



# Celebrating Caribbean-American Heritage Month in Boston

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Florida

Bahamas

Cuba

Turks and  
Caicos

Haiti

Dominican  
Republic

Puerto Rico

Antigua and  
Barbuda

Guadeloupe

Jamaica

Trinidad  
and Tobago

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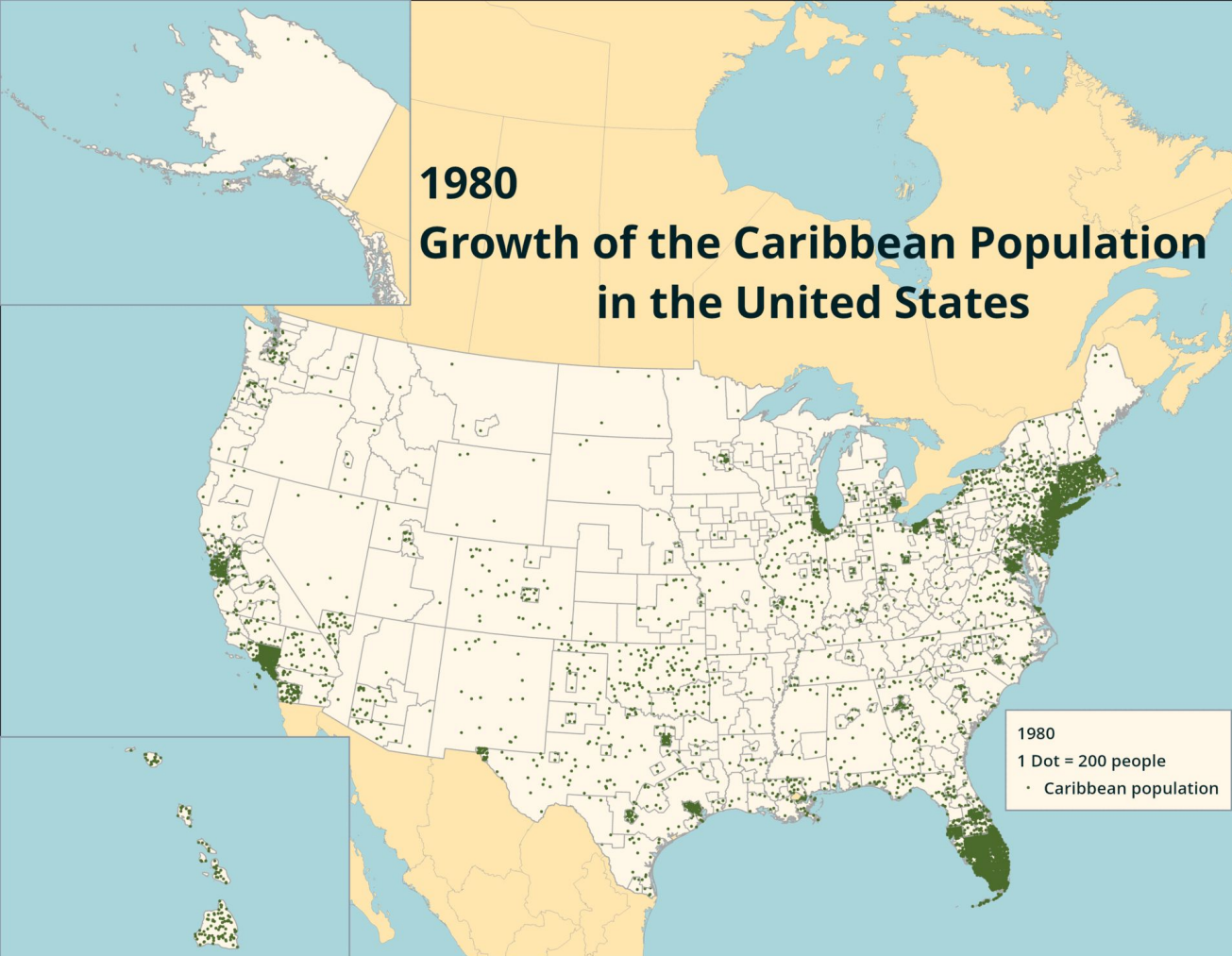
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Central  
America



**1980**

## **Growth of the Caribbean Population in the United States**



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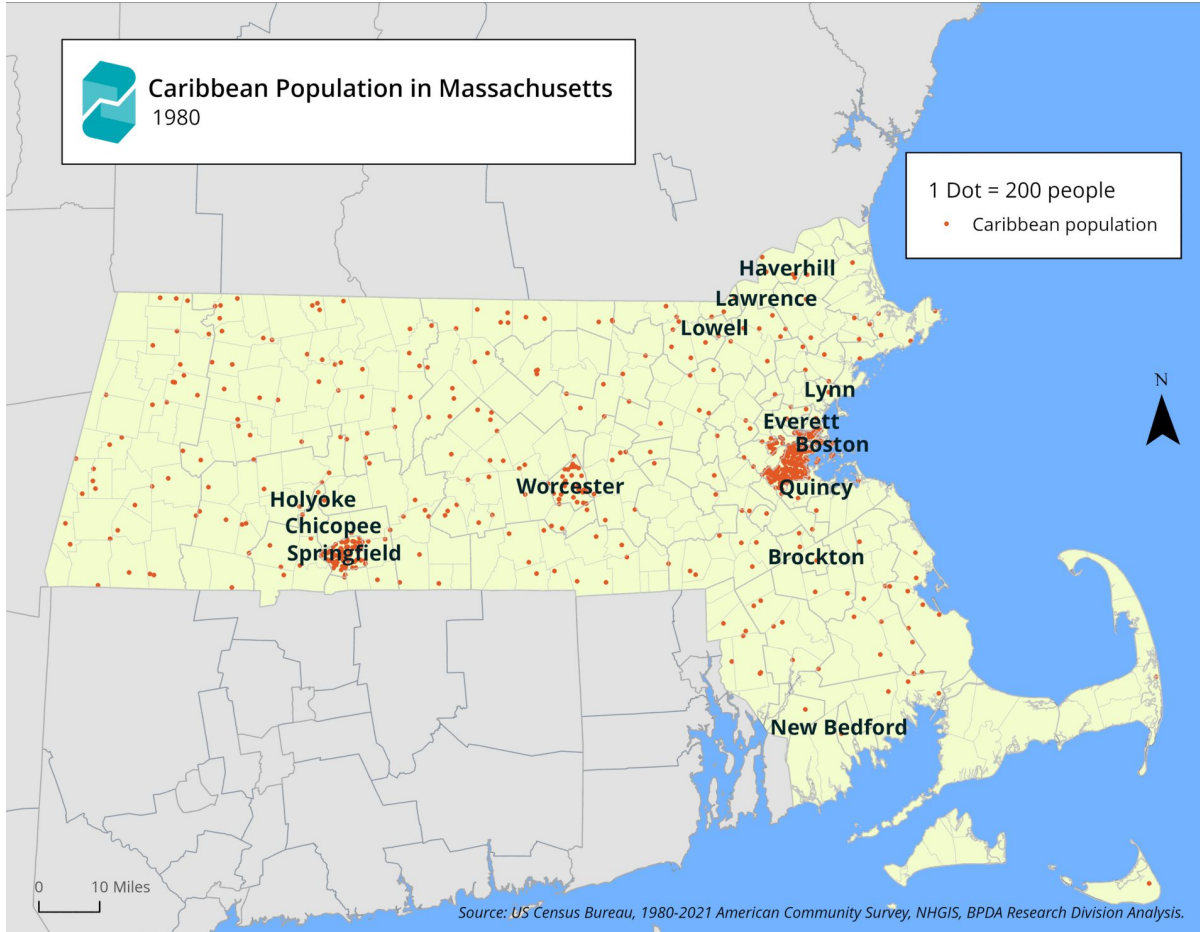
1 Dot = 200 people

· Caribbean population

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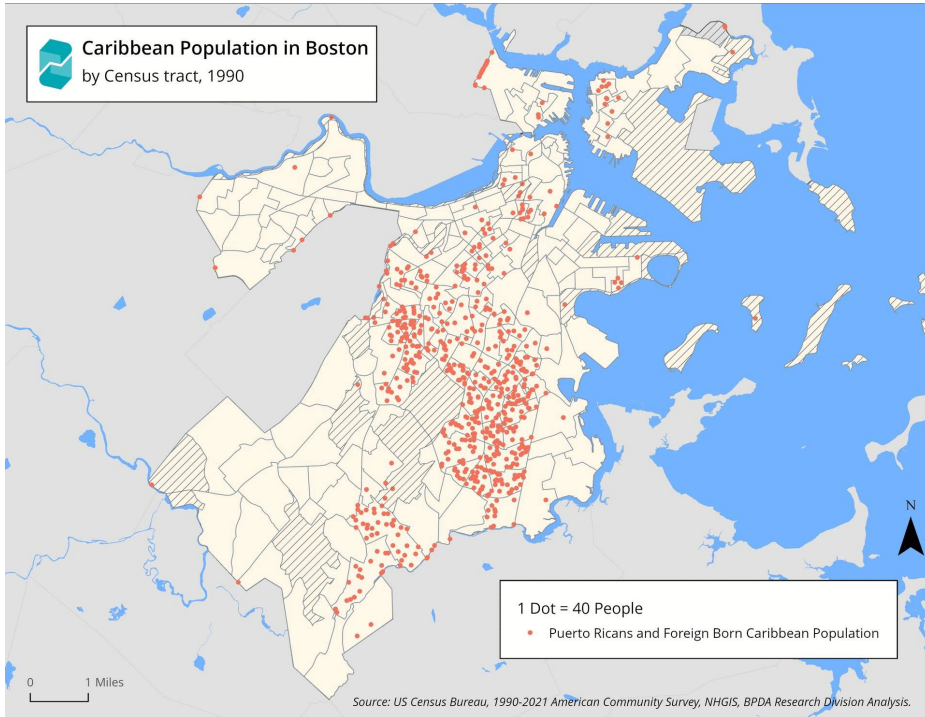
**Massachusetts,  
New York, New  
Jersey and Florida  
have historically  
been home to the  
largest Caribbean  
populations in the  
United States**

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**Boston has the largest and most diverse Caribbean population in the state. Large Puerto Rican populations are in Hampden County and Worcester and Dominicans are in Lawrence.**

# 63% of Caribbeans live in Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, or Roxbury

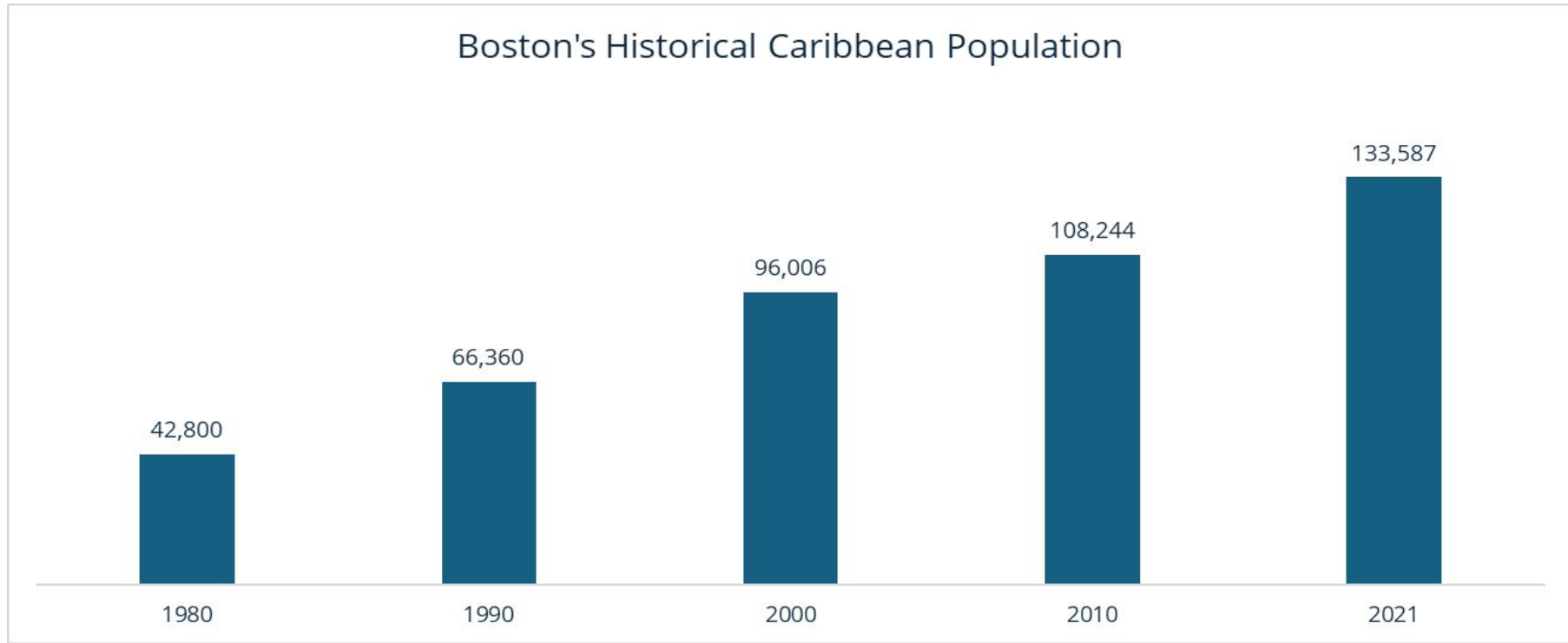


## Caribbean populations by neighborhood

	Dorchester	Roxbury	Mattapan	Hyde Park
Dominican	30.2%	19.1%	5.5%	7.5%
Puerto Rican	20.3%	13.6%	3.7%	14.5%
Haitian	25.5%	4.4%	17.6%	27.2%
Jamaican	39.0%	9.3%	24.6%	15.2%

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, BPDA Research Division Analysis

# While Boston's population has increased by 16% since 1980, its Caribbean population has increased by 212%



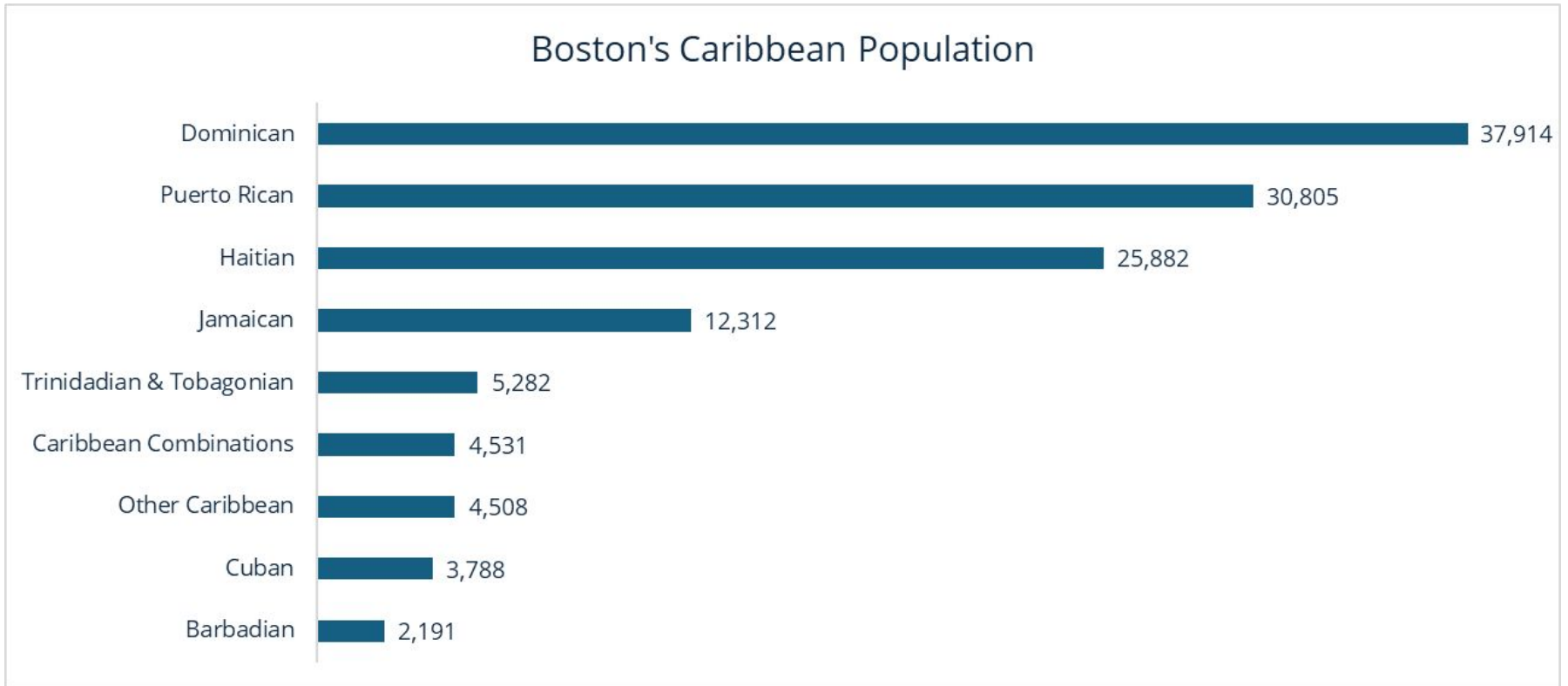


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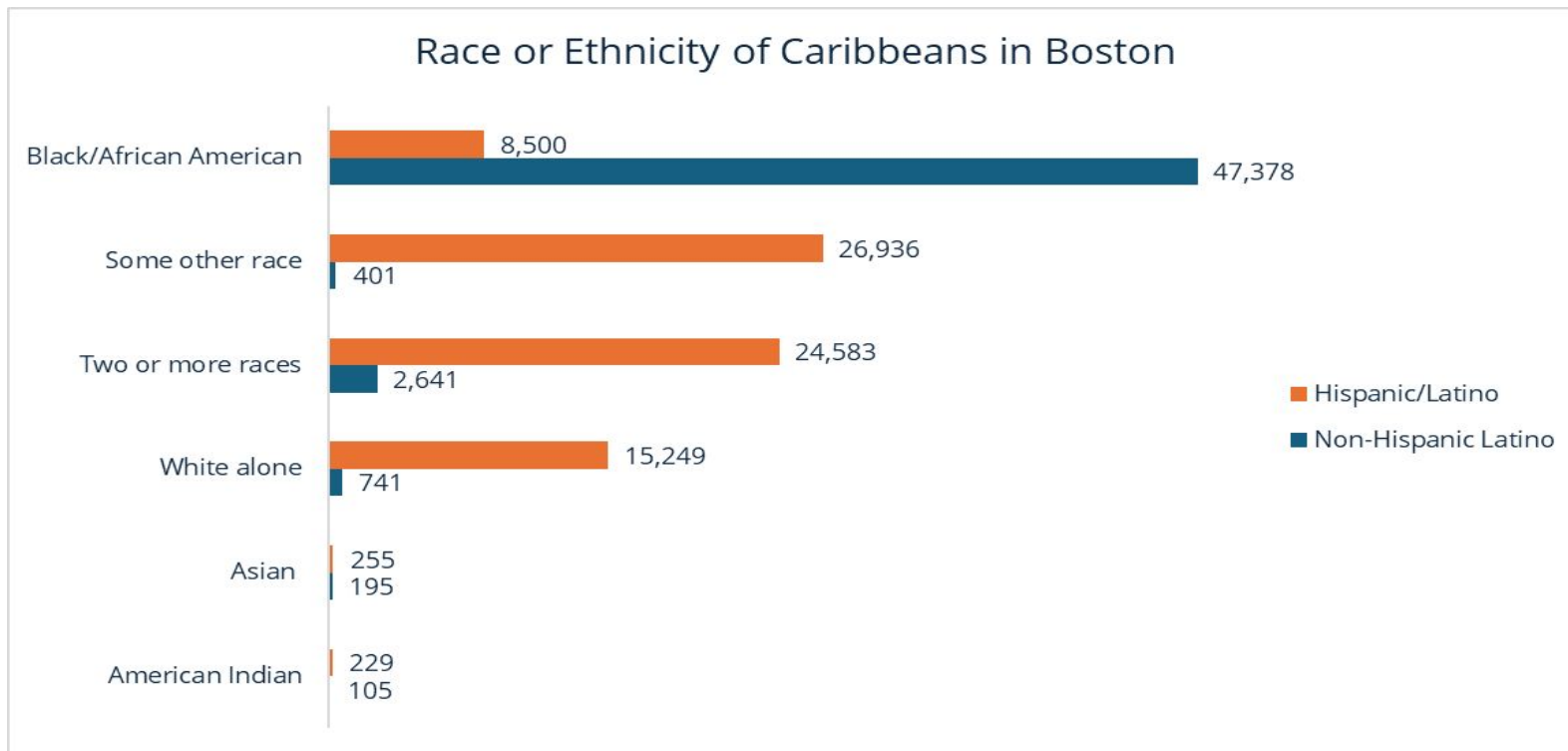
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# Over 127,000 Caribbeanans live in Boston



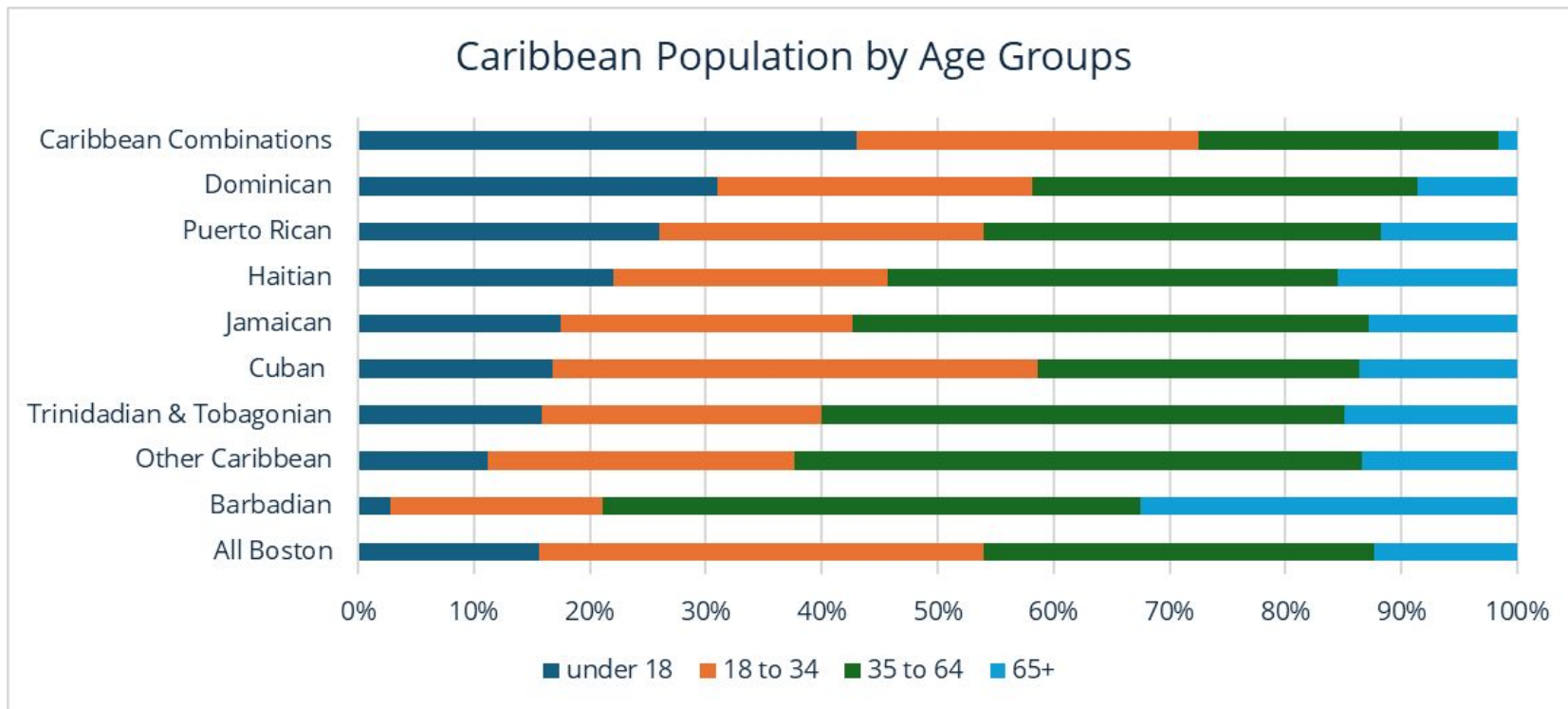
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# 60% of Boston's Caribbeans identify as Hispanic or Latino and 37% as Non-Hispanic Black alone



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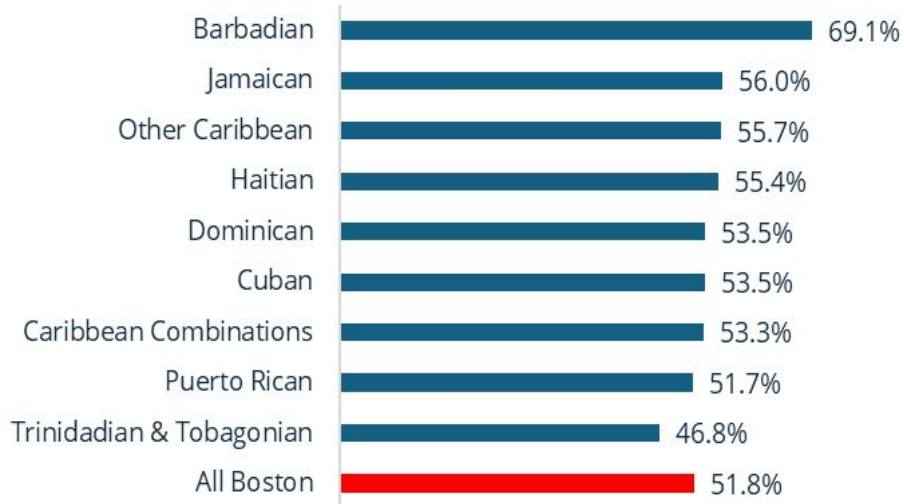
# Dominicans, Puerto Ricans, and Haitians have larger shares of children but overall the Caribbean population is more likely to be older, (35 to 64)



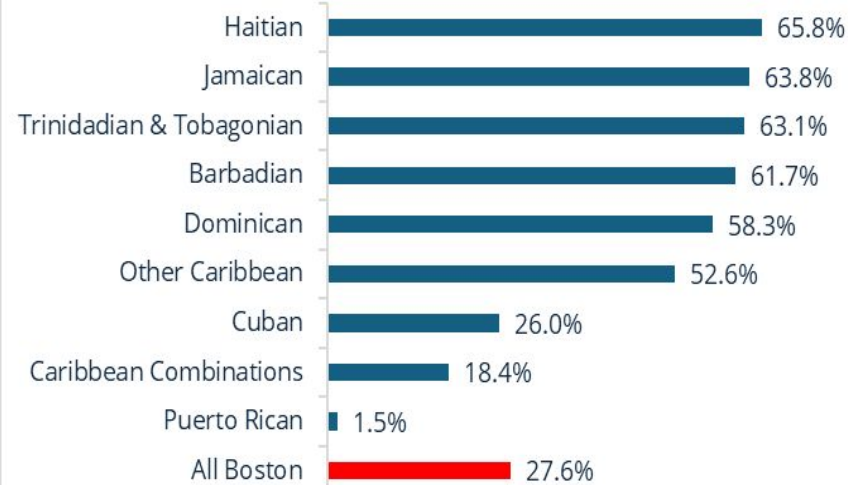
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# Caribbeans are more likely to be foreign born and female than all Boston residents

## Caribbean Female Share



## Caribbean Foreign-Born Share

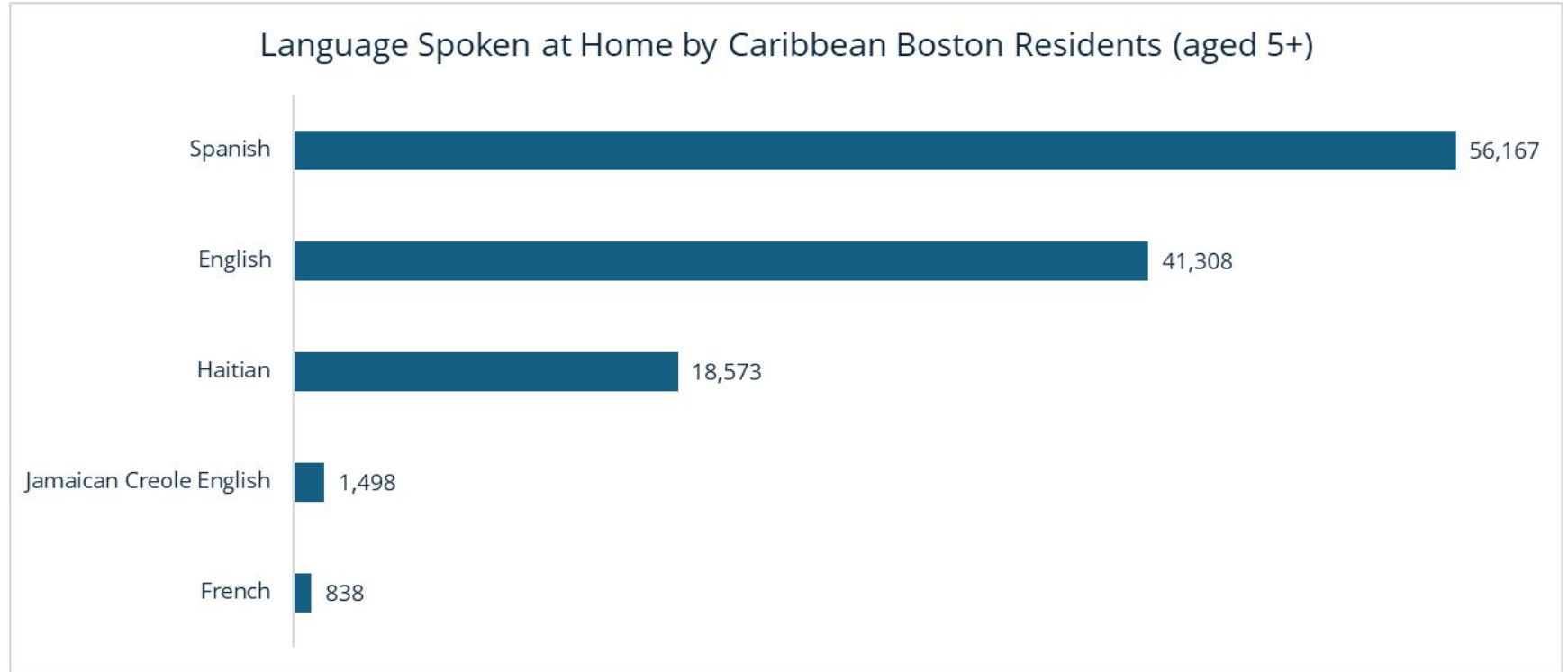


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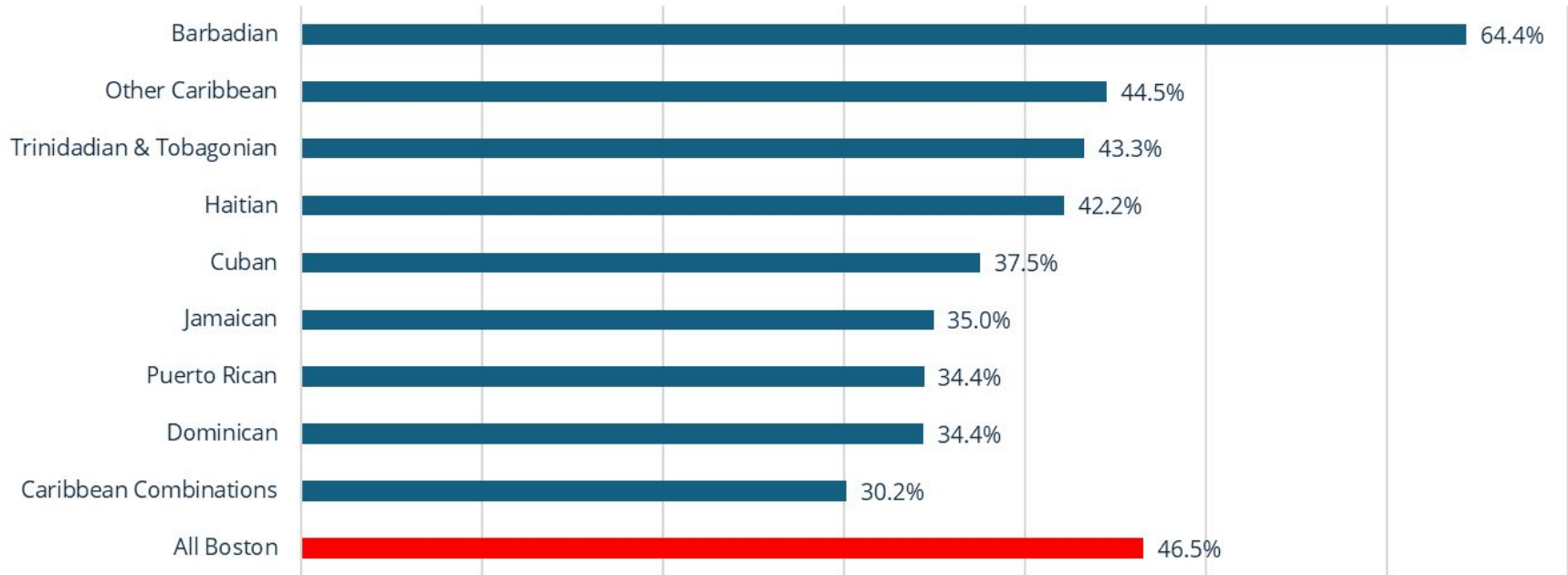
# Over 83,000 Caribbeans speak only English or speak it very well and 31% have limited English proficiency



Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey (PUMS), BPDA Research Division Analysis

# Caribbean young adults in Boston are less likely to be enrolled in colleges and universities than other young adult residents

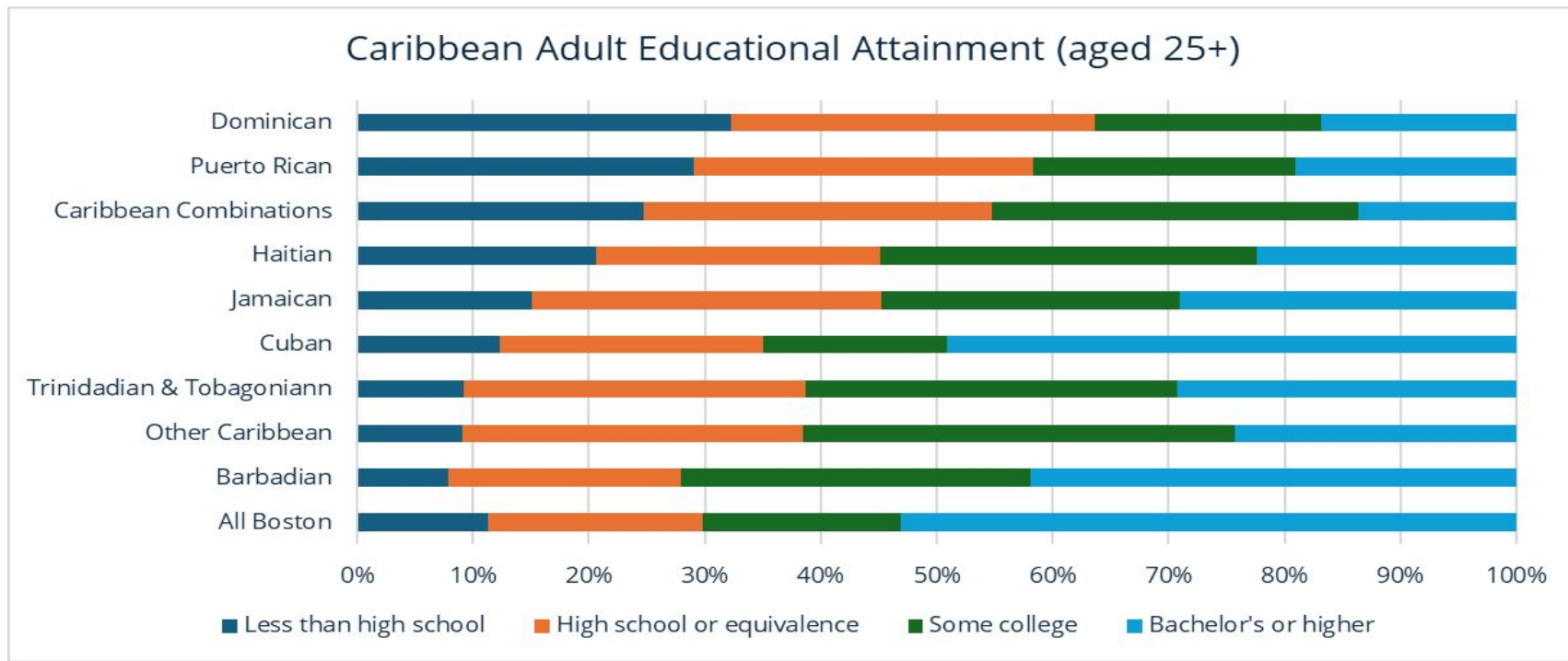
Caribbeans in Boston by share enrolled in college (aged 18-29)



Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey (PUMS), BPDA Research Division Analysis



# Cuban and Barbadian adults have educational attainment similar to all Boston adults, while over a third of Dominican and Puerto Rican adults never finished high school



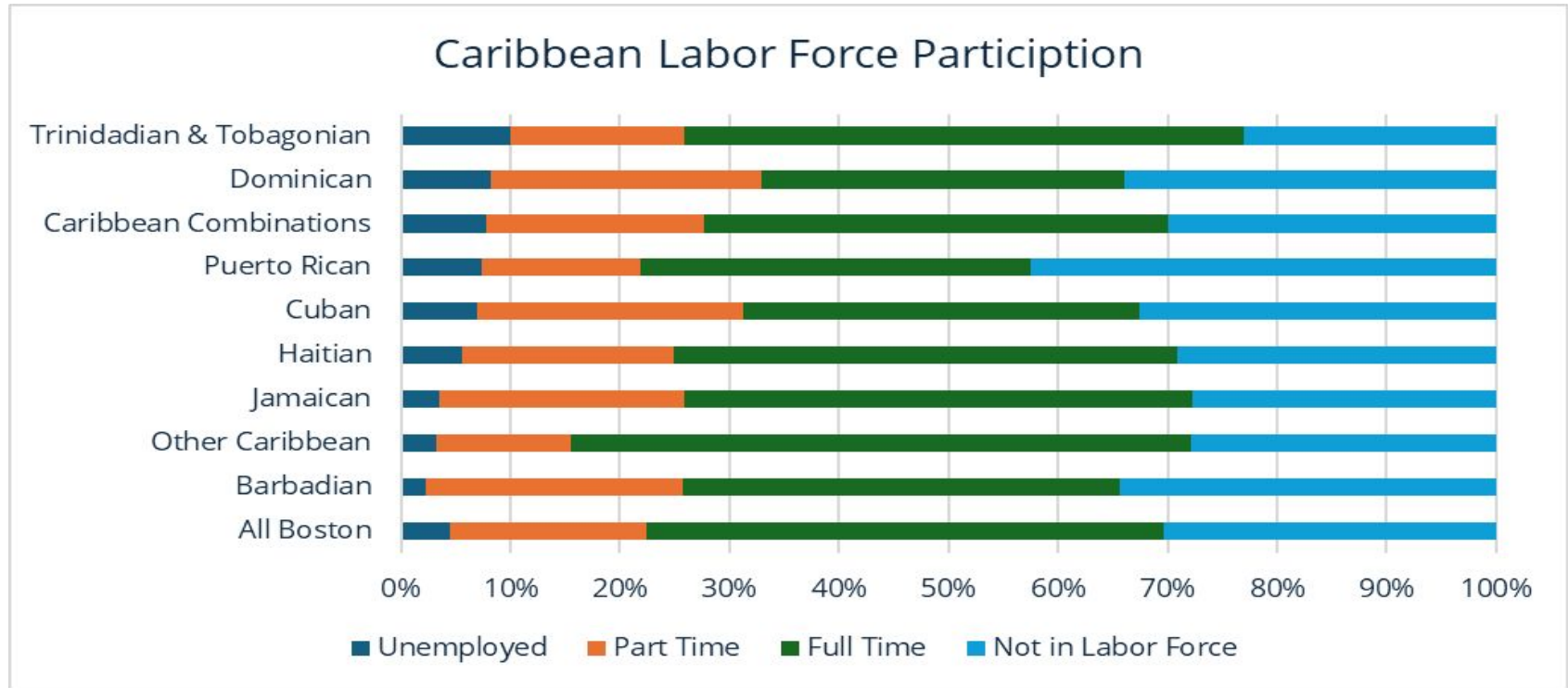
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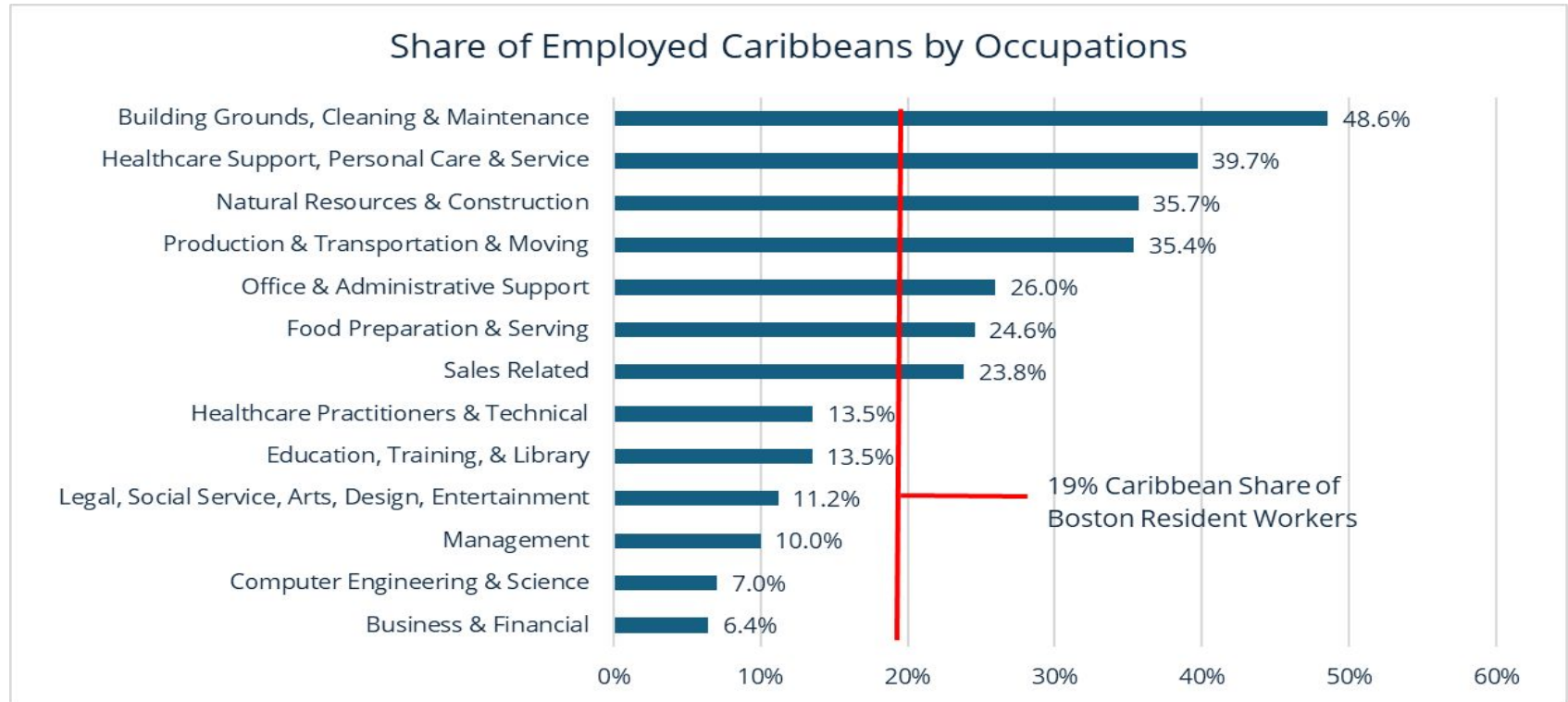
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# Caribbean labor force participation is similar to other Boston populations



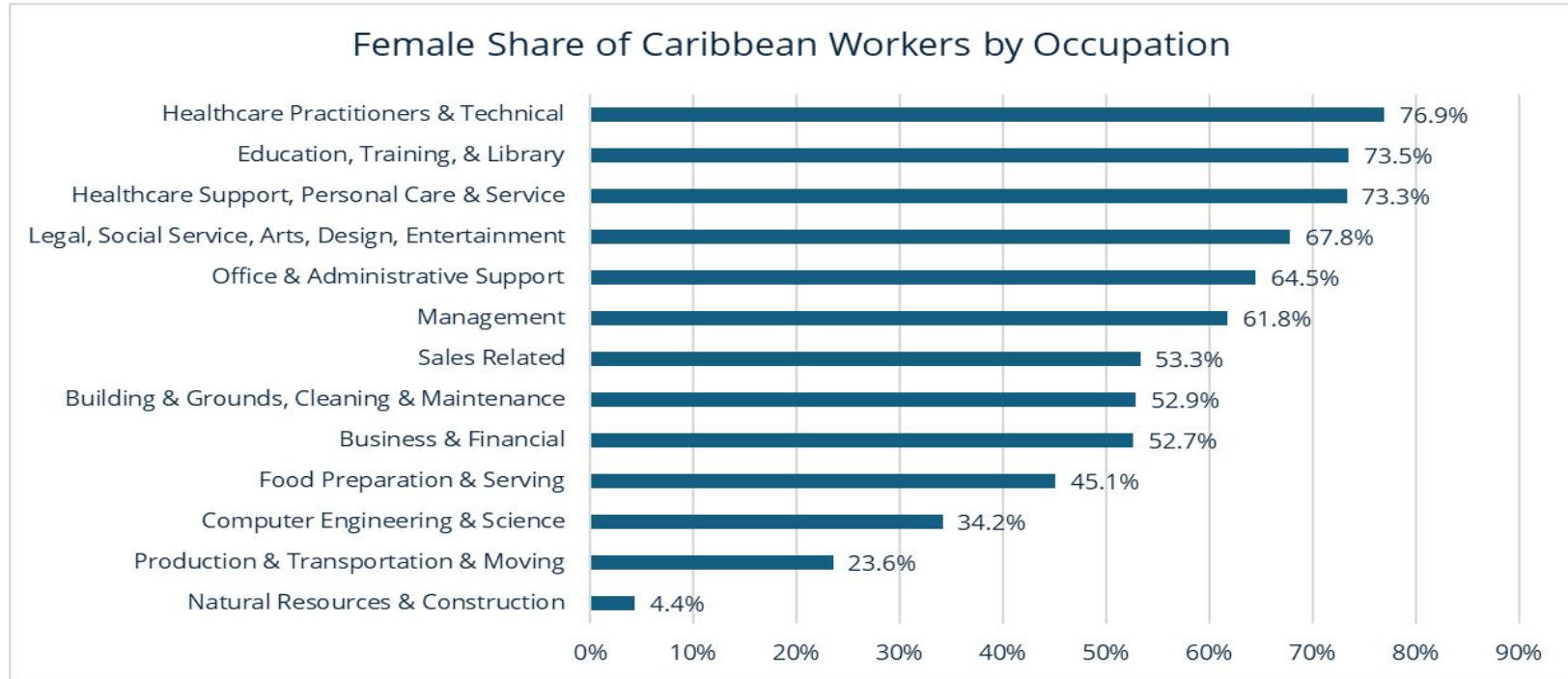
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# Nearly 60,000 Caribbean residents in Boston are employed and are over represented in lower-skilled jobs



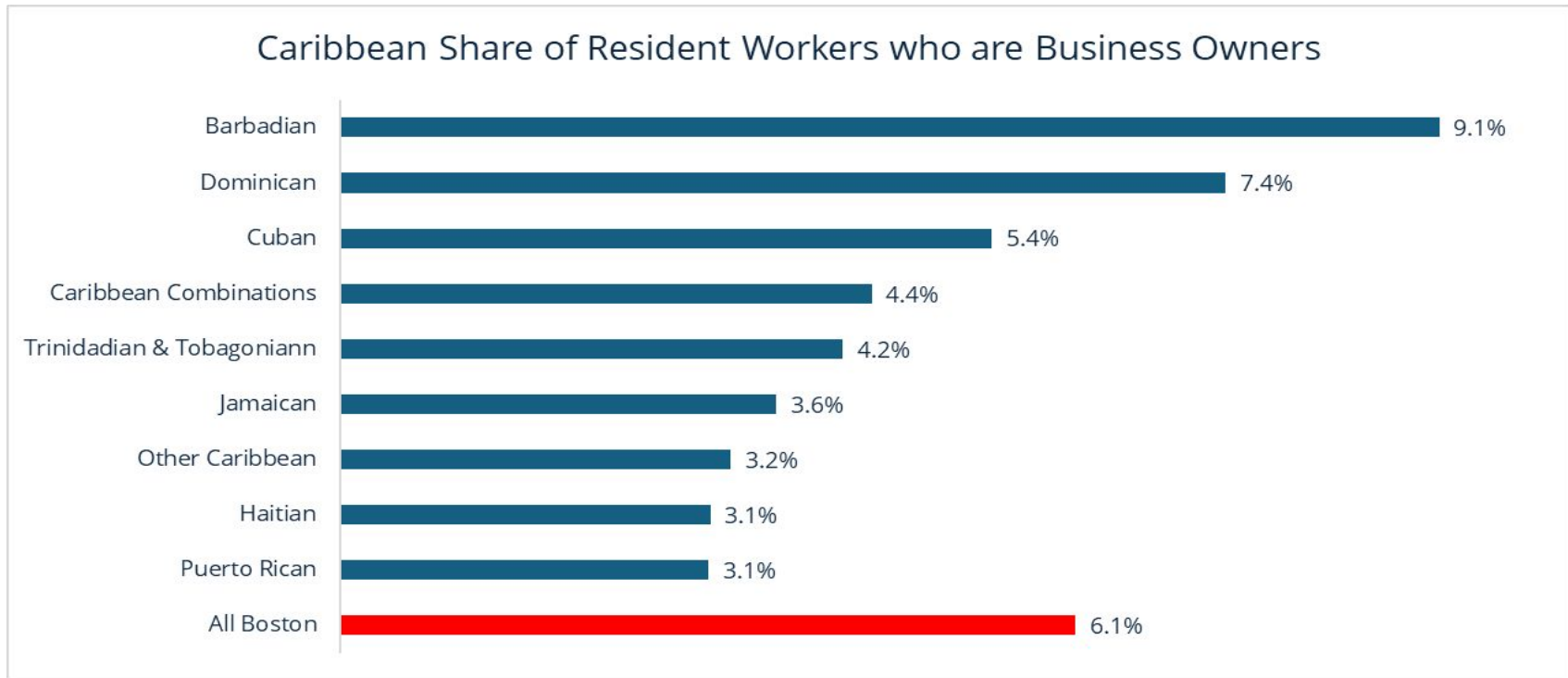
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# Nearly 10,000 Caribbean women work in healthcare support and personal care jobs



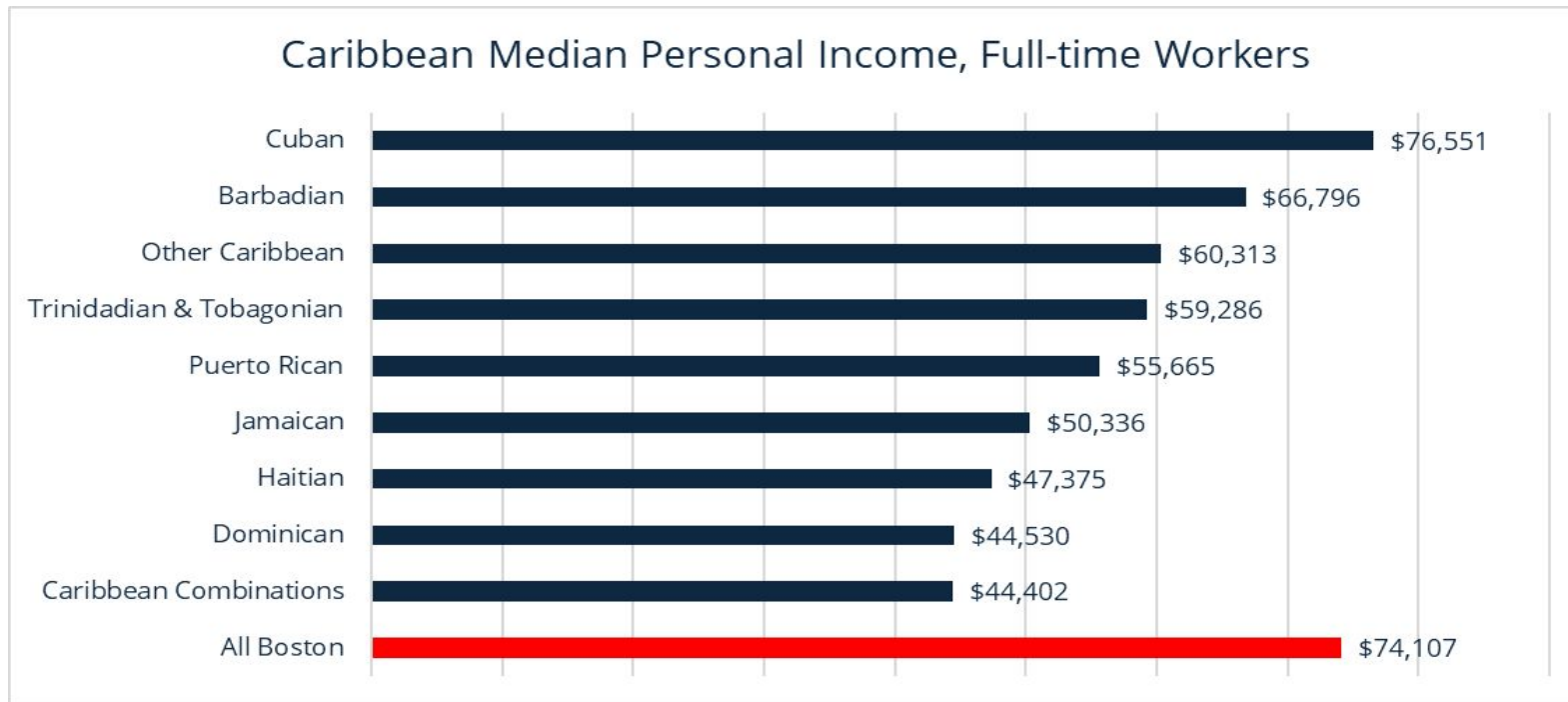
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# Only Barbadians and Dominicans have higher shares of business owners than other Boston residents



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# Boston's Caribbean full-time workers earn less than other Boston resident workers



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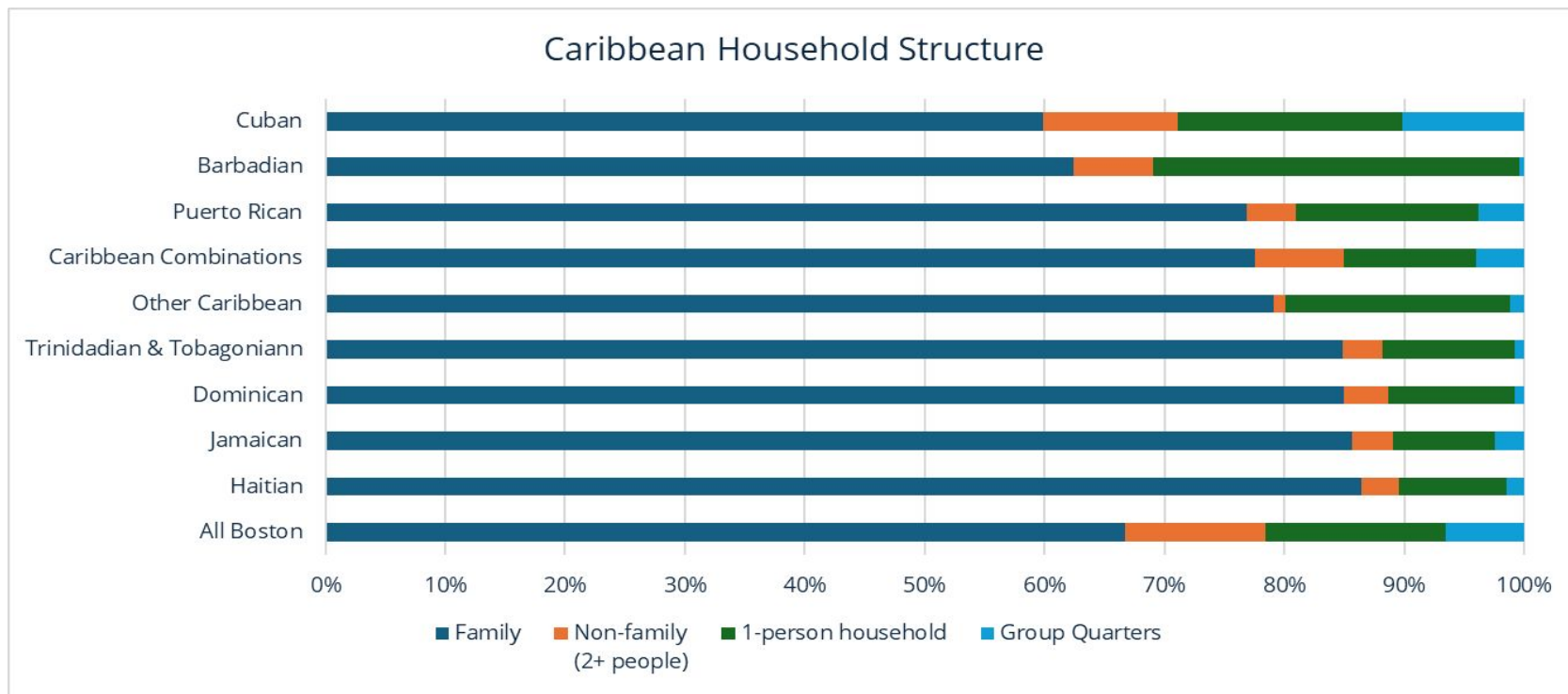
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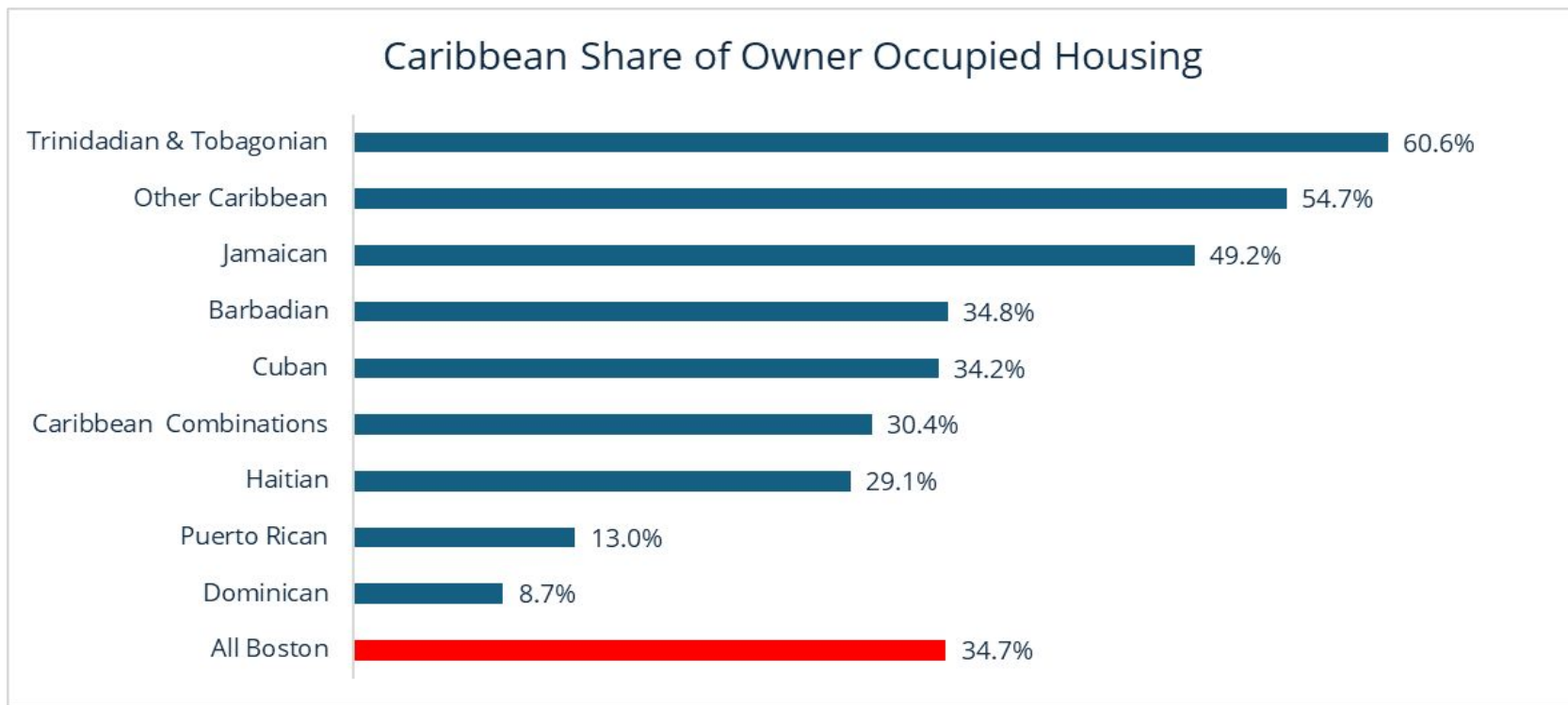


# Most Caribbean populations are more likely to live in family households



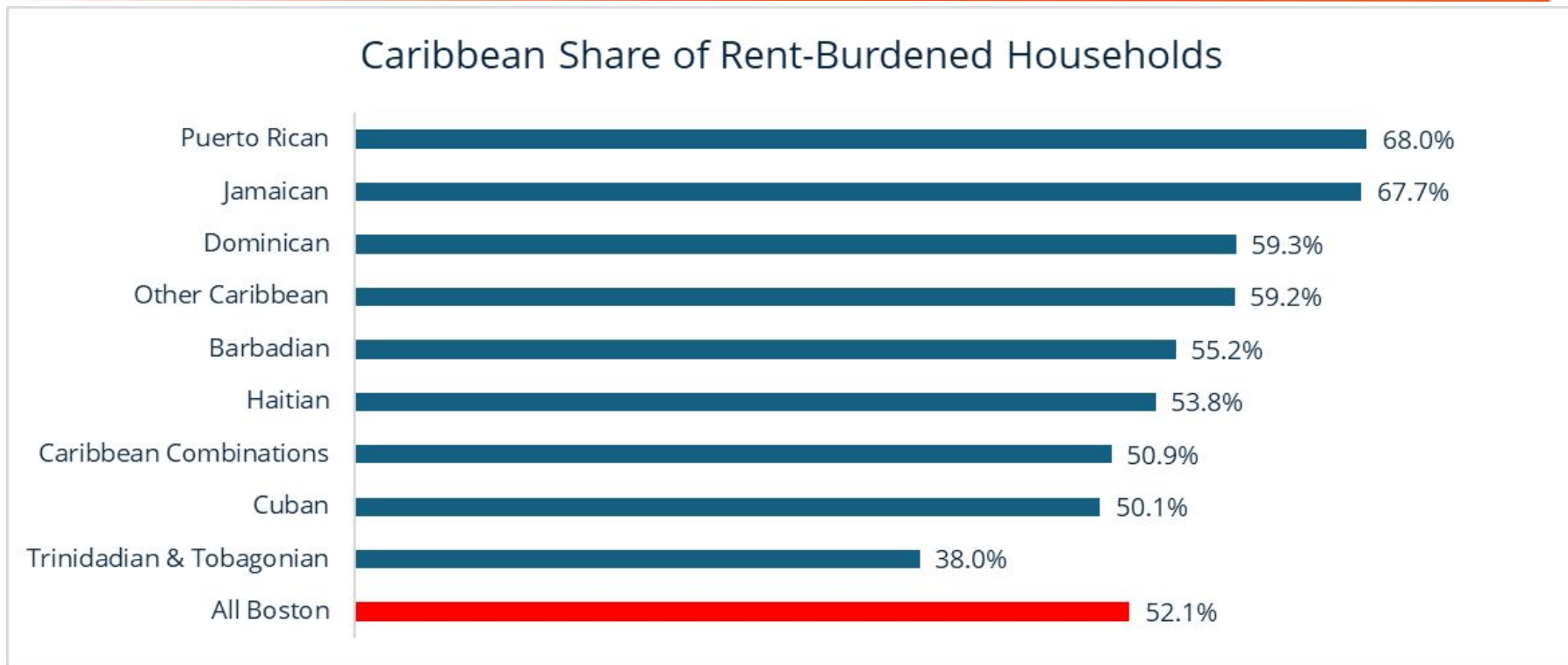
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# Dominicans and Puerto Ricans have lower levels of homeownership



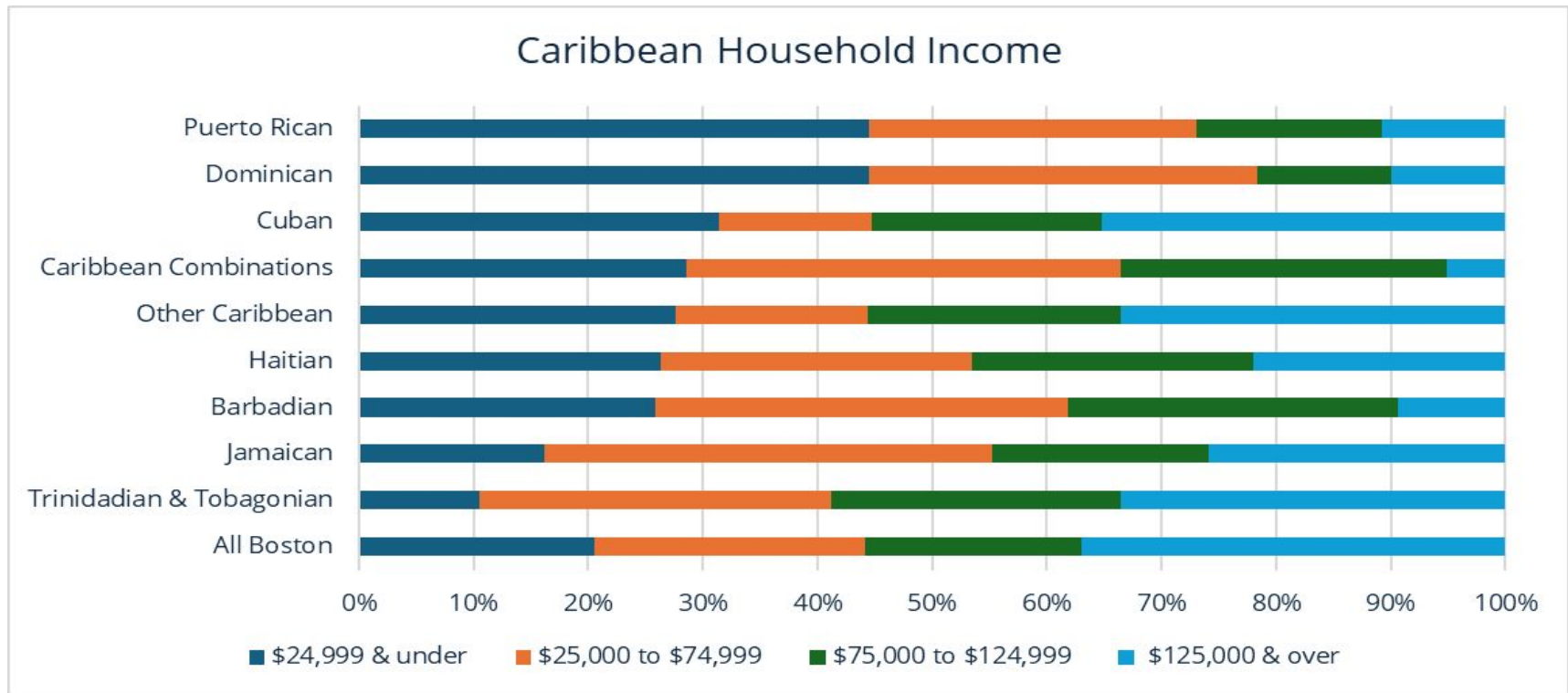
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# Caribbean renting households are more likely to be cost-burdened



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# Puerto Rican and Dominican households have lower household income



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