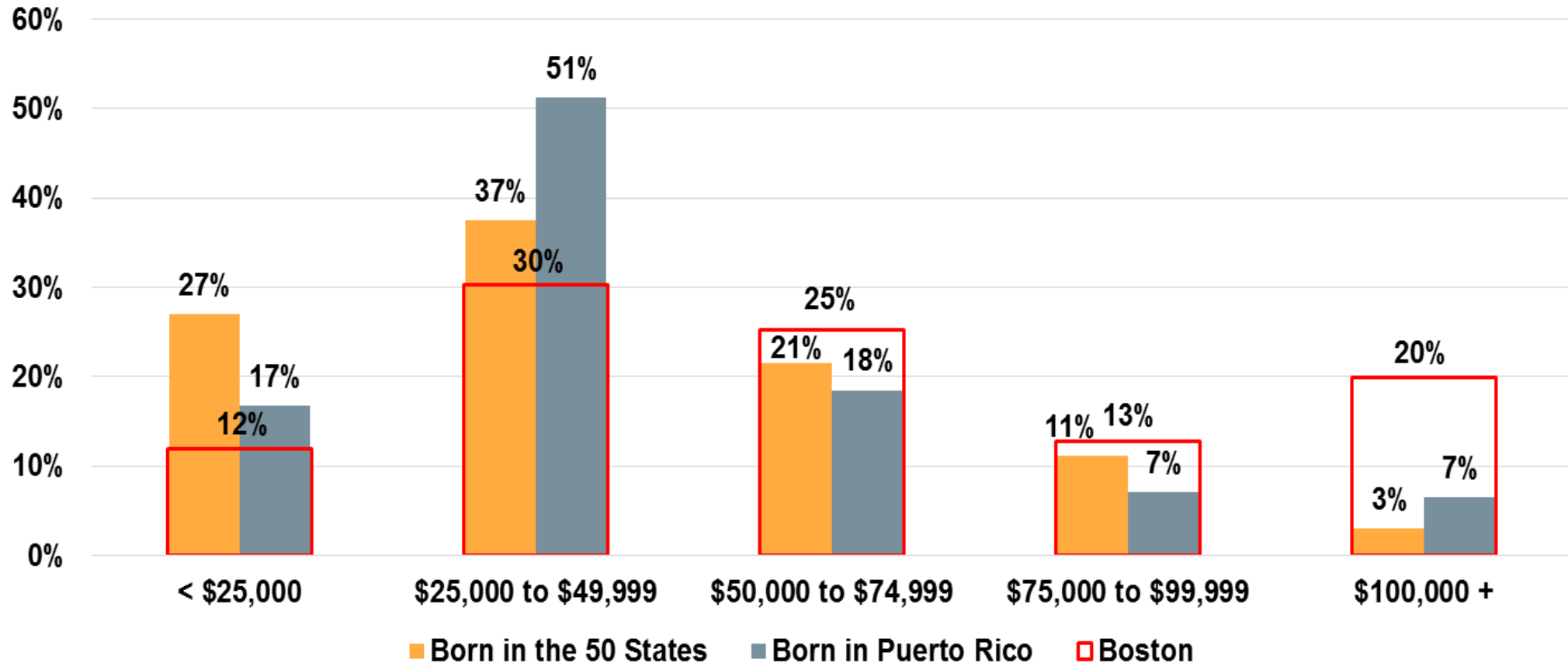


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Only 14% of Puerto Ricans who work full-time earn more than \$75,000 per year.



Earnings of Full-time, Full-year Workers

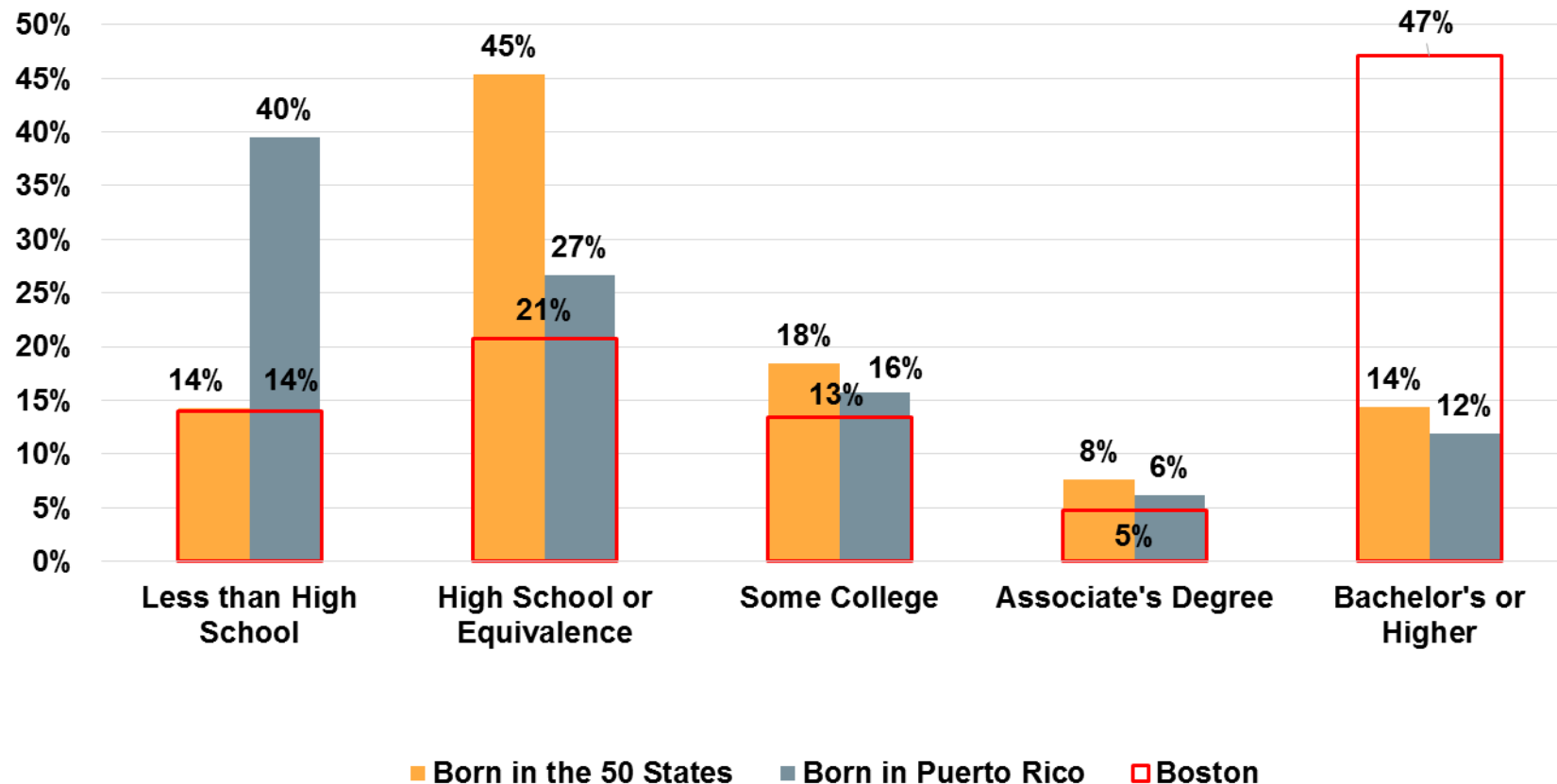


Improving Puerto Ricans' educational attainment will allow greater contribution to Boston's economy.



40% of Puerto Ricans born in Puerto Rico have less than a high school education.
18% of Puerto Ricans born in the U.S. aged 25 or older started college, but have not finished a degree.

Educational Attainment of Puerto Ricans by Place of Birth (Age 25+)

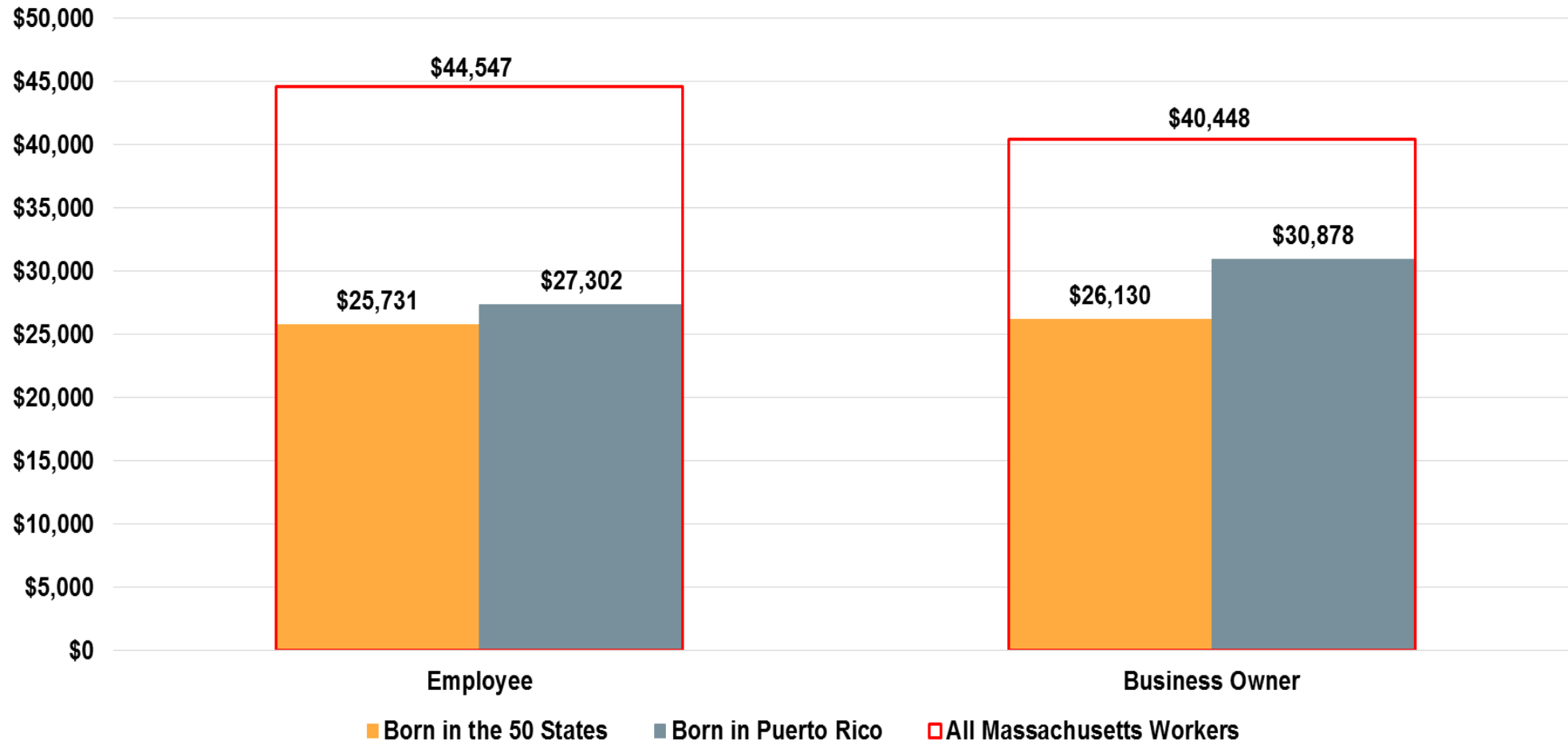


Puerto Rican business owners earn slightly more than their counterparts who are employees.



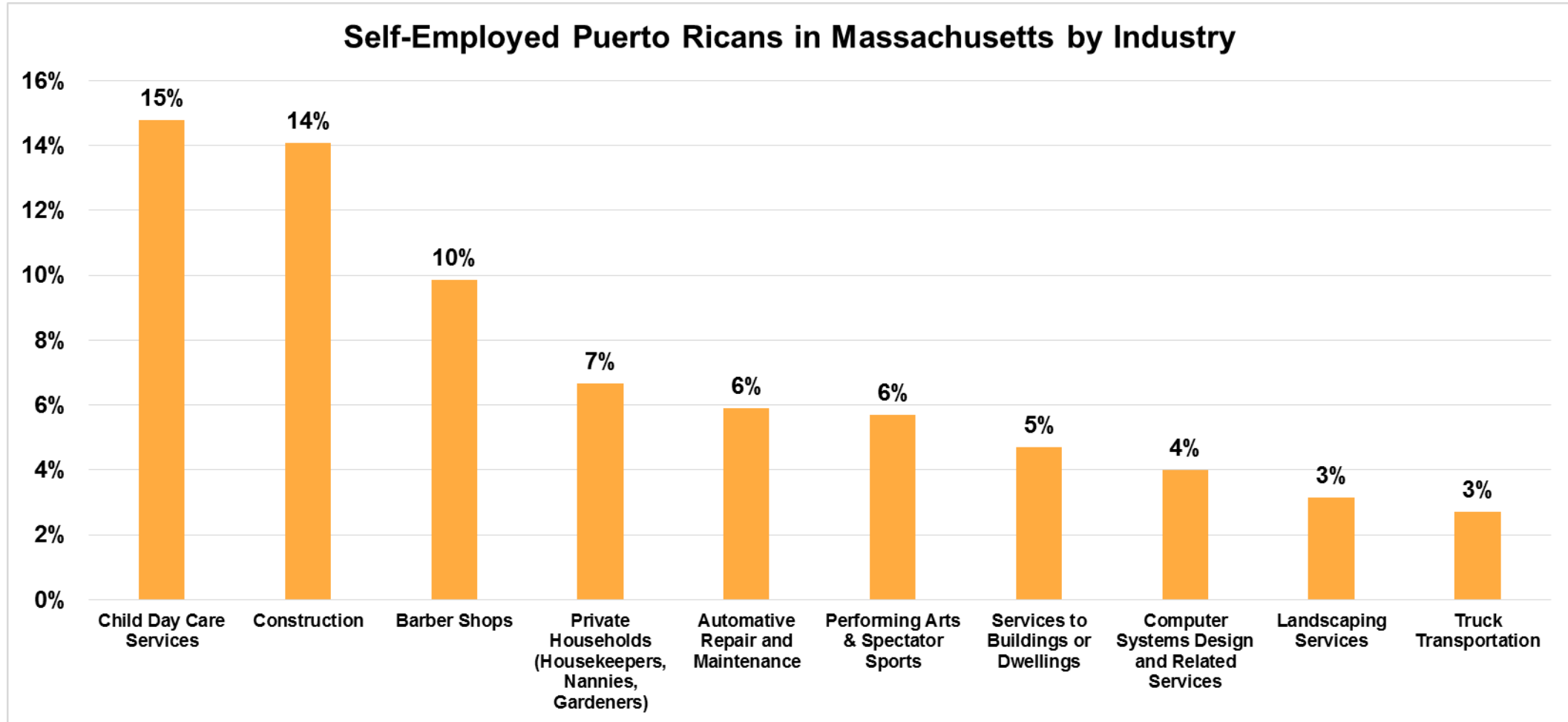
Only 2% of employed Puerto Ricans in Boston are business owners, compared to 6% of all employed Boston residents.

Median Earnings by Type of Work



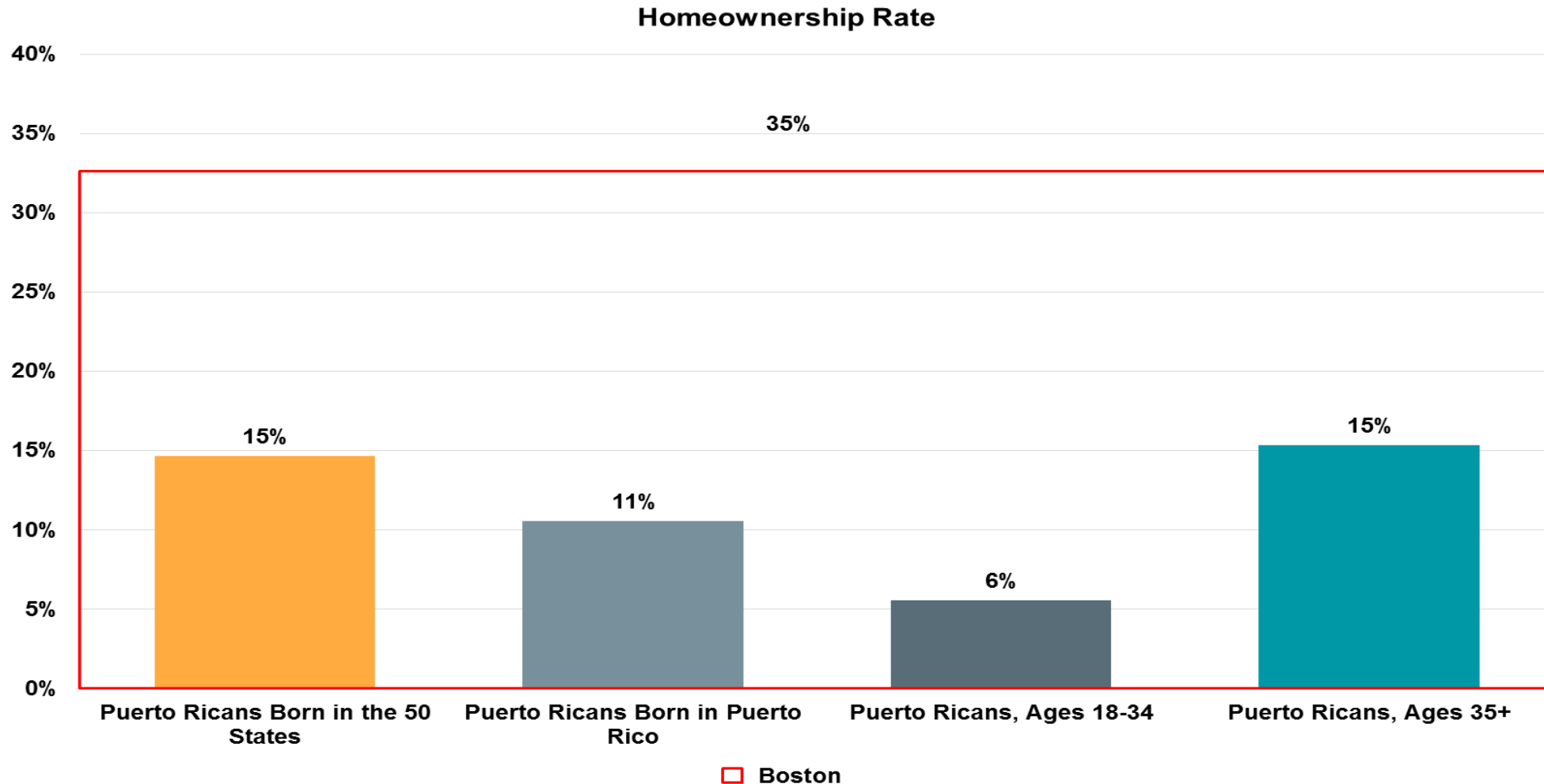
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Puerto Rican businesses are concentrated in childcare and construction.



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Only 15% of Puerto Ricans born in the 50 states and 11% of Puerto Ricans born in Puerto Rico own their homes.





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