

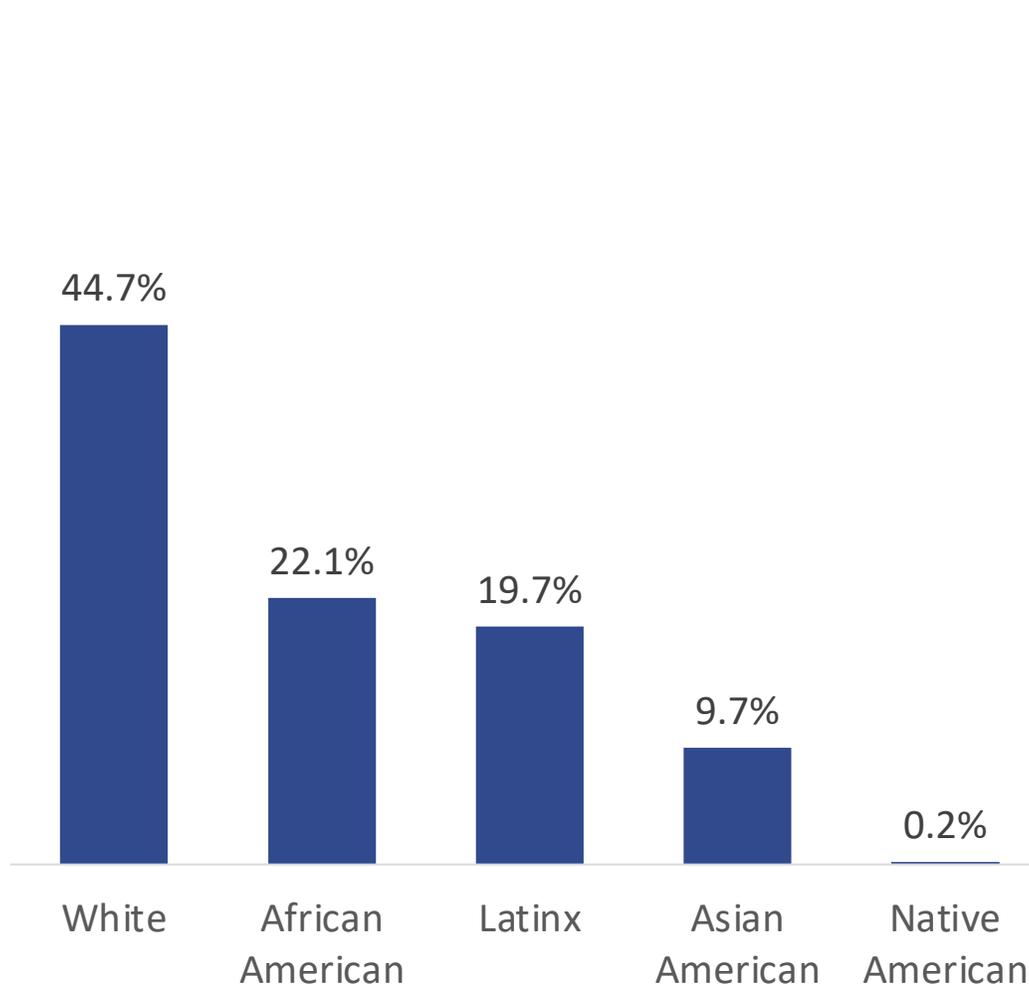
Greater Boston's Asian Communities: Stories of Racism and Resilience

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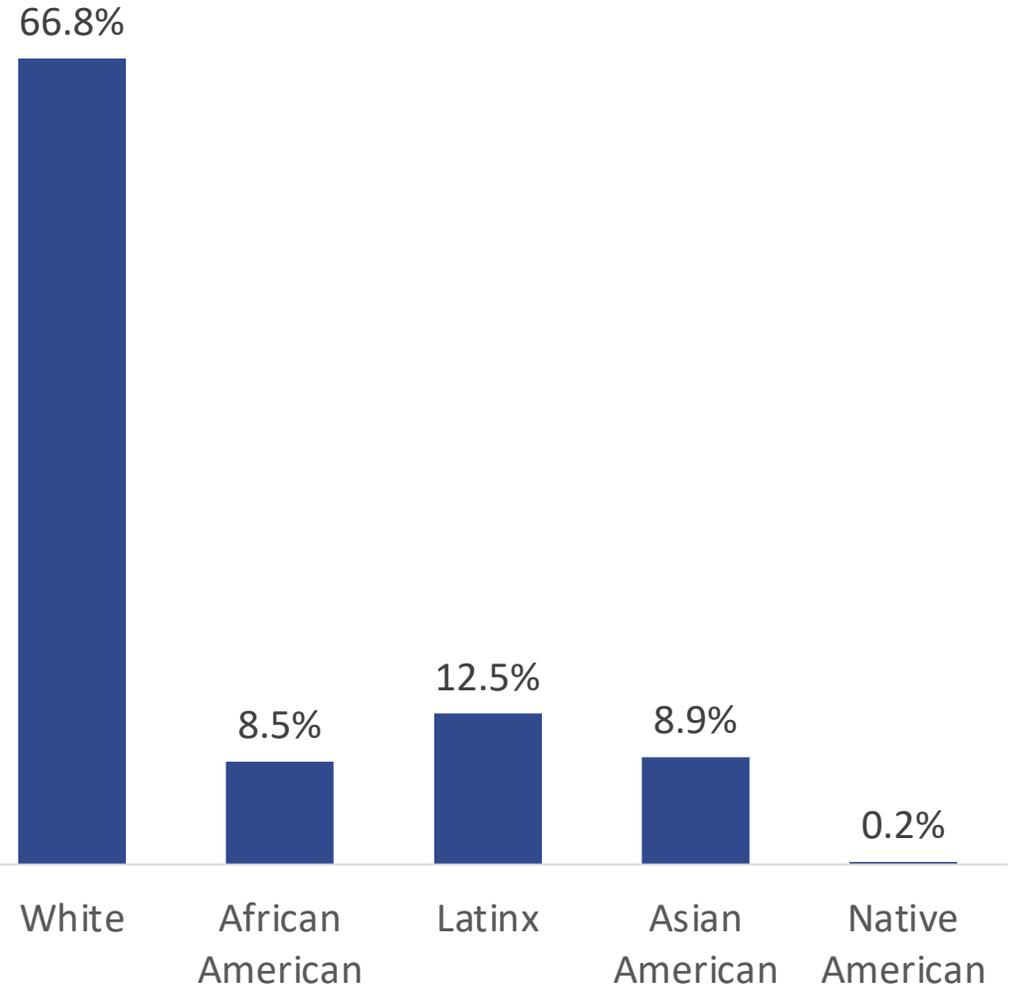
Boston is now majority non-white.

Boston Population Share, 2019.



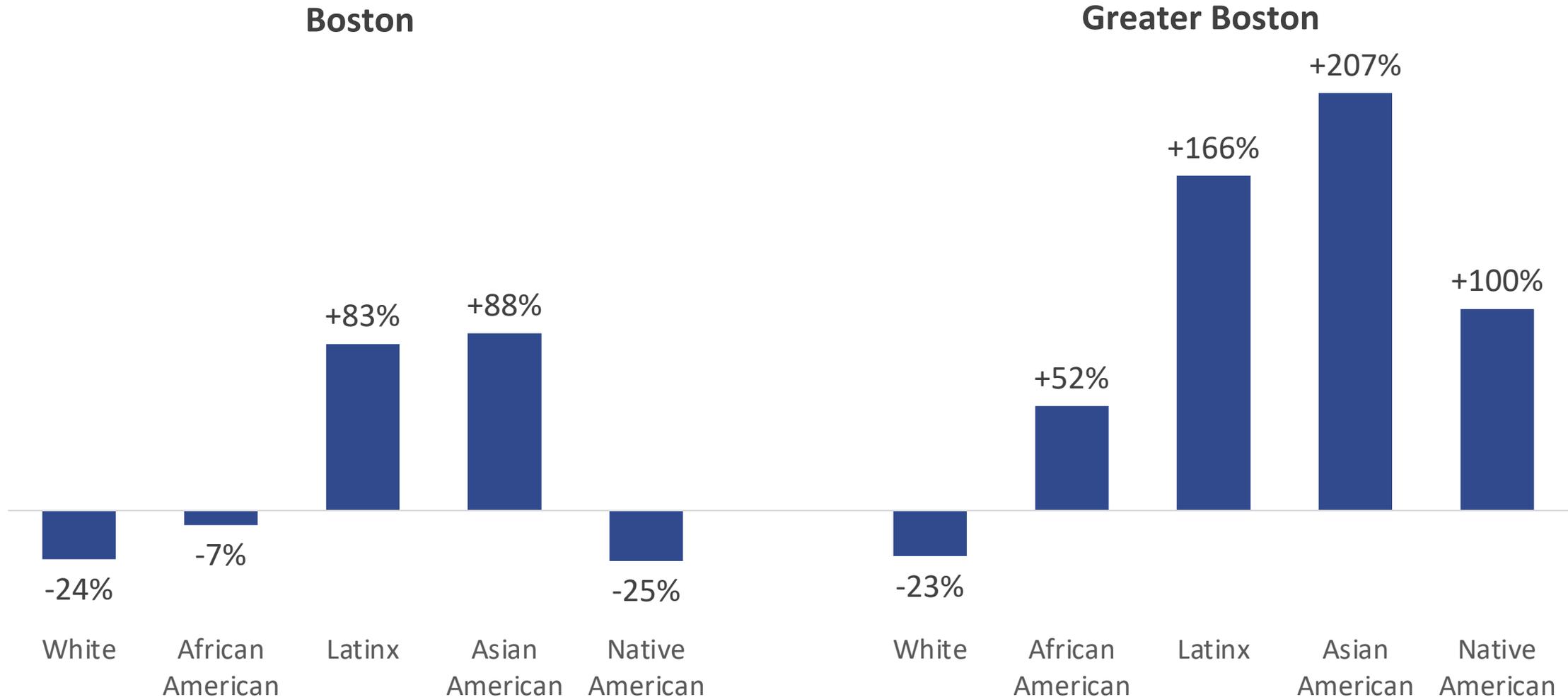
Asian pop. in GB similar in size to African American and Latinx pops.

Greater Boston Population Share, 2019.

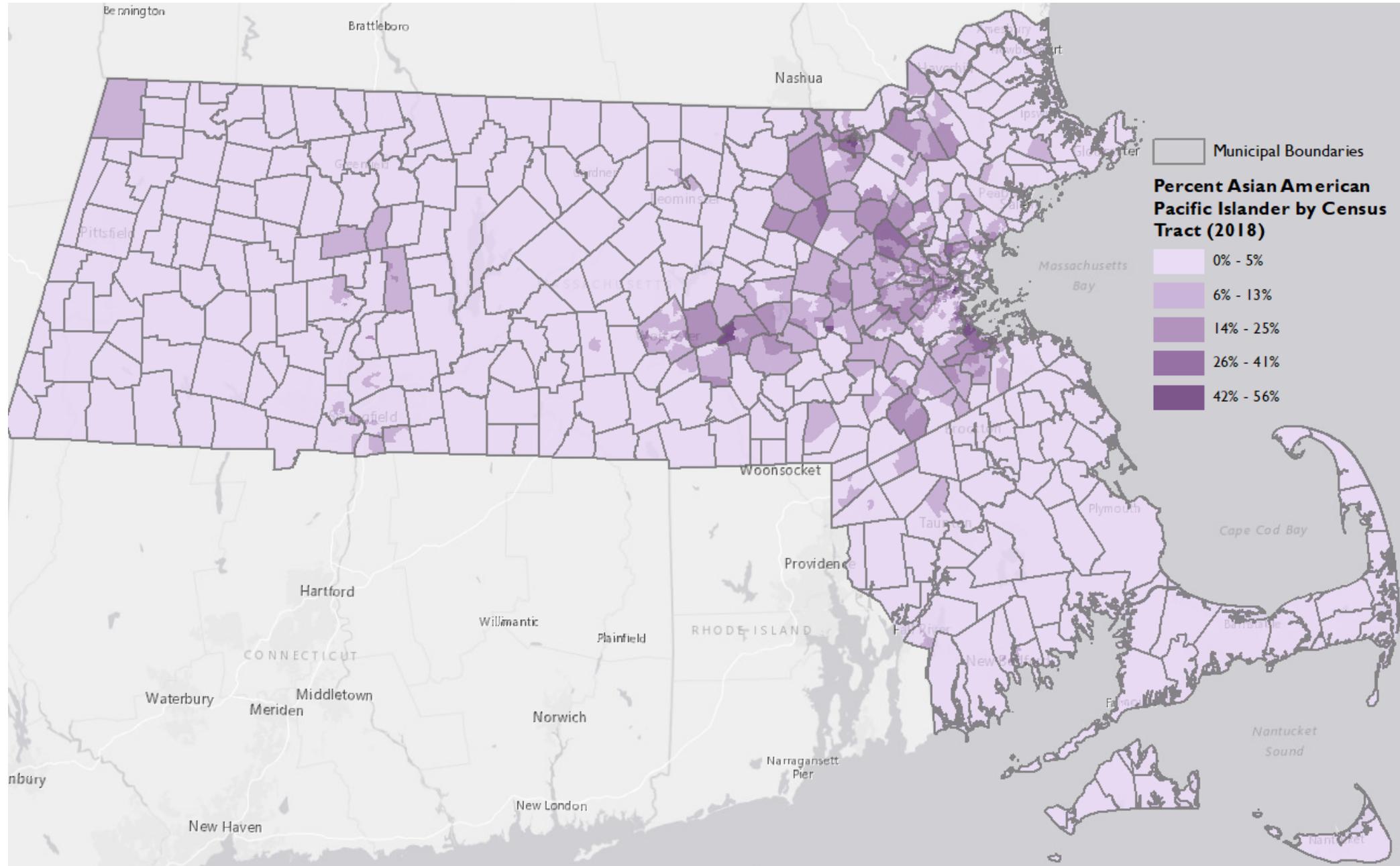


Asian Americans are the fastest growing racial group in Greater Boston.

Percent change, 1990 - 2019.

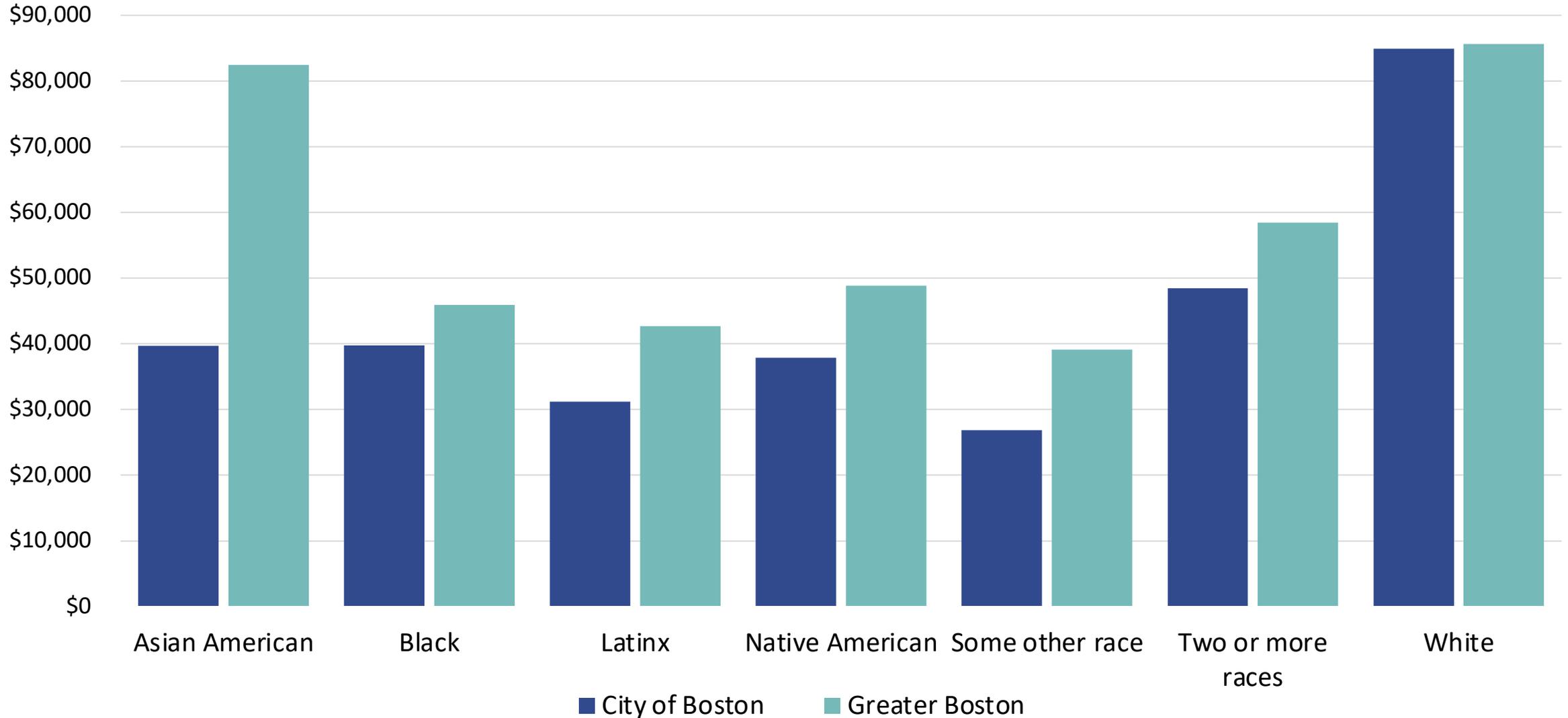


AAPI communities are concentrated in Eastern Massachusetts.



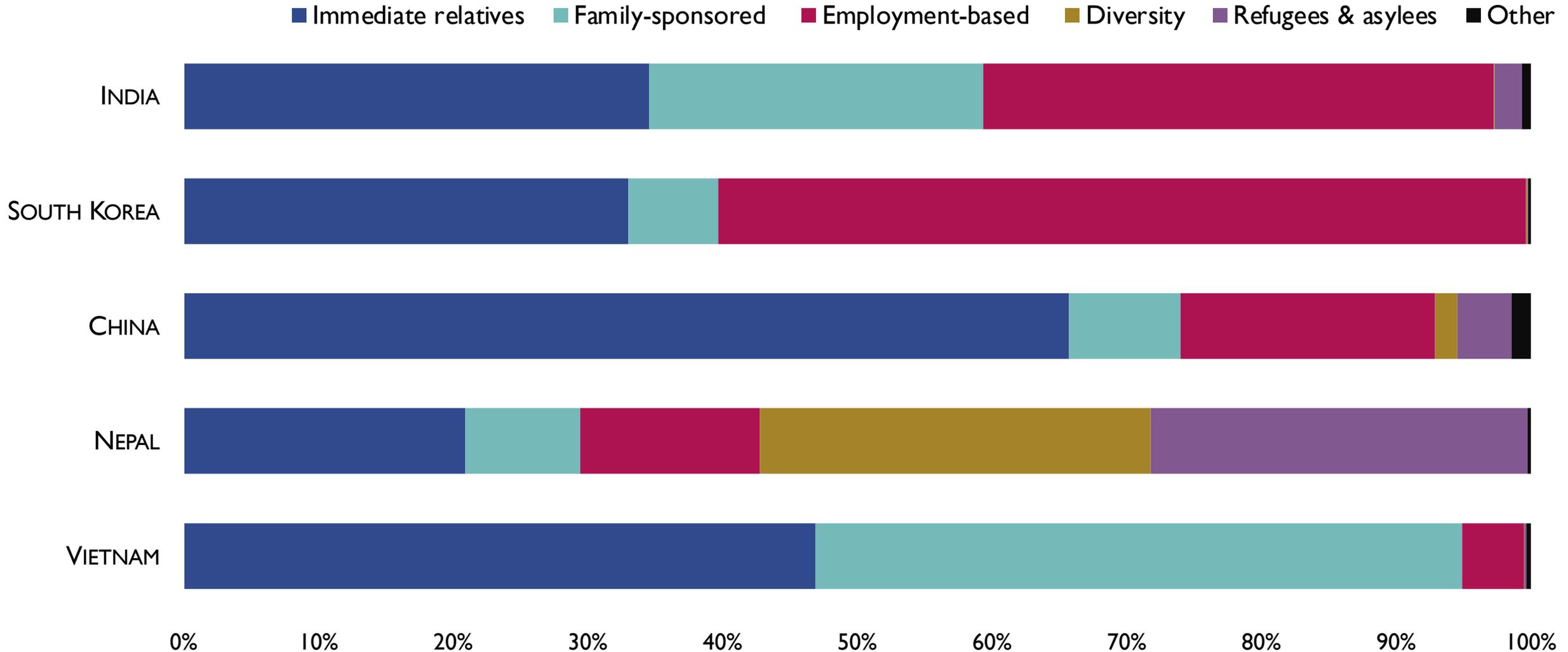
Asian American incomes in Boston are ½ what they are in the region.

Median household income. 2016.



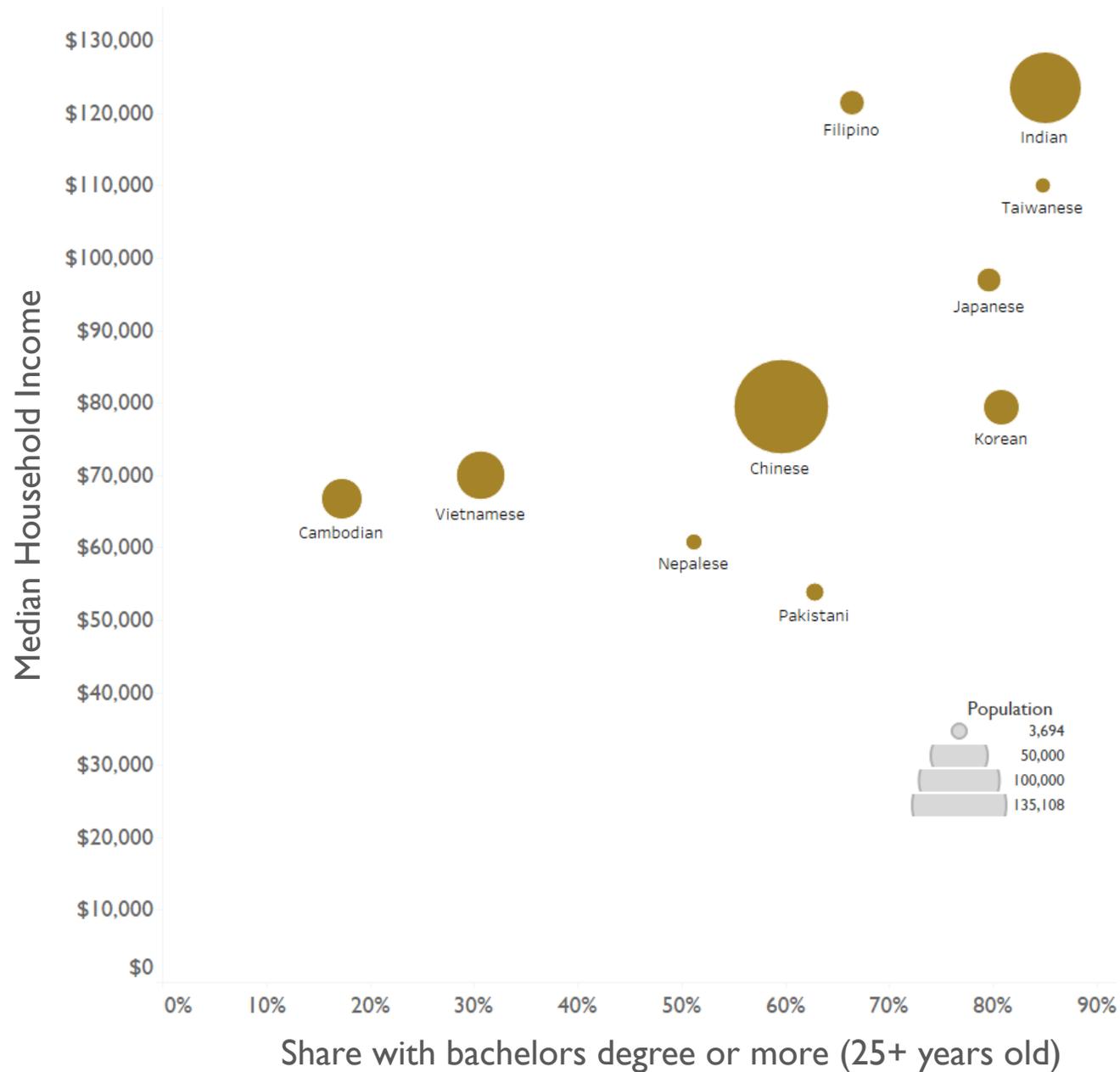
Asian American immigrants come to the U.S. through a wide range of channels.

People obtaining lawful permanent residency. Sample Asian countries of origin.



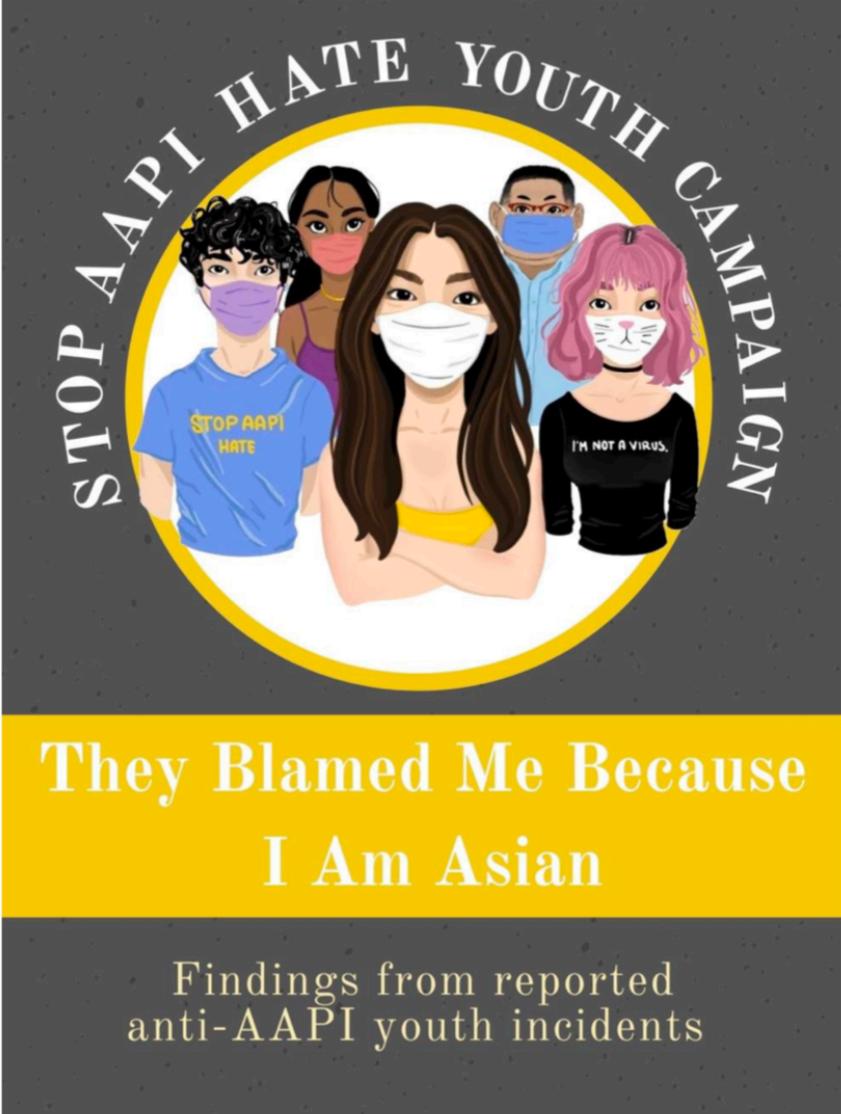
There's tremendous diversity *within* Greater Boston's Asian American community.

Top 10 countries of ancestry for Asian Americans in Greater Boston. 2017.



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AAPI young adults were the targets of racism in the past year.

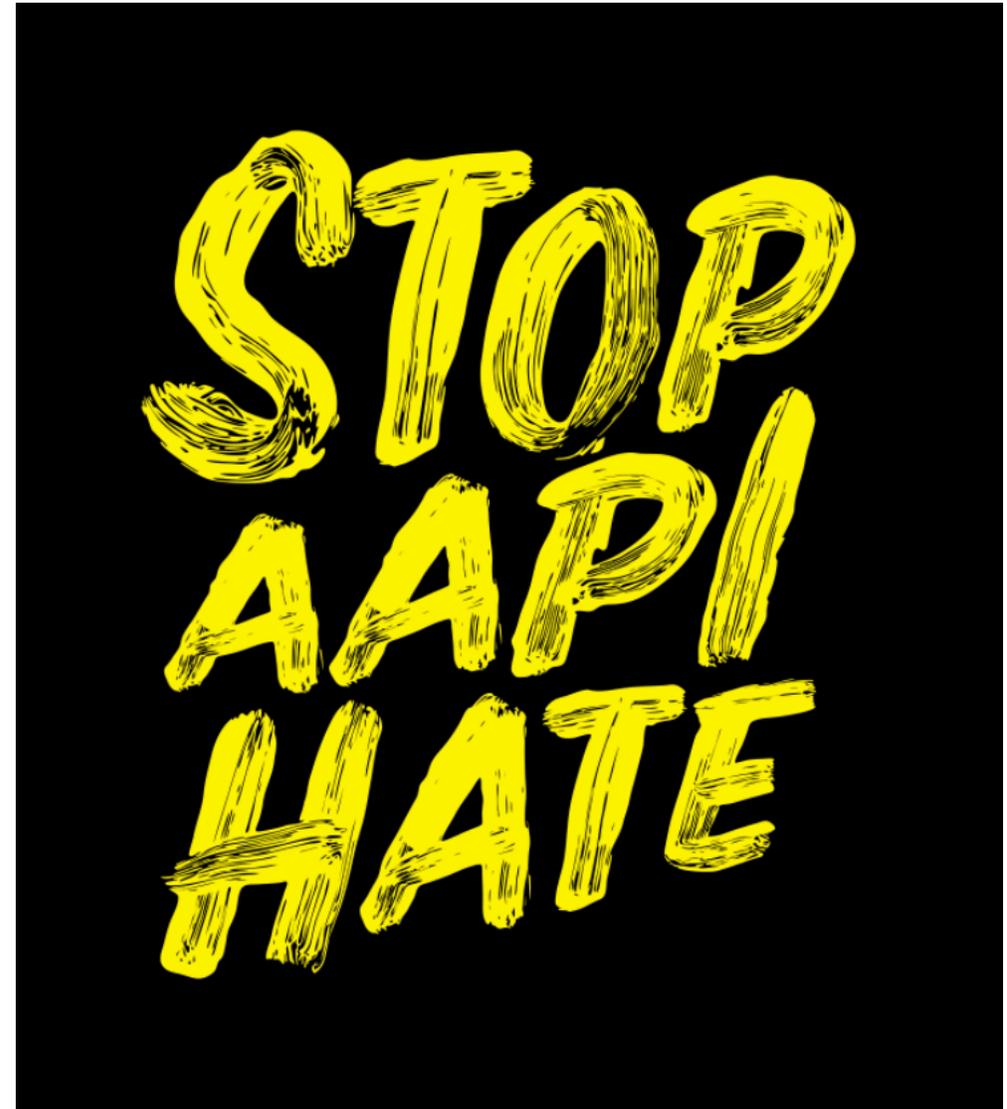


The graphic features a central circular illustration of five diverse young adults wearing face masks. The text "STOP AAPI HATE YOUTH CAMPAIGN" is written in a white, sans-serif font along the top arc of the circle. The individuals are: a young man with dark curly hair wearing a purple mask and a blue t-shirt with "STOP AAPI HATE" printed on it; a young woman with dark hair wearing a pink mask; a young woman with long brown hair wearing a white mask; a young man with glasses wearing a blue mask; and a young woman with pink hair wearing a white cat mask and a black t-shirt with "I'M NOT A VIRUS." printed on it. Below the circle is a yellow horizontal band with the text "They Blamed Me Because I Am Asian" in white, serif font. At the bottom is a dark grey horizontal band with the text "Findings from reported anti-AAPI youth incidents" in a light beige, serif font.

Source: Stop AAPI Hate, "Youth Report" (2020)

2,583

**incidents reported
to *Stop AAPI Hate*
between
March 19 and
August 5, 2020.**

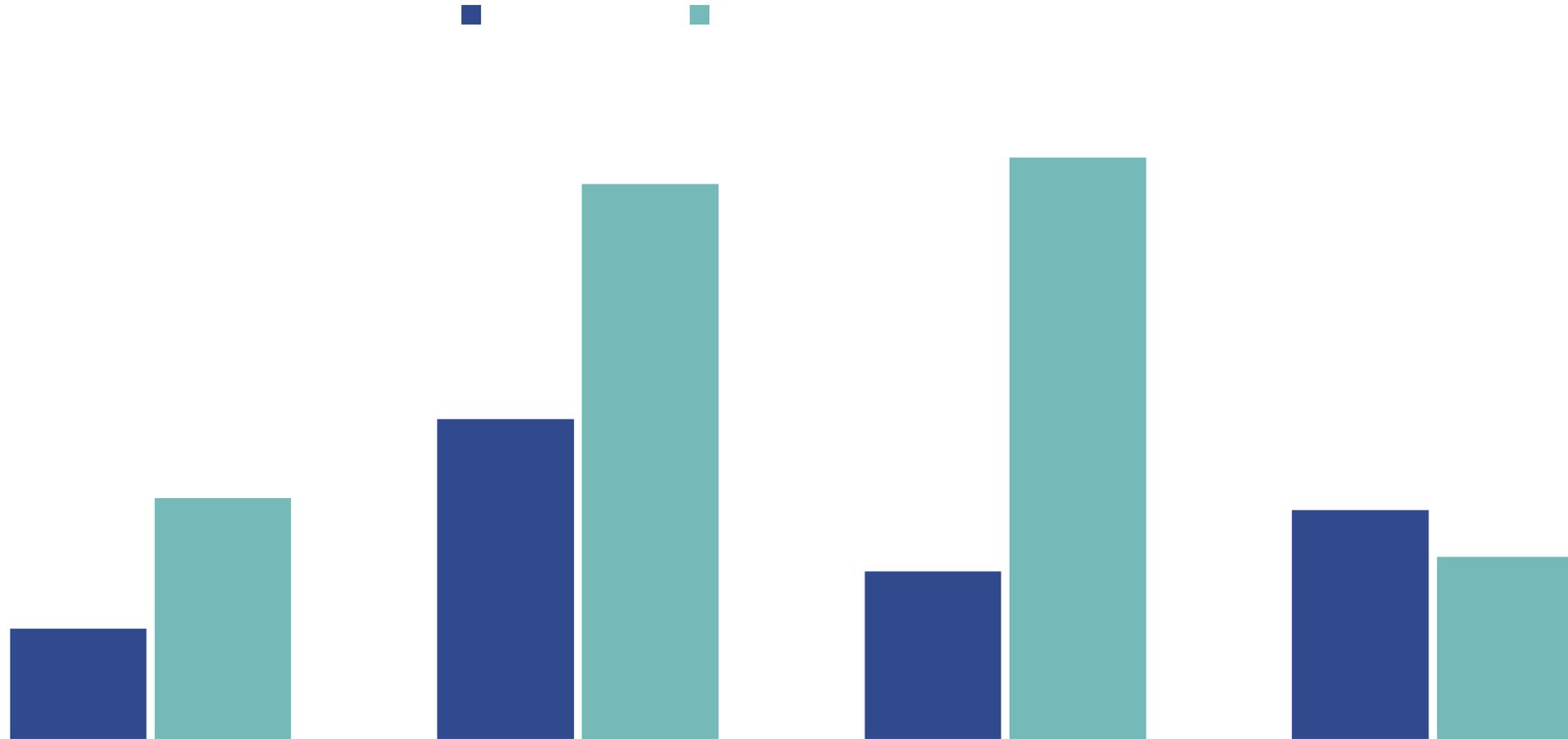


Source: Stop AAPI Hate, "National Report: 3.19.20 - 8.5.20" (2020)

After adjusting for age, COVID death rates for Asians more than double.

COVID-19 mortality rates, per 100,000 people in Massachusetts as of August 11, 2020

Source: University of Massachusetts Donohue Institute



32%
of registered
nurses that died
of **COVID-19**
were **Filipino**.

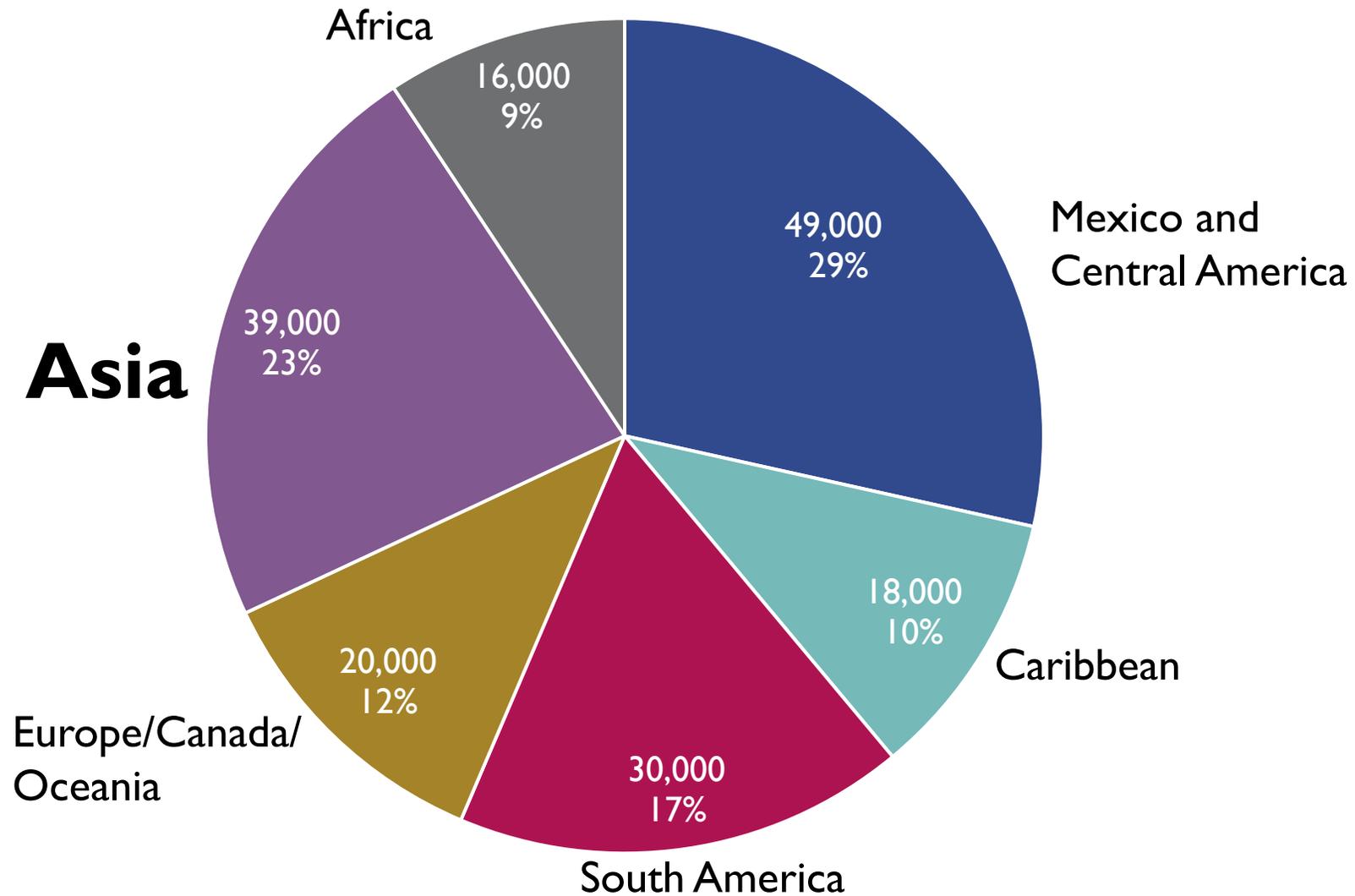
Only 4% of RNs in the
US are Filipino.

Source: National Nurses United (2020), "Sins of Omission" Report



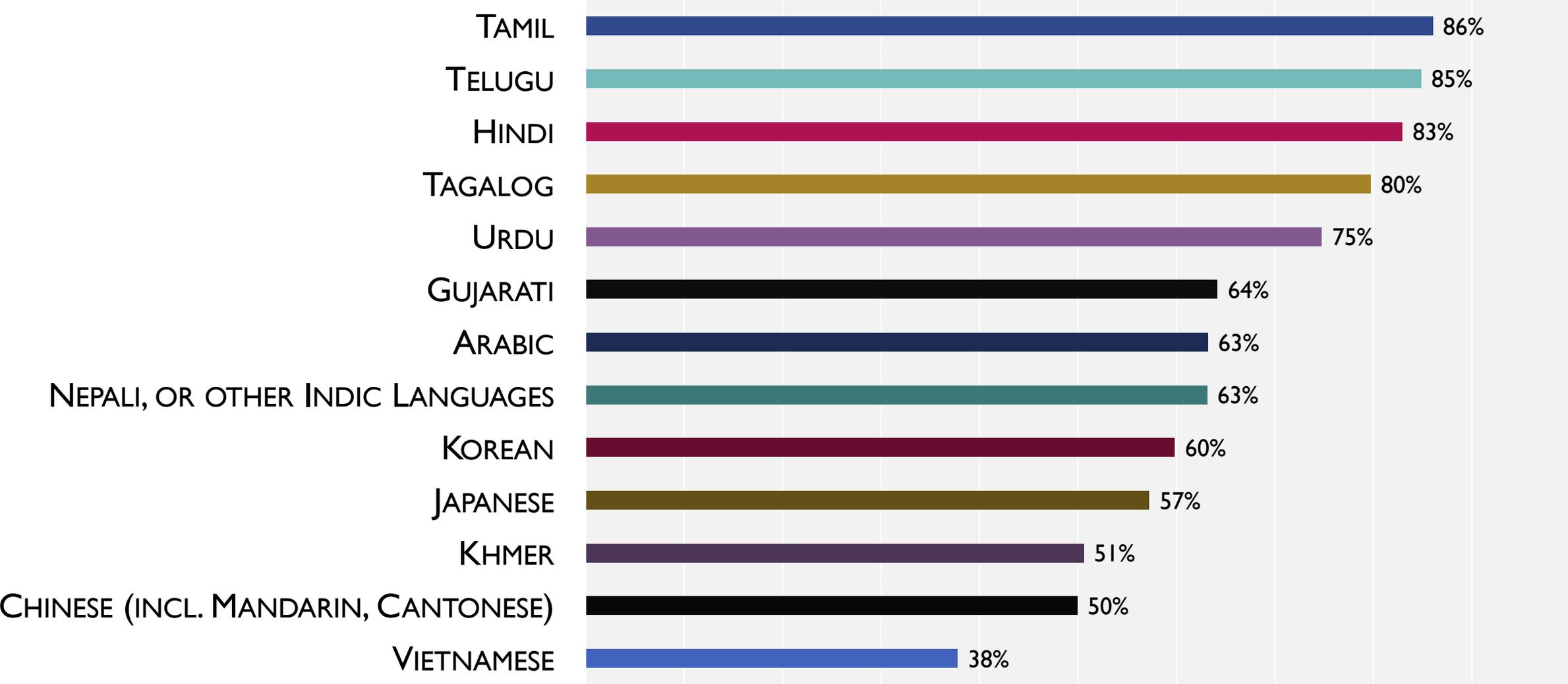
From " 'Similar to Times of War': The Staggering Toll of COVID-19 on Filipino Health Care Workers" ProPublica: May 3, 2020.

Almost 1/4 of unauthorized immigrants in Massachusetts are Asian.



English proficiency varies widely across Asian communities.

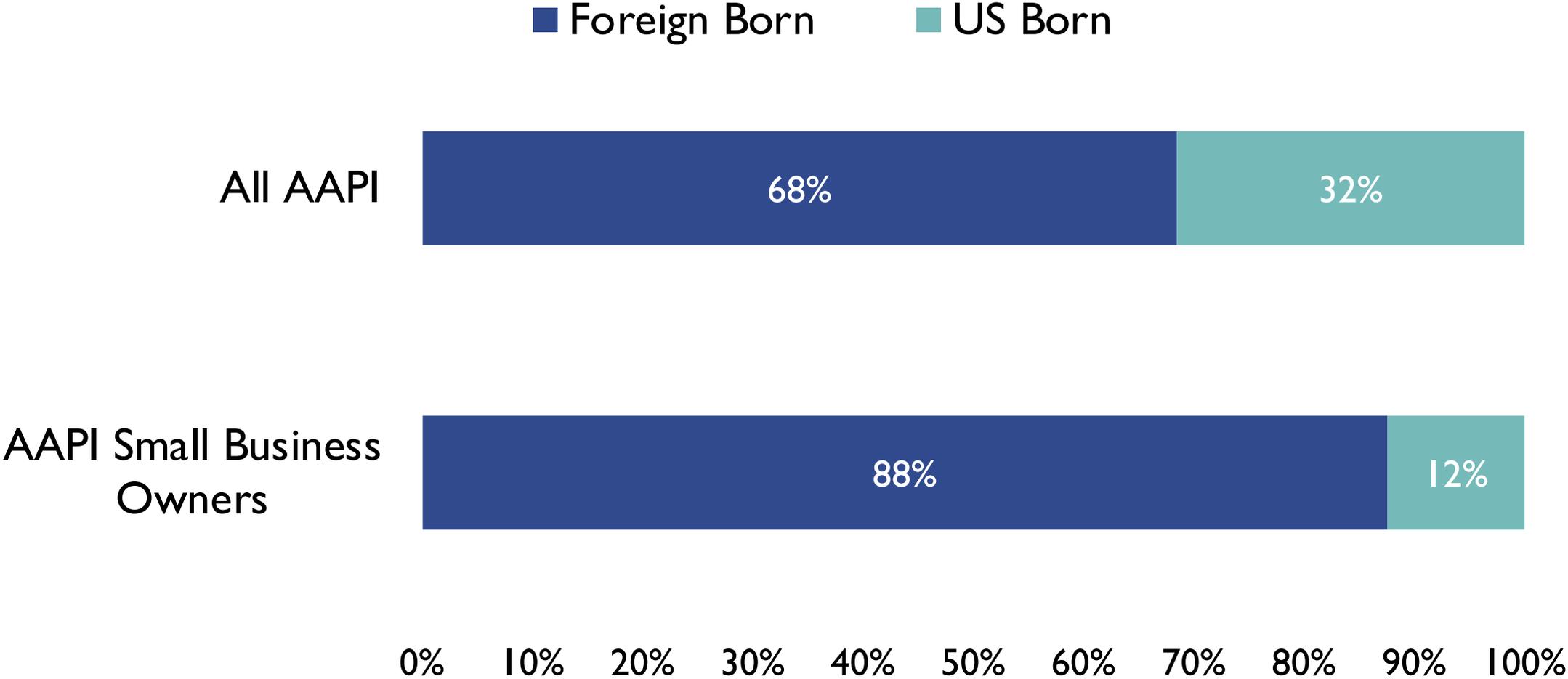
Percent of speakers that speak English “very well,” Asian languages spoken at home with 7,500+ speakers in MA.



Source: American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2014-2018; Table B16001

AAPI small business owners are more likely to be foreign-born.

Percent of AAPI small business owners that are foreign-born vs. percent of AAPI residents that are foreign-born in Massachusetts.

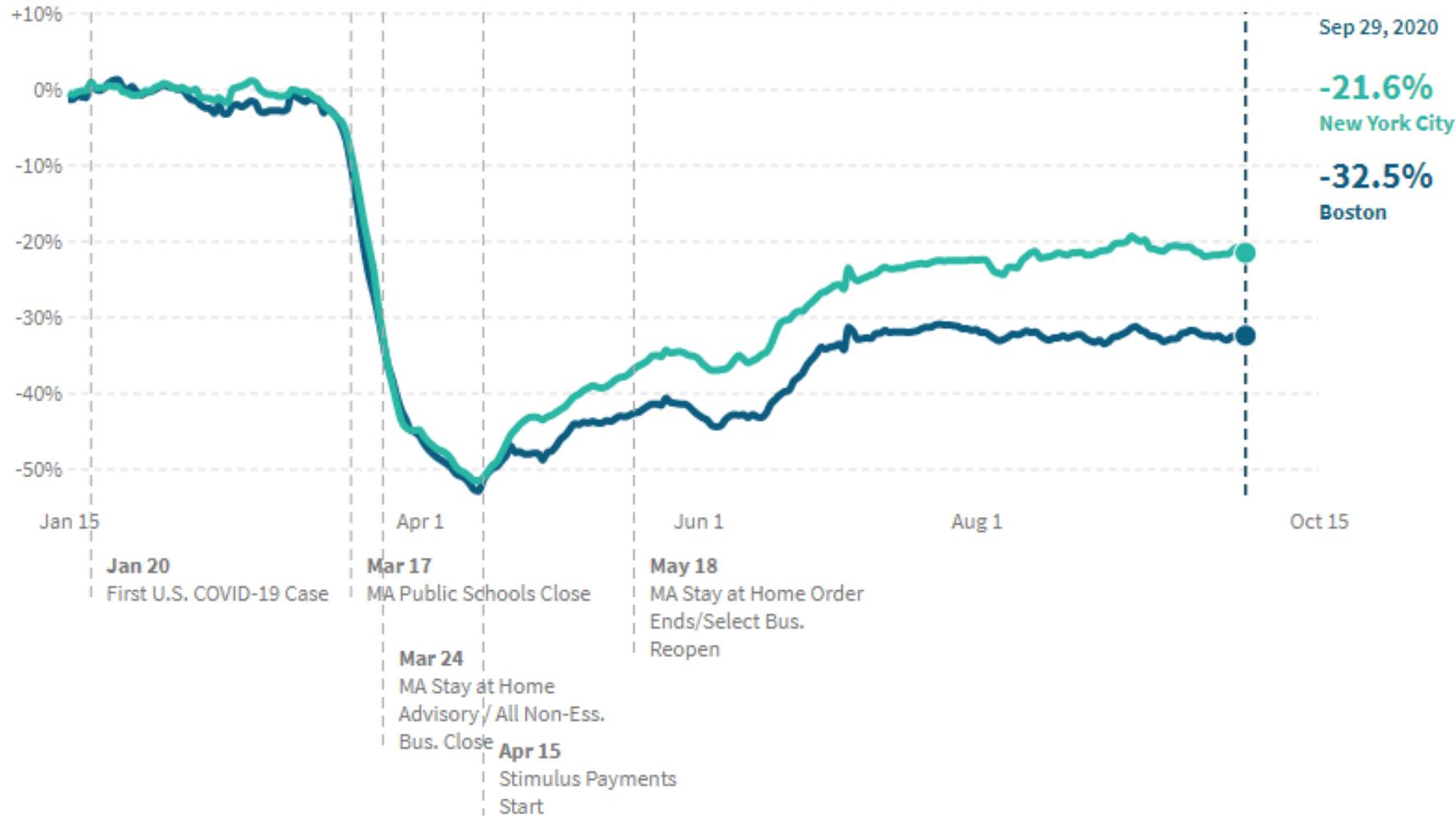


Source: American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (2014-2018)

Small businesses have been hit hard by this crisis, especially in Boston.

Chetty, Friedman, Hendren, Stepner and Opportunity Insights (2020)

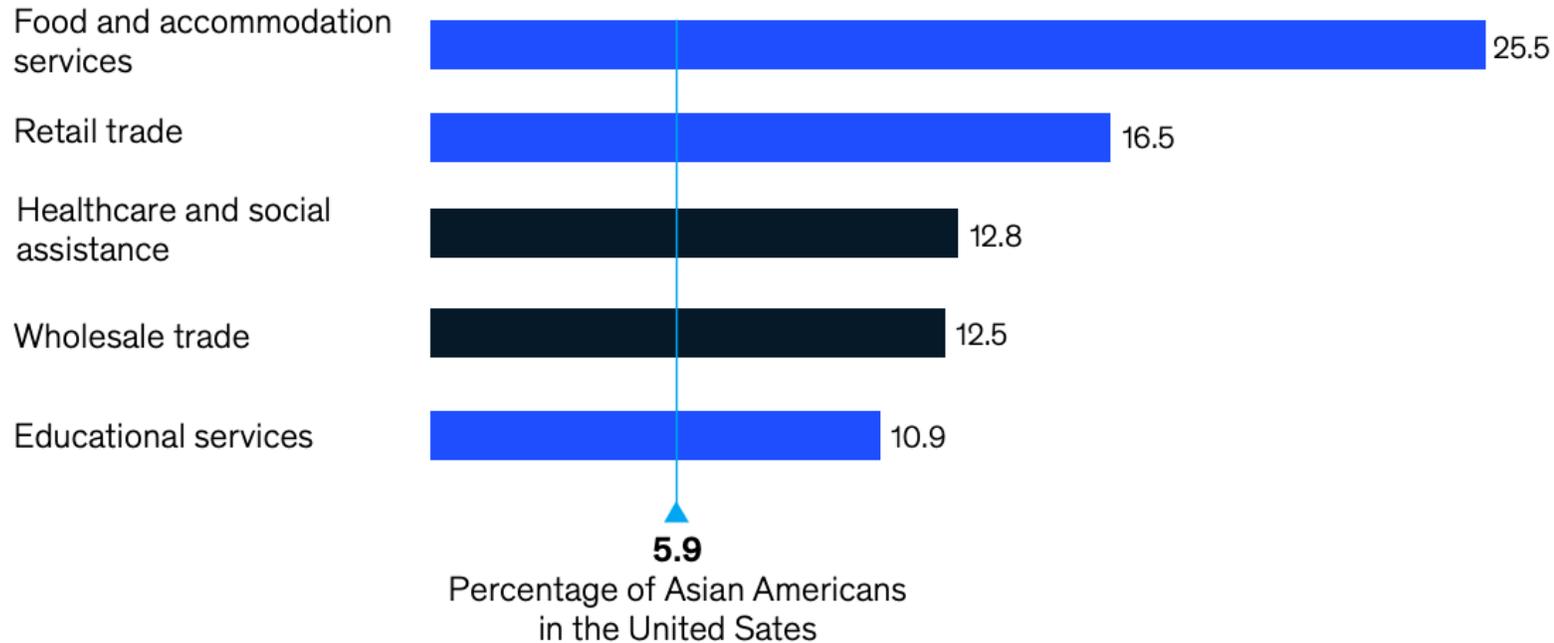
In **Boston**, as of September 29, 2020, the number of small businesses open decreased by **32.5%** compared to January 2020.



The Asian American business community will be critical to economic recovery and employment growth.

Asian-owned businesses account for a high proportion of the following sectors, %

■ Sectors that have been hard hit by COVID-19



1 Asian-owned business for every **6** Asian adults, compared with the US average of 1 for every 8.4 adults

25%

of Asian-owned businesses employ more than 1 person, compared with 13% of all US businesses