



# CELEBRATING DOMINICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOSTON

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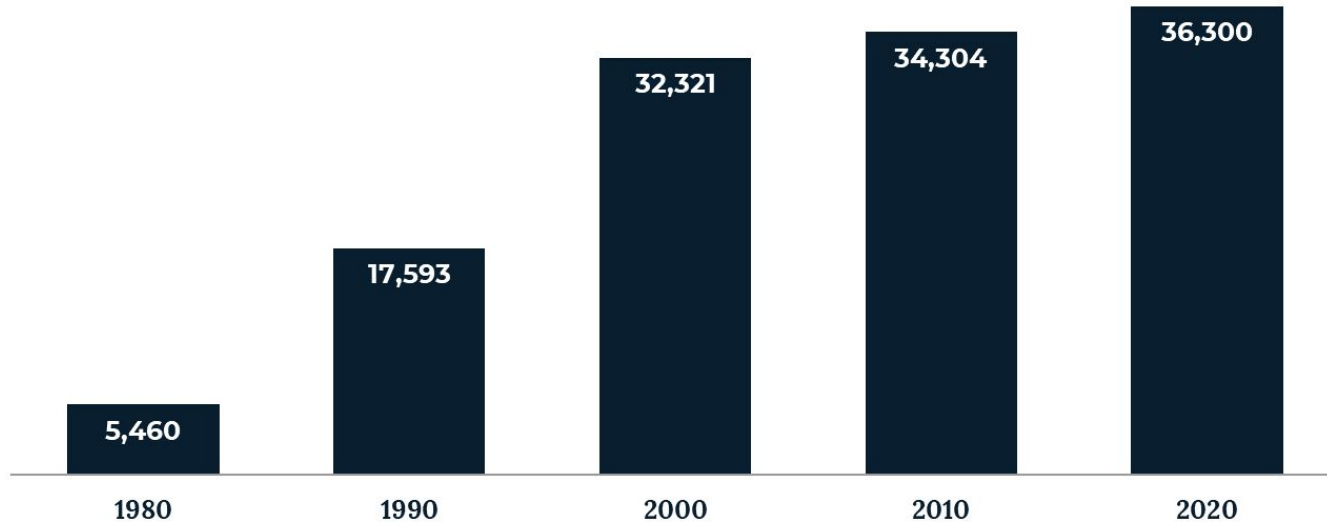
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# DOMINICANS CONTRIBUTE TO BOSTON'S POPULATION INCREASE AND MAKE UP 6.1% OF ITS POPULATION 2022

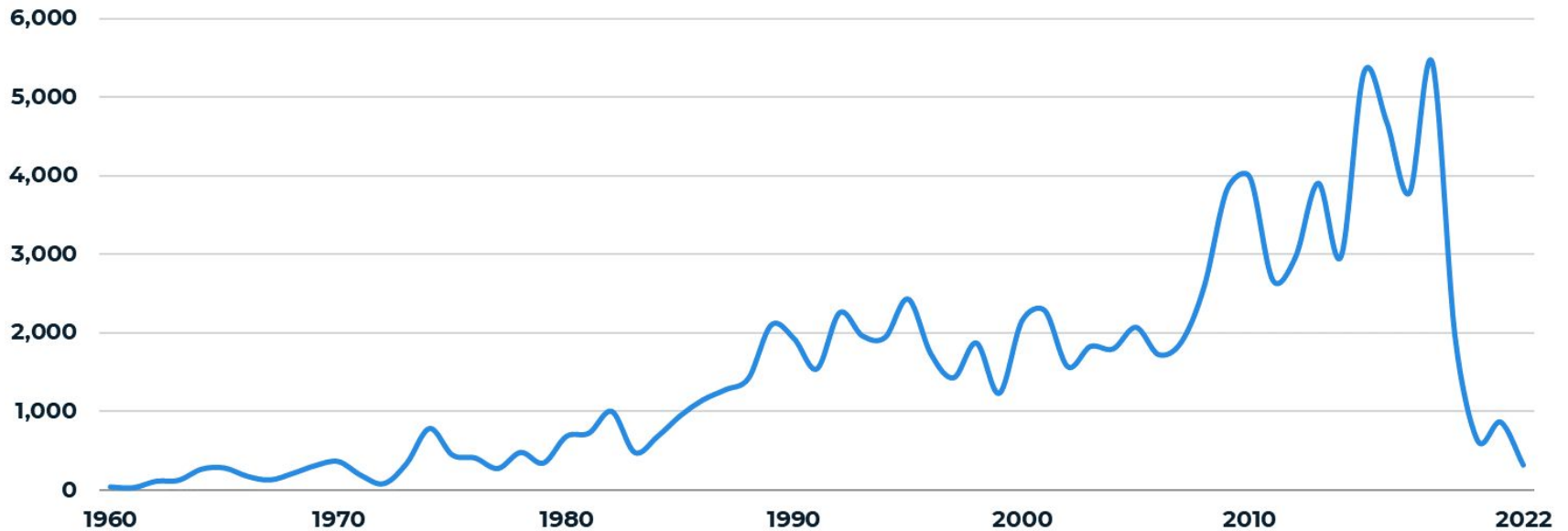
## DOMINICANS IN BOSTON (1980-2020)



Sources: 1980-2000 Censuses, 2009-2011 and 2018-2022 American Community Surveys

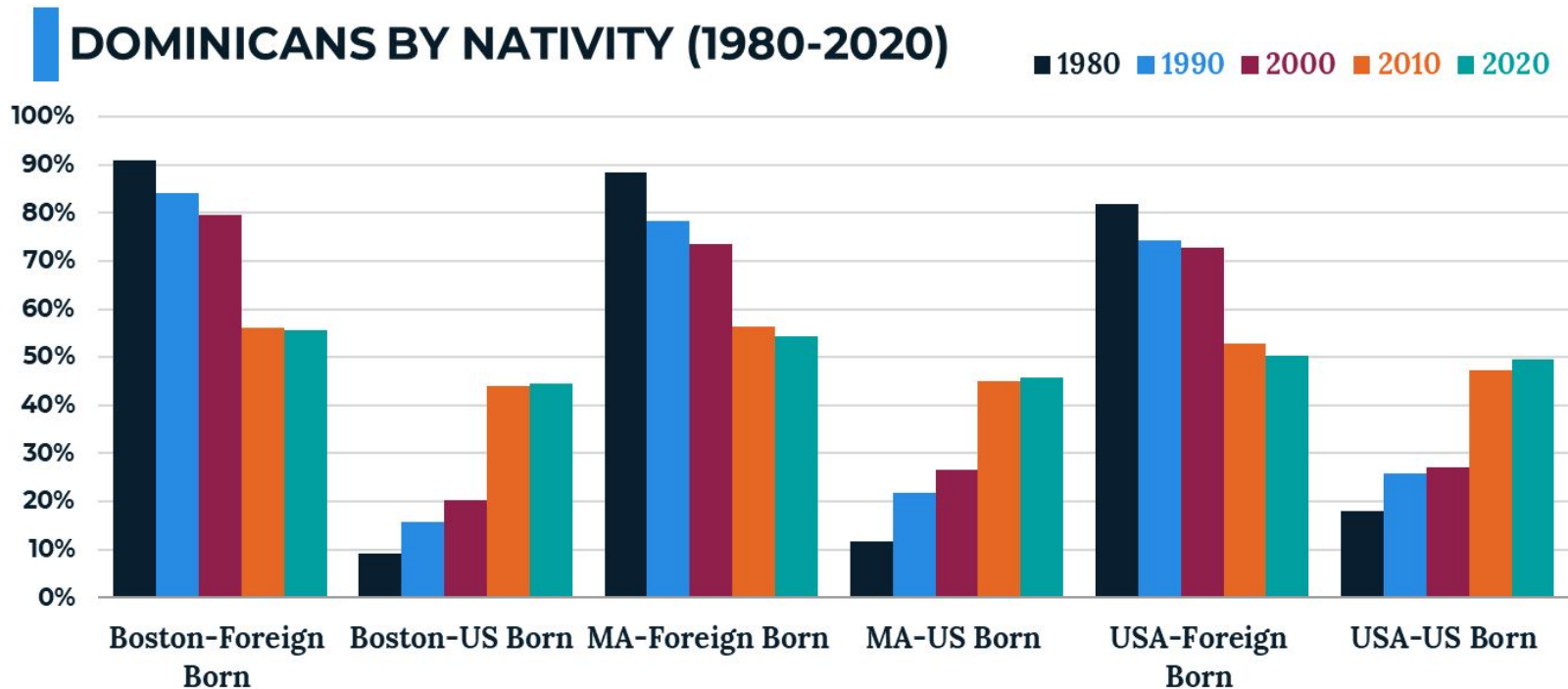
# DOMINICAN MIGRATION TO MASSACHUSETTS HAS SLOWED SINCE 2018

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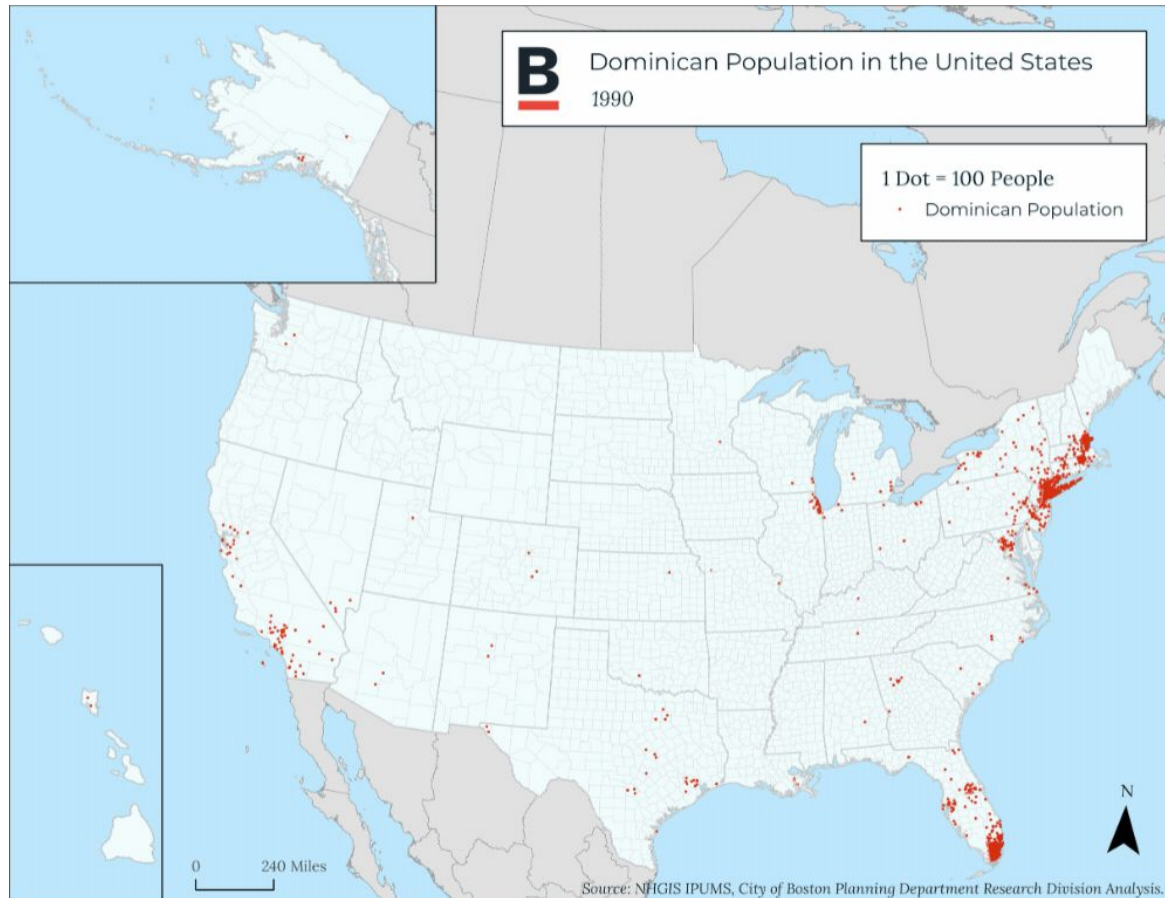


Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey( PUMS)

# THE SHARE OF U.S.-BORN DOMINICANS IS INCREASING

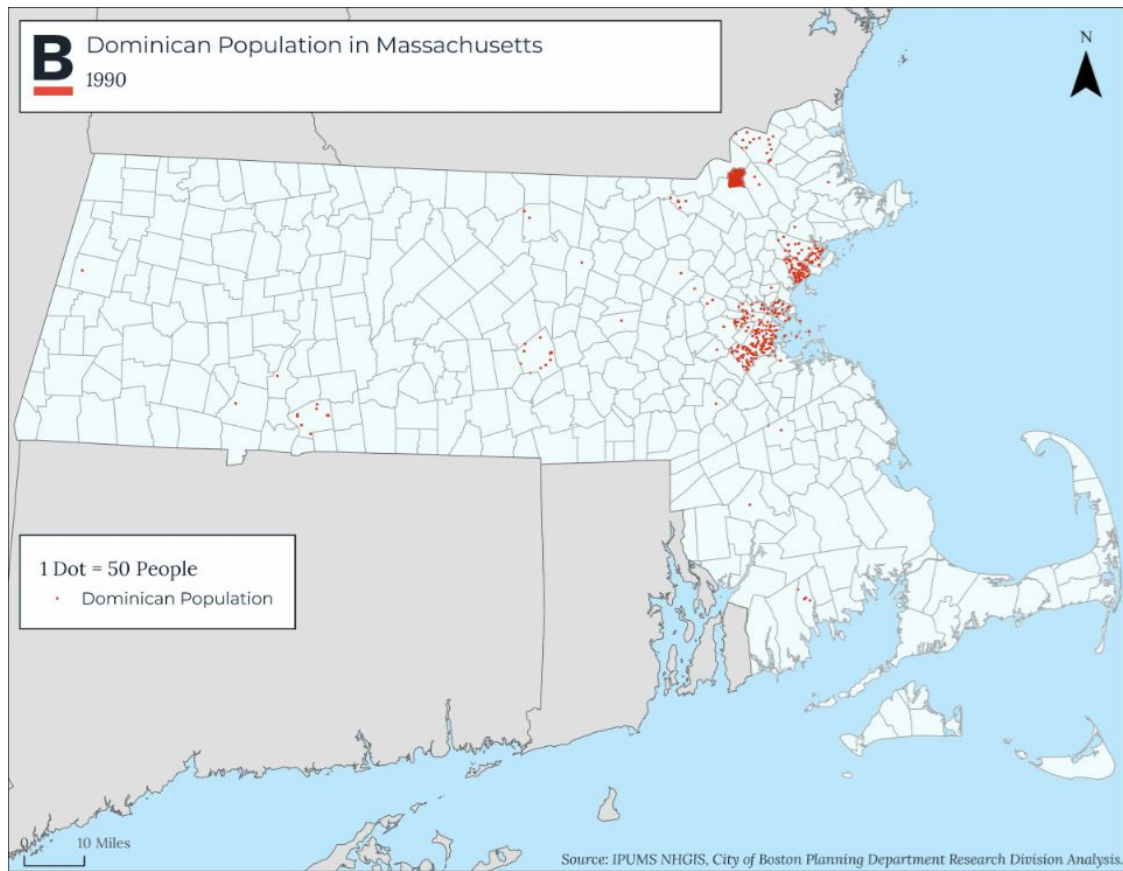


# New York, New Jersey, Florida, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania are the Top 5 States where Dominicans live



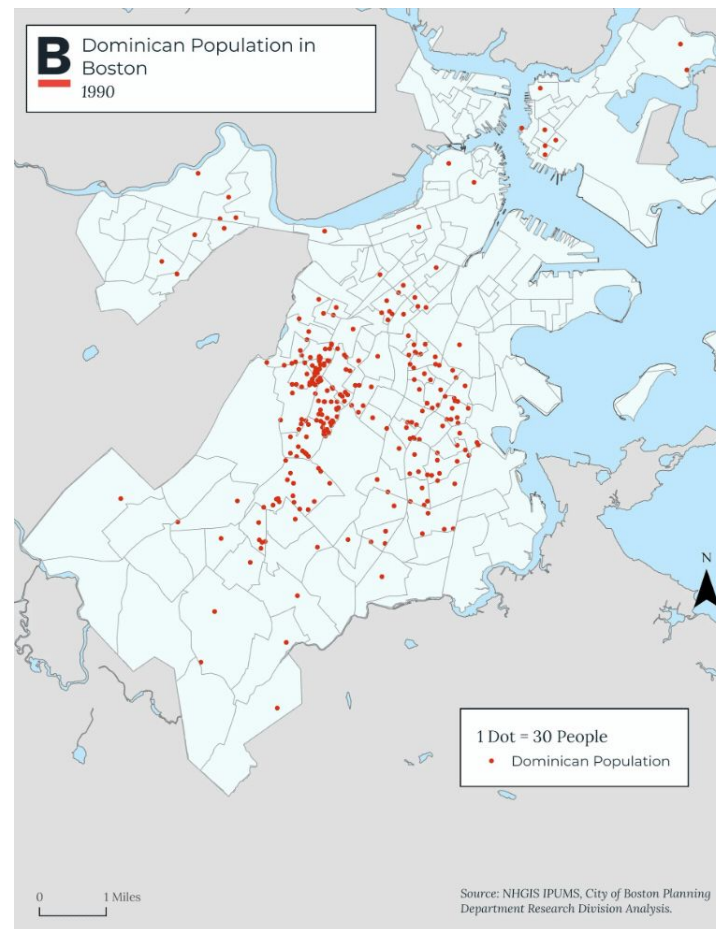


# Lawrence, Boston, Lynn, Methuen, and Worcester are the Top 5 Cities or Towns where Dominicans live



# BOSTON NEIGHBORHOODS

	Share of Dominicans in 2022
<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>32.3%</b>
<b>Roxbury</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
<b>Mattapan</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Jamaica Plain</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Roslindale</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Hyde Park</b>	<b>5.3%</b>



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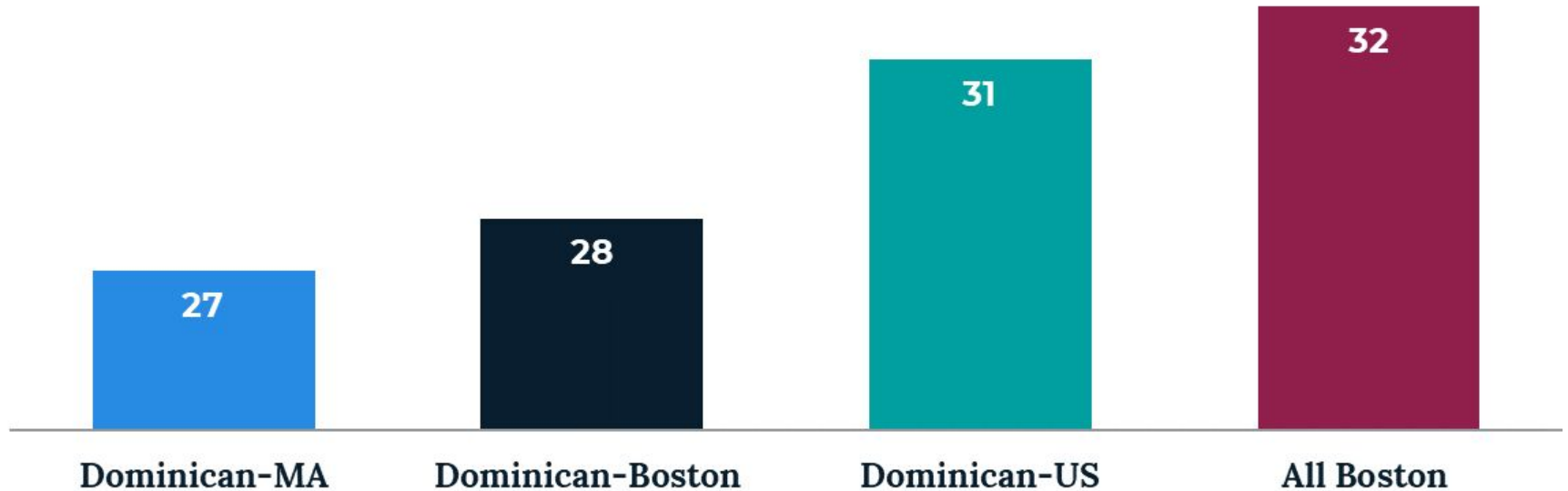
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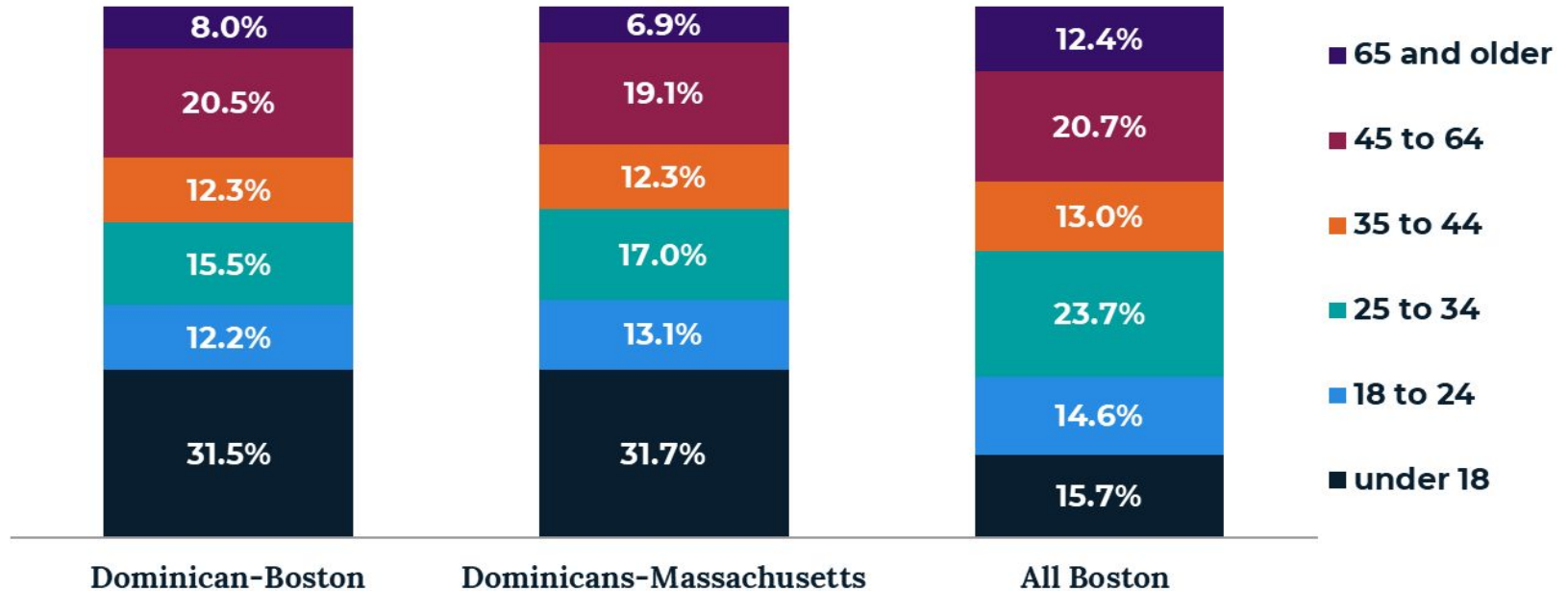
# DOMINICANS IN BOSTON ARE A YOUNGER POPULATION

## MEDIAN AGE

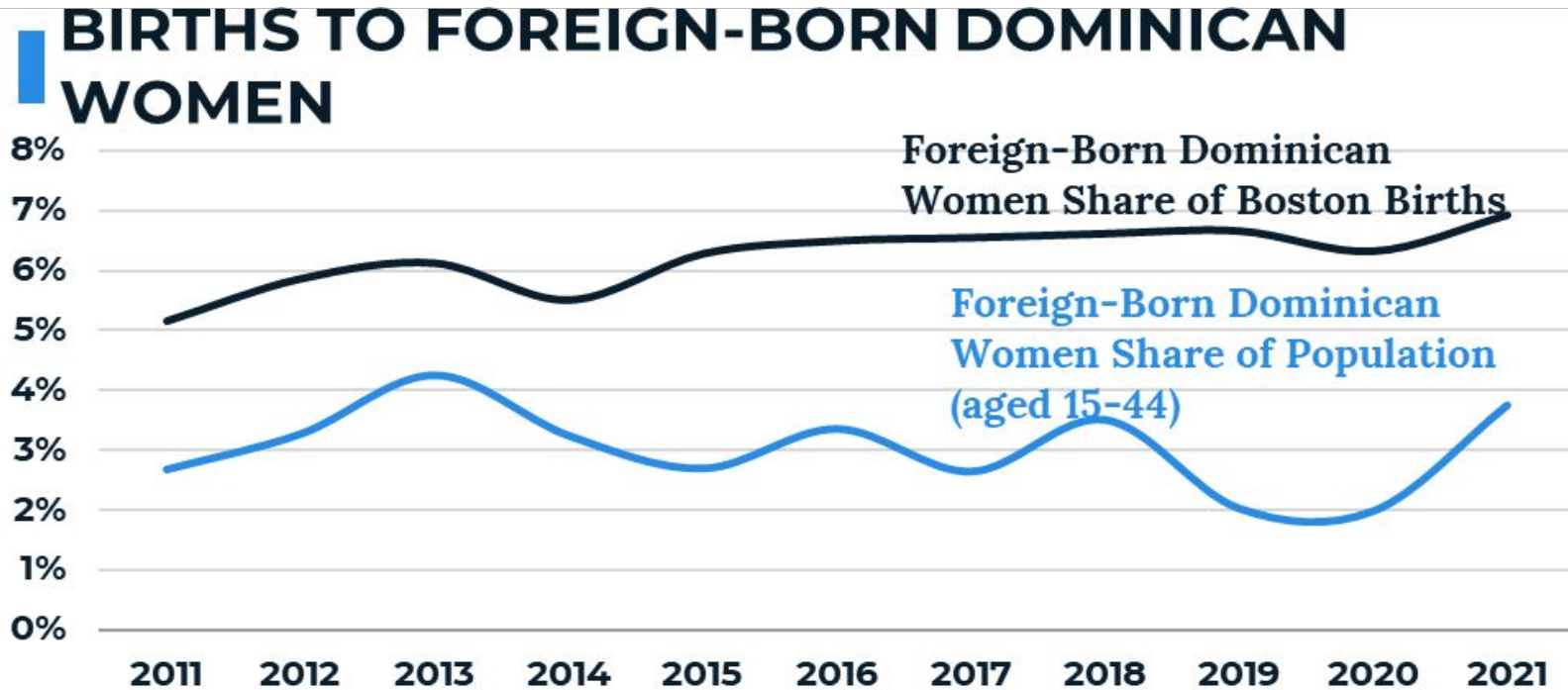


# NEARLY A THIRD OF BOSTON'S DOMINICANS ARE CHILDREN

## AGE CATEGORIES

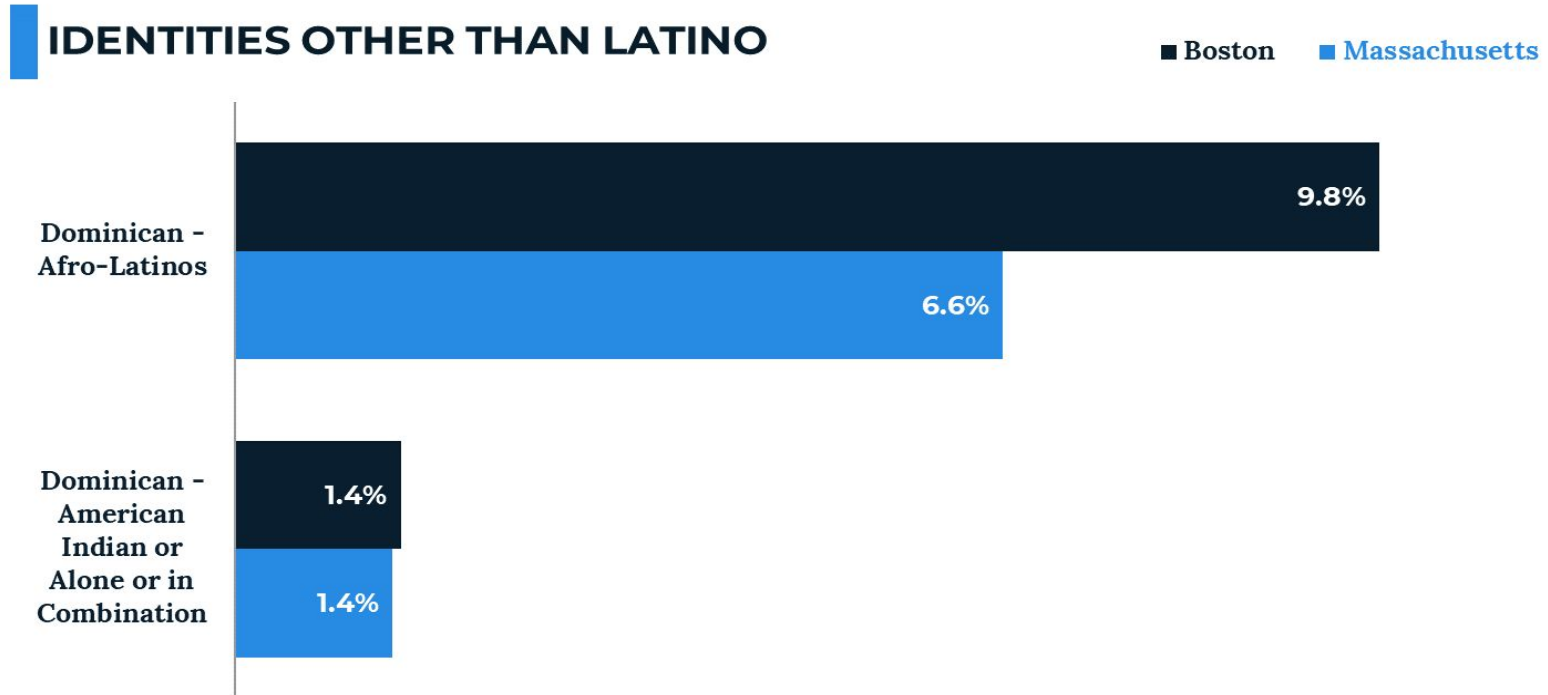


# FOREIGN-BORN DOMINICAN WOMEN DISPROPORTIONATELY CONTRIBUTE TO BOSTON'S BIRTHS



Source: Boston Public Health Commission & American Community Survey

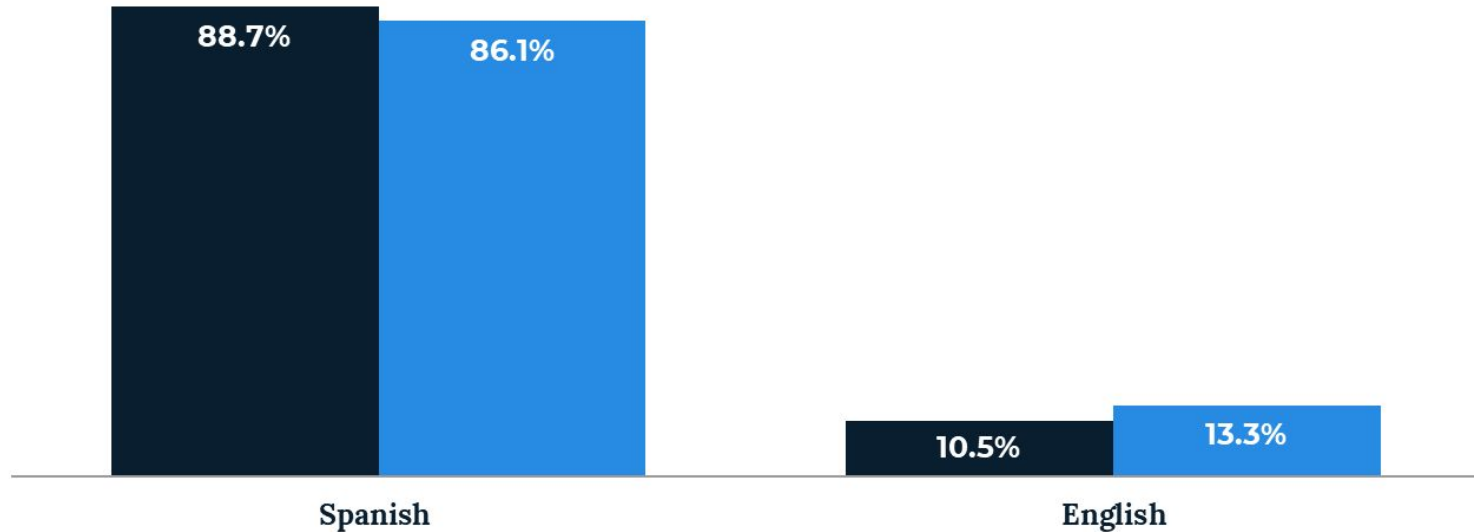
# DOMINICANS HAVE IDENTITIES OTHER THAN LATINO



# DOMINICANS PREFER TO SPEAK SPANISH

## SHARE OF LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME DOMINICANS AGES 5 AND OLDER

■ Boston ■ Massachusetts





# HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF DOMINICANS ARE ENGLISH PROFICIENT

**SHARE ENGLISH PROFICIENT**  
DOMINICANS 5 YEARS AND OLDER



**Boston**



**Massachusetts**

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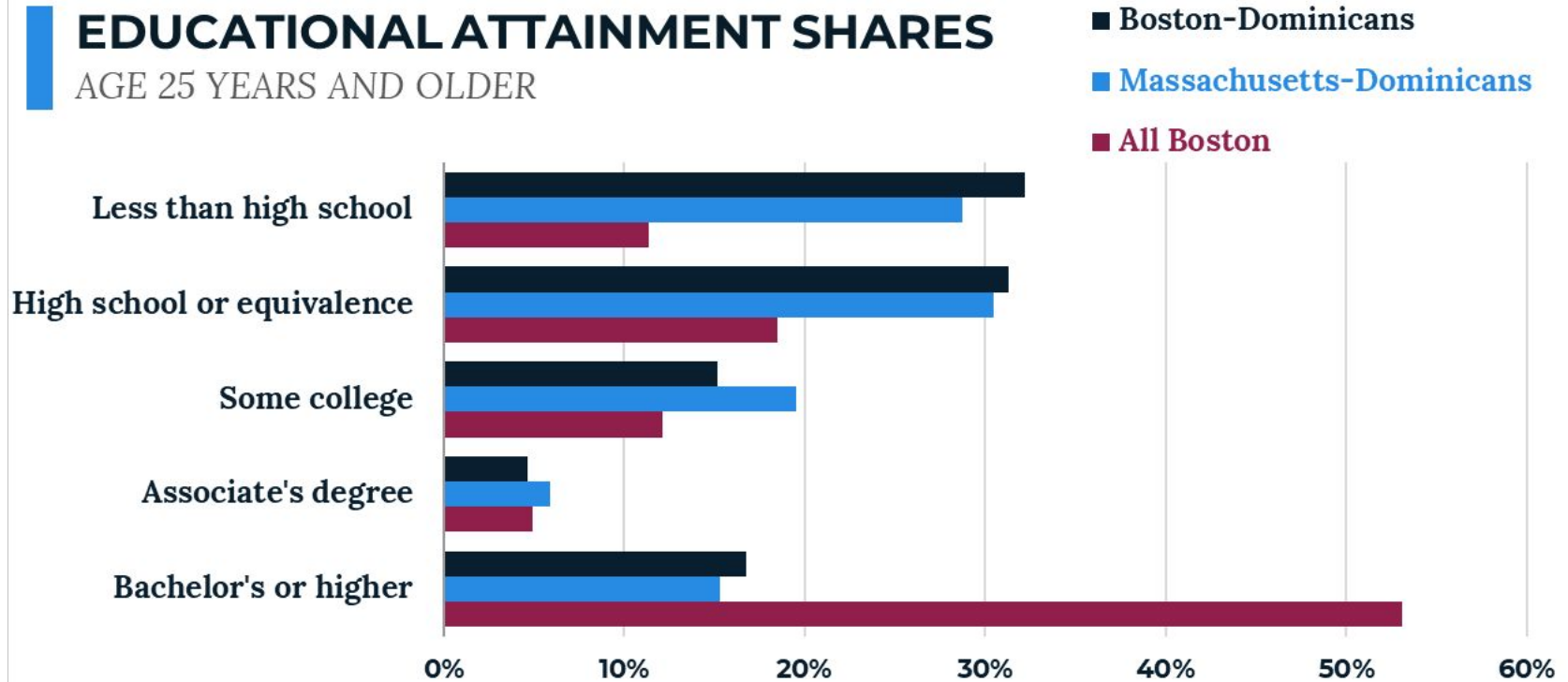
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# DOMINICAN ADULTS HAVE LOWER EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT THAN BOSTON'S ADULT POPULATION

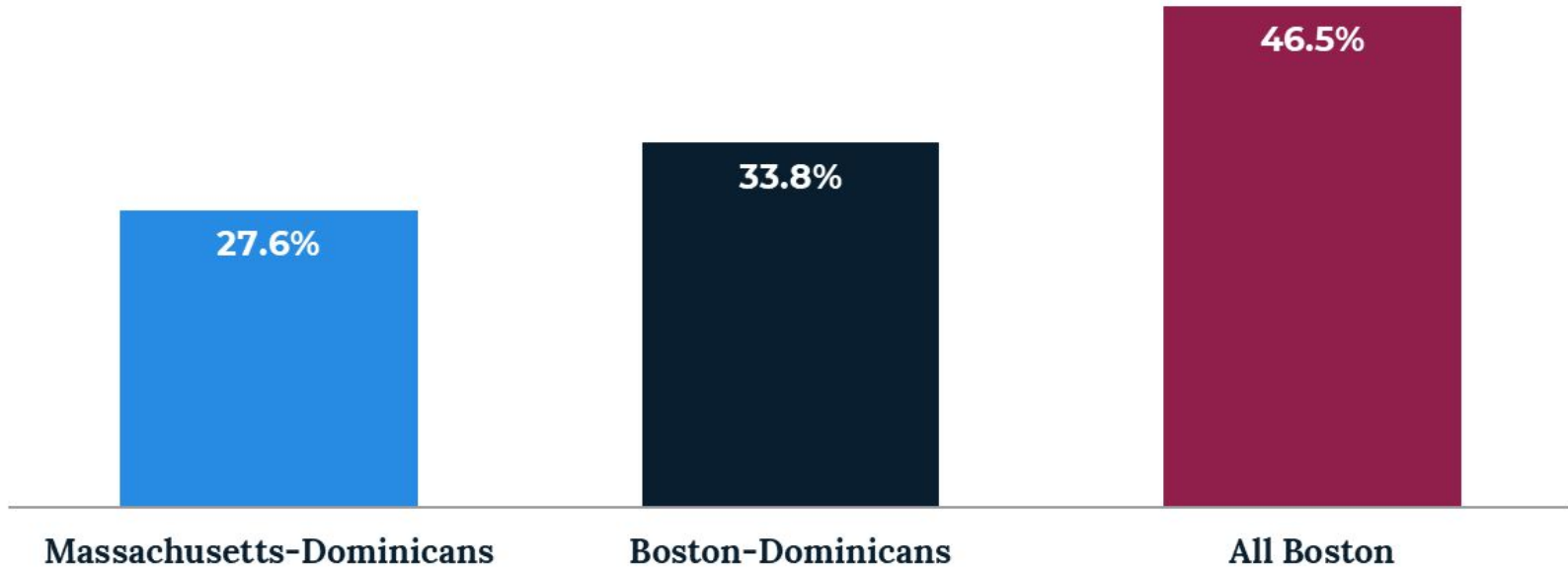
## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT SHARES

AGE 25 YEARS AND OLDER

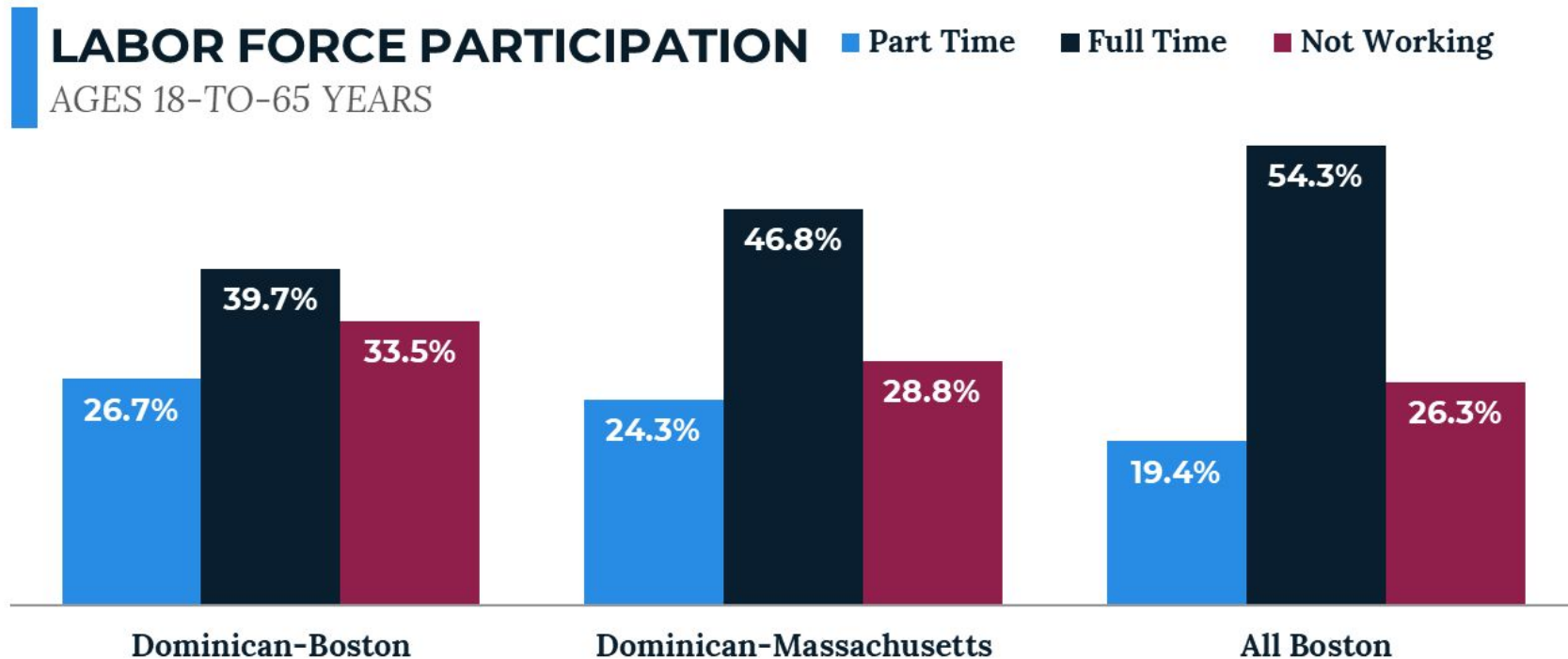


# DOMINICAN YOUNG ADULTS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE ENROLLED IN COLLEGE

**SHARES ENROLLED IN COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY**  
AGES 18-TO-29 YEARS

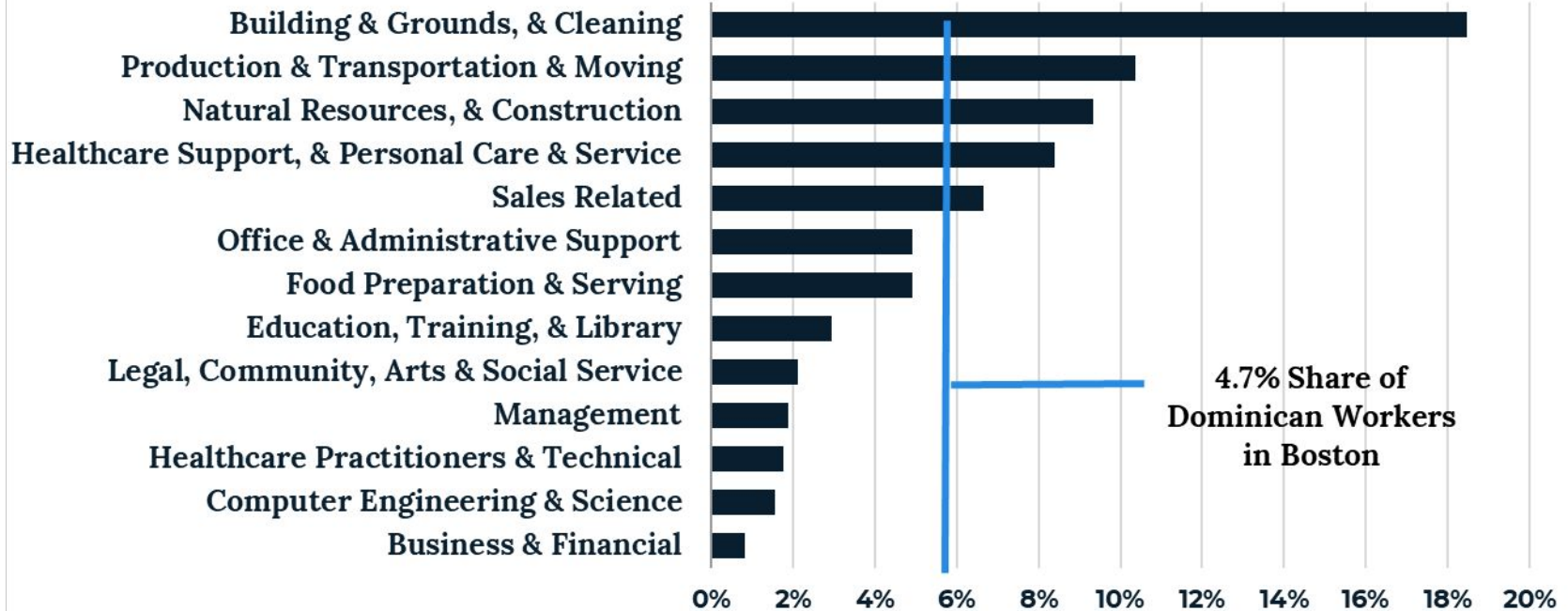


# DOMINICAN WORKERS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE WORKING THAN OTHER BOSTON POPULATIONS



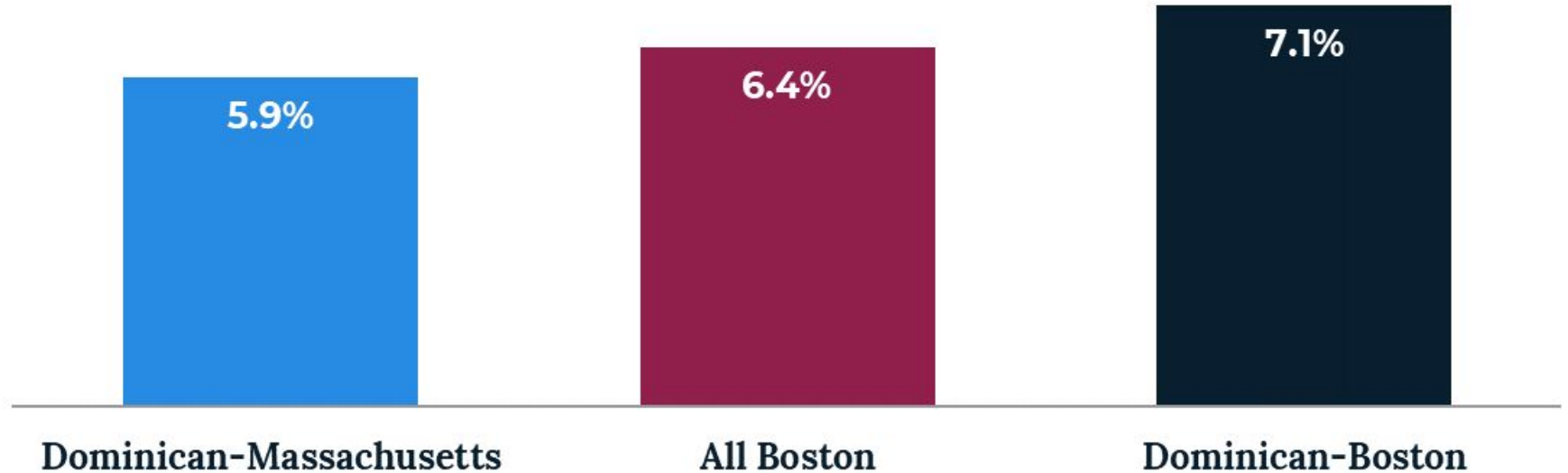
# DOMINICANS FILL JOBS IN BUILDING & GROUNDS, & CLEANING

## OCCUPATION SHARES OF EMPLOYED DOMINICANS



# DOMINICANS IN BOSTON ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE BUSINESS OWNERS

## BUSINESS OWNER SHARES



# DOMINICANS EARN LESS PERSONAL INCOME THAN BOSTON WORKERS

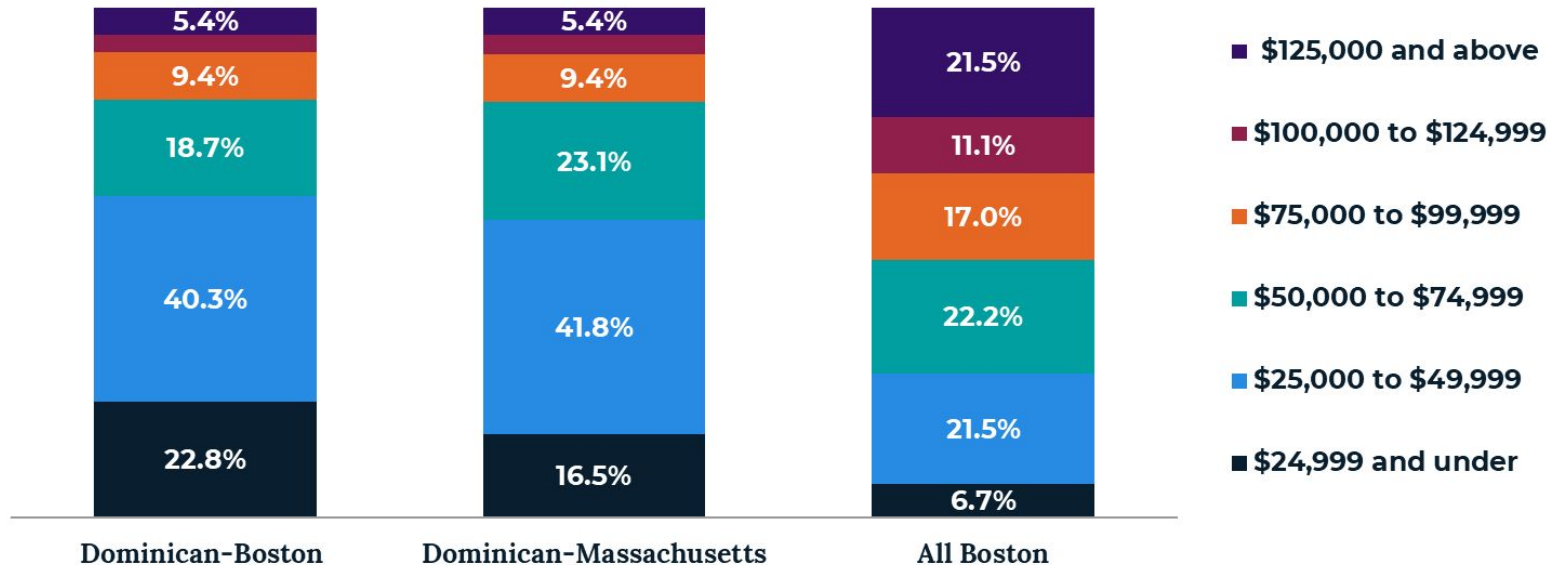
**MEDIAN PERSONAL INCOME**  
FULL-TIME WORKERS





# DOMINICAN FULLTIME WORKERS IN BOSTON HAVE SIMILAR EARNINGS TO THOSE ACROSS THE STATE

## PERSONAL INCOME - FULLTIME WORKERS

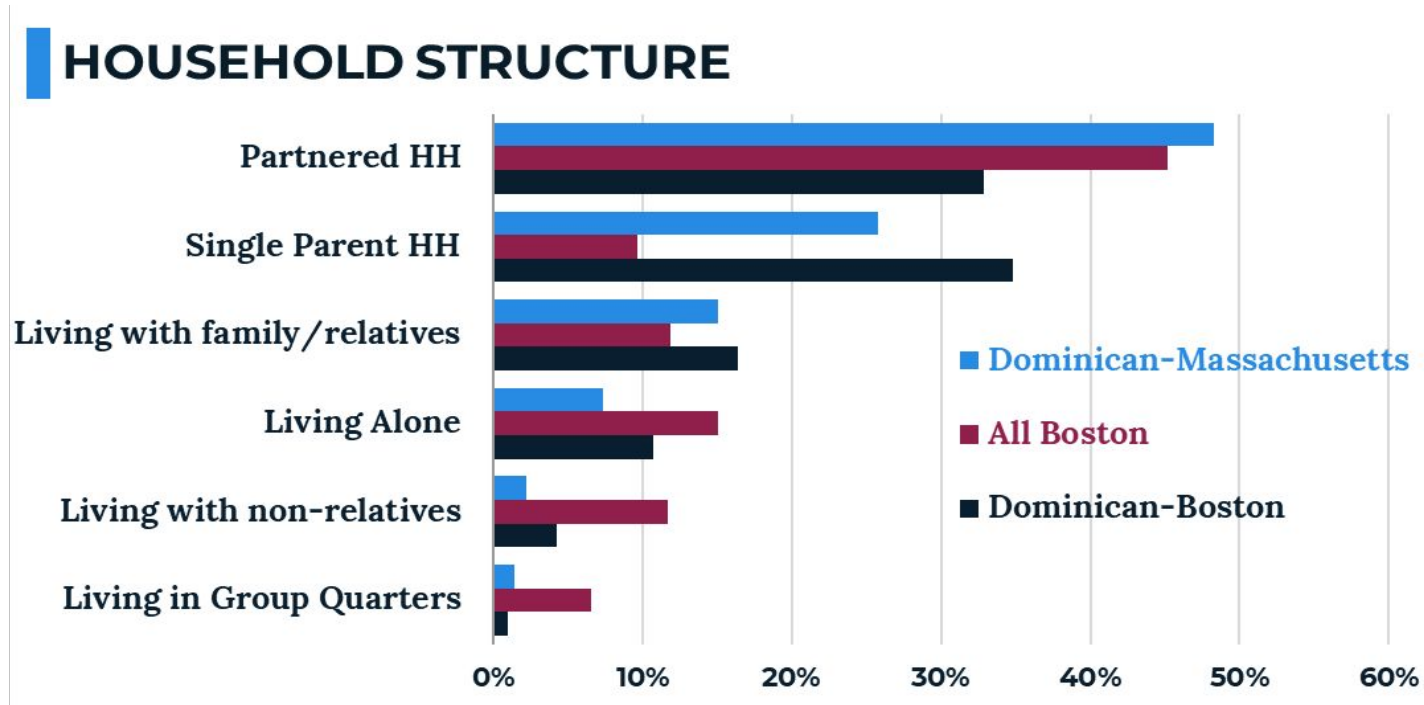


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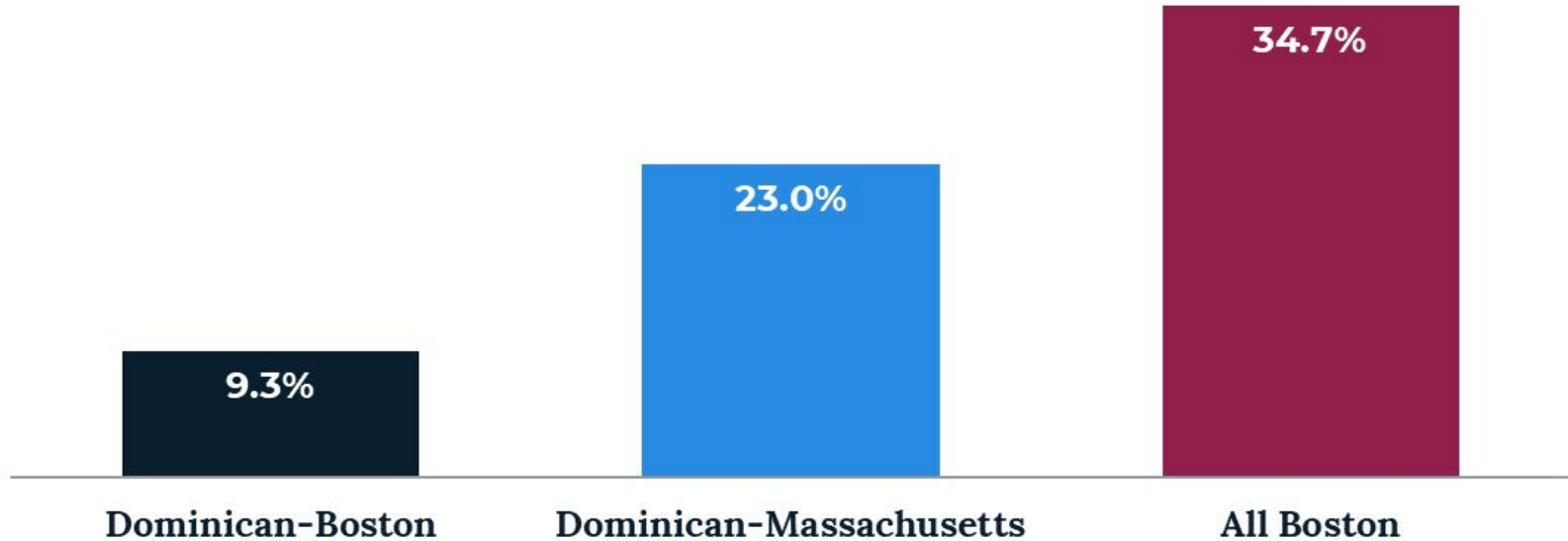
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# DOMINICANS IN BOSTON HAVE MORE SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS



# DOMINICANS IN BOSTON ARE LESS LIKELY TO LIVE IN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING

## FIGURE 1 OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING SHARES

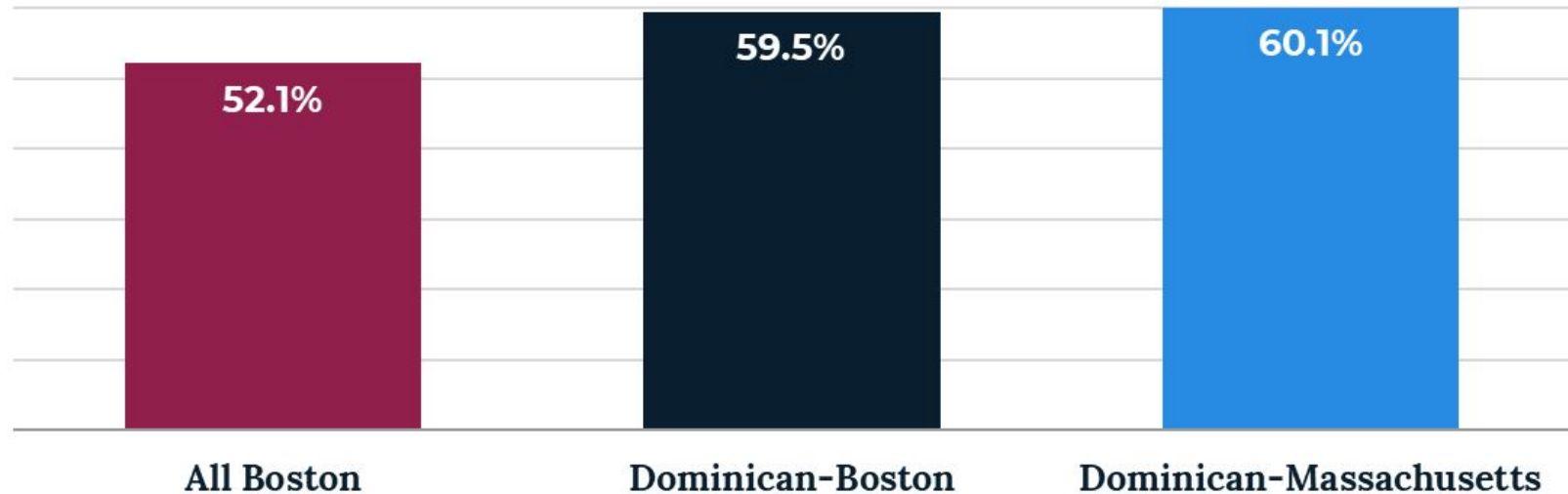


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# DOMINICAN RENTERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE RENT-COST BURDENED

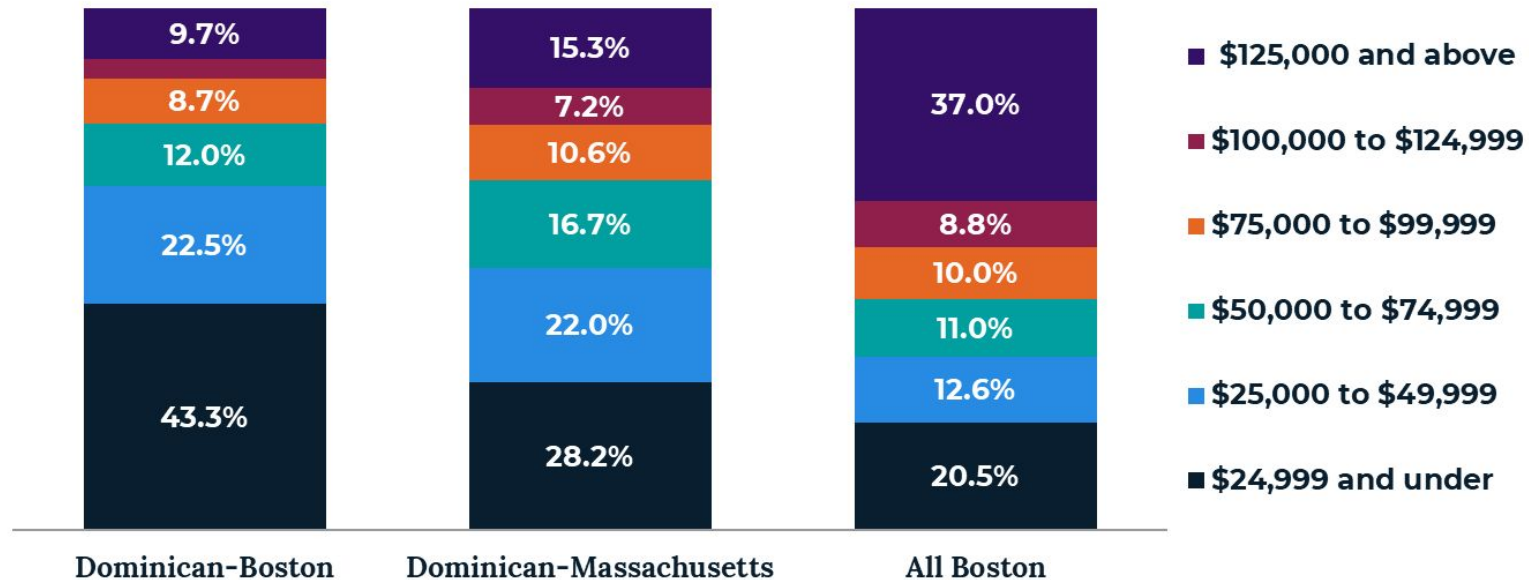
## SHARE RENT-COST BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS

HOUSEHOLD PAYS MORE THAN 30% OF INCOME FOR RENT



# DOMINICAN HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE AND PERSONAL INCOME RESULT IN LOWER HOUSEHOLD INCOME

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME CATEGORIES

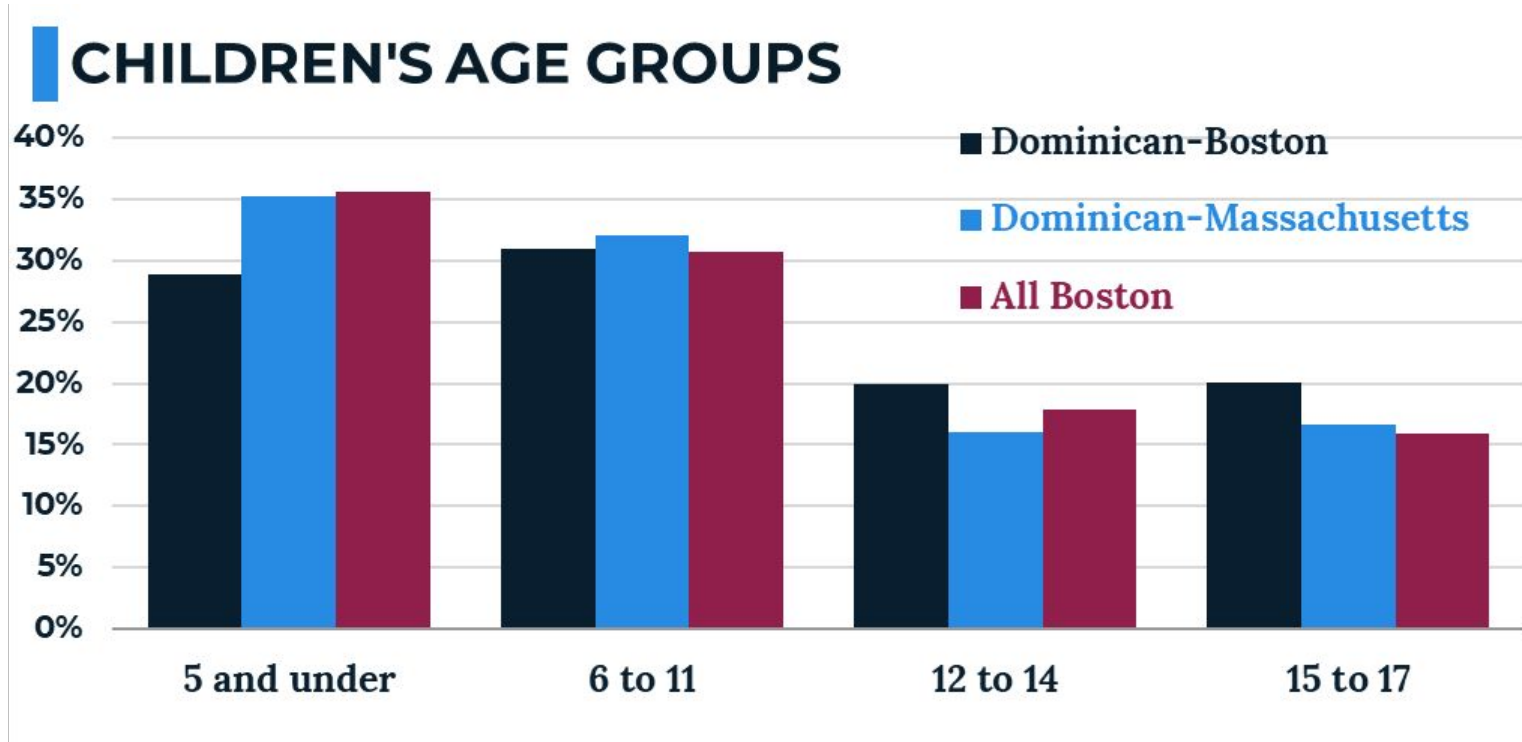


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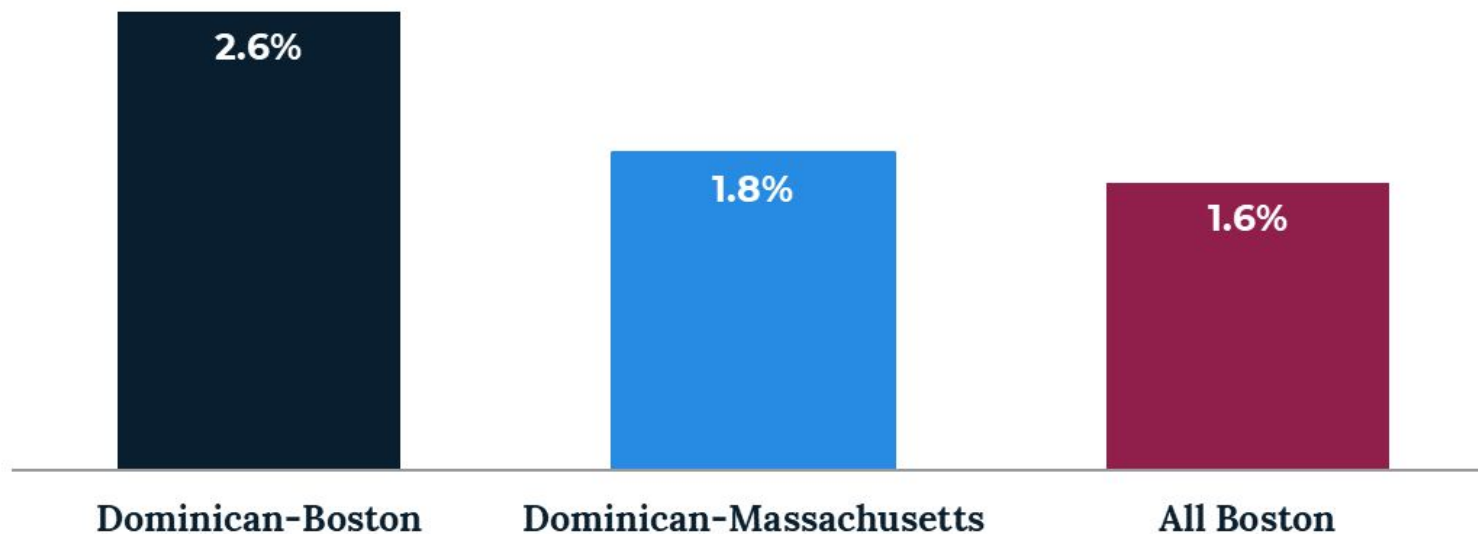
# DOMINICANS SHARE OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5 IS LESS THAN OTHER GROUPS





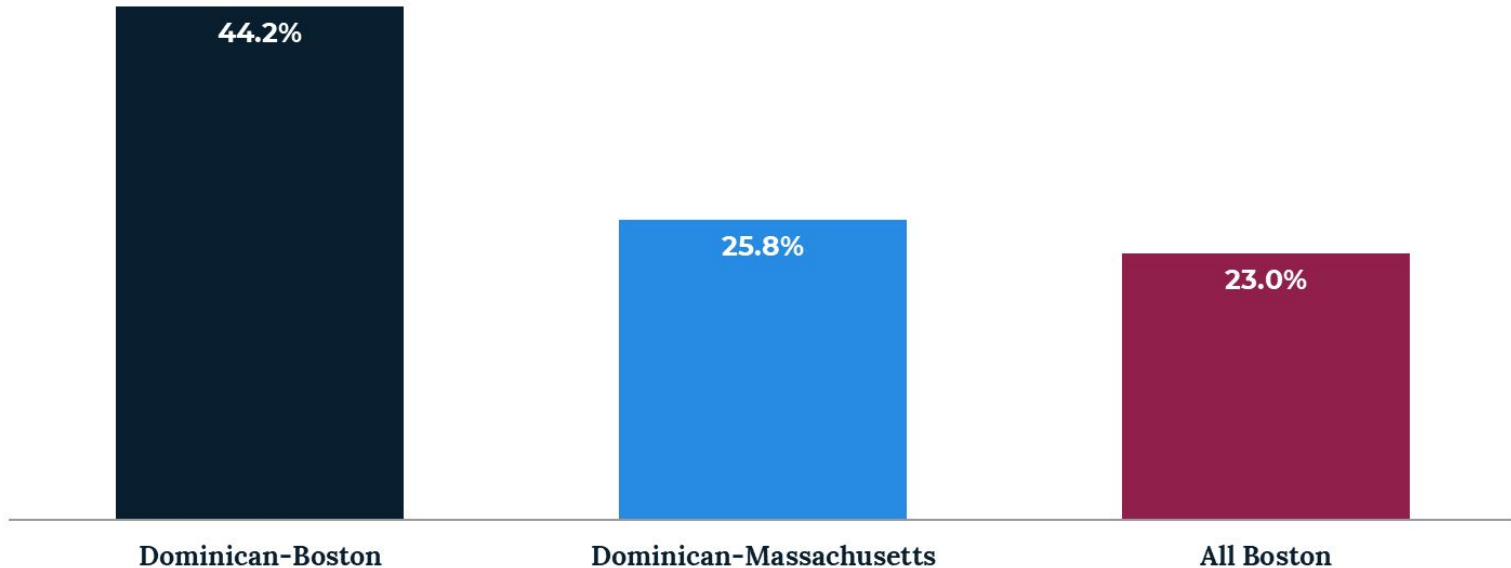
# A GREATER SHARE OF BOSTON'S DOMINICAN CHILDREN LACK HEALTH INSURANCE

**SHARES LACKING HEALTH INSURANCE**  
AGES BIRTH-TO-18 YEARS



# INCREASED SHARES OF BOSTON'S DOMINICAN CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY

SHARE CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY  
AGES BIRTH-TO-18 YEARS



# CONCLUSION

## DOMINICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOSTON

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### Population Growth

Dominican makeup 6.1% of the city's population

2

### Nativity and Fertility

Increasing shares of Dominicans are U.S-born as foreign-born Dominican women are more likely to have children

3

### Employment

With lower-levels of educational attainment, Dominicans more likely work in service or blue-collar jobs that pay lower wages

4

### Children

Large shares of Dominican children live in poverty