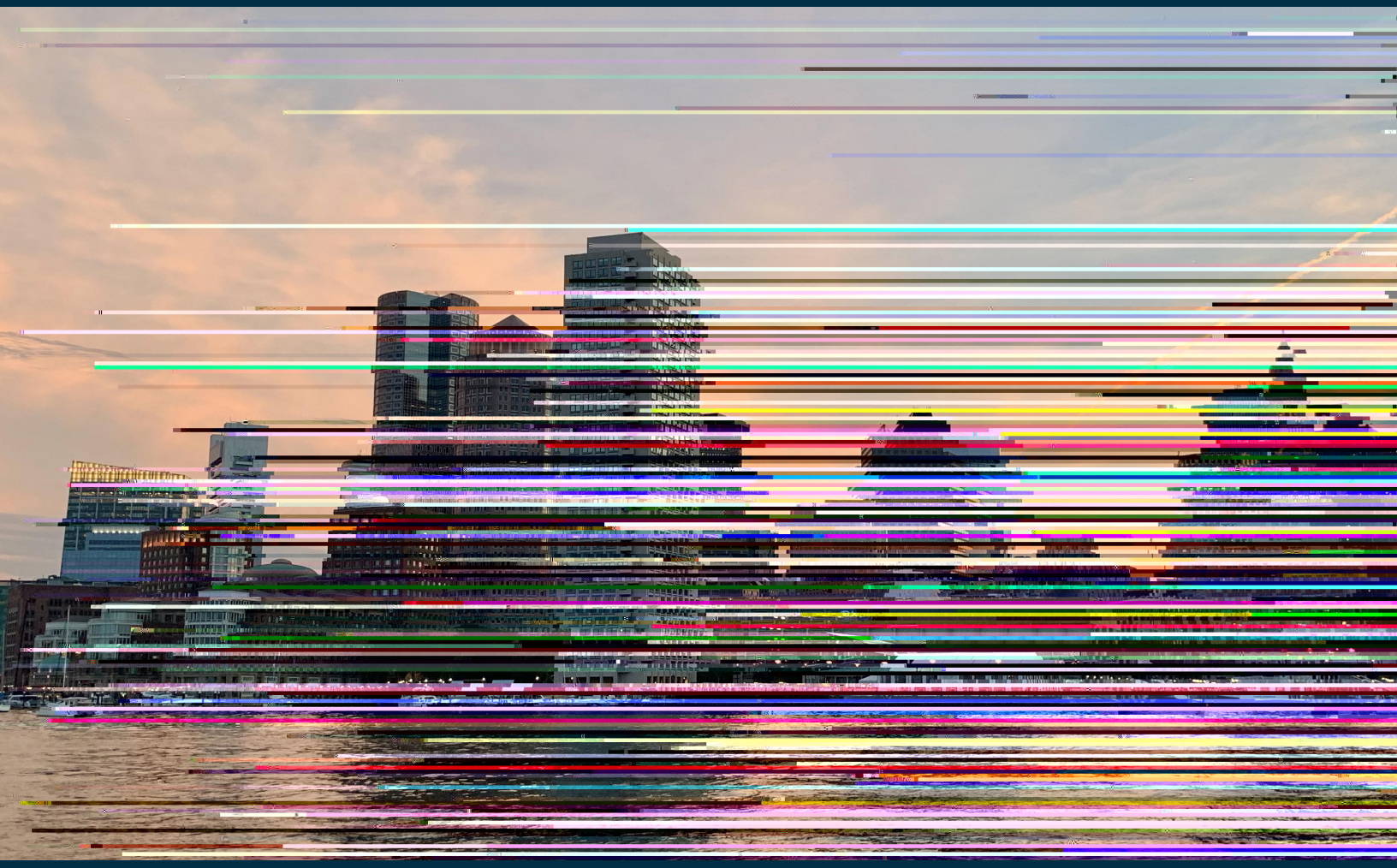
Caribbeans in Boston

An Integral and Growing Population



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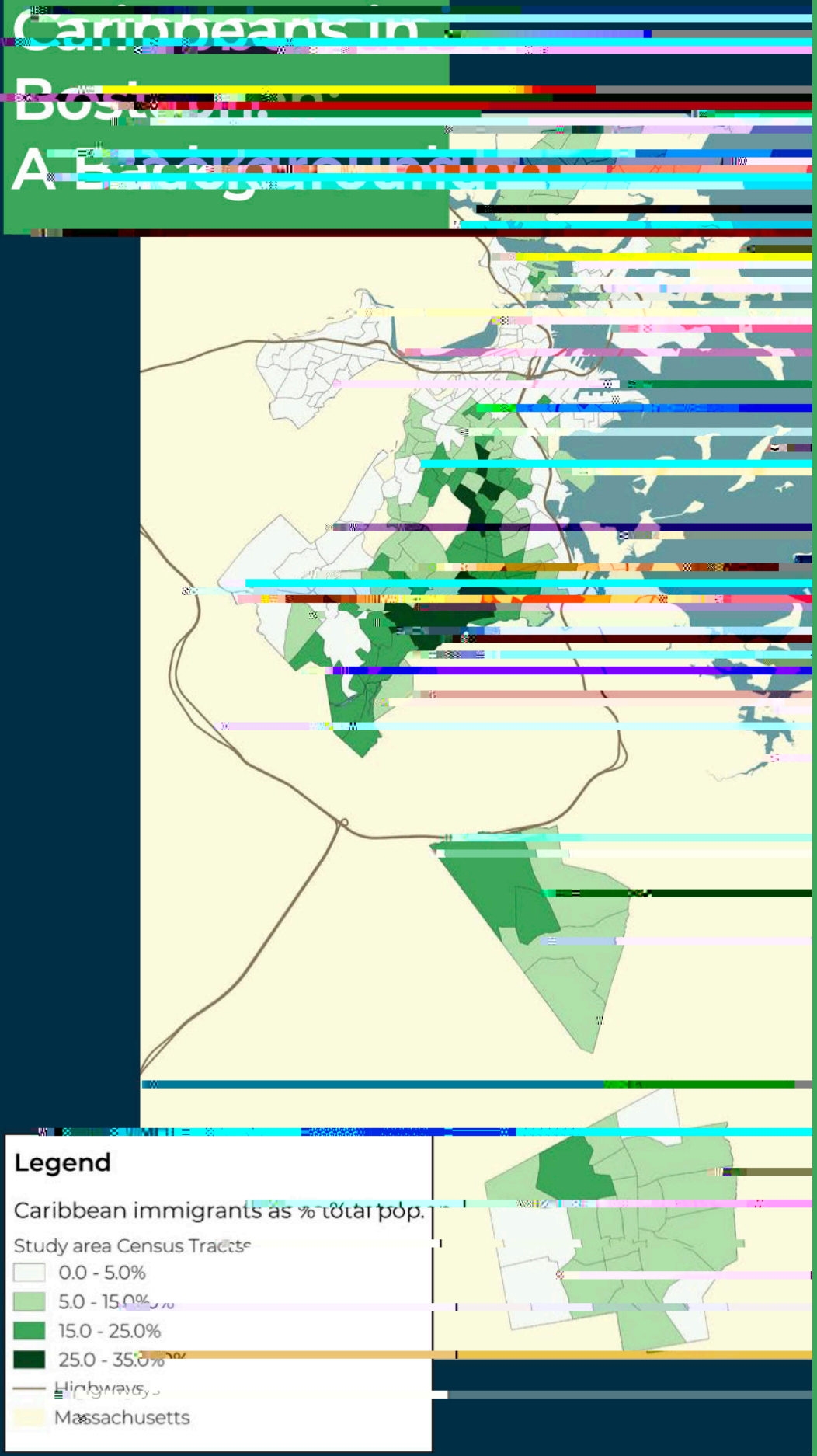


Everett, Randolph, Brockton - Boston,

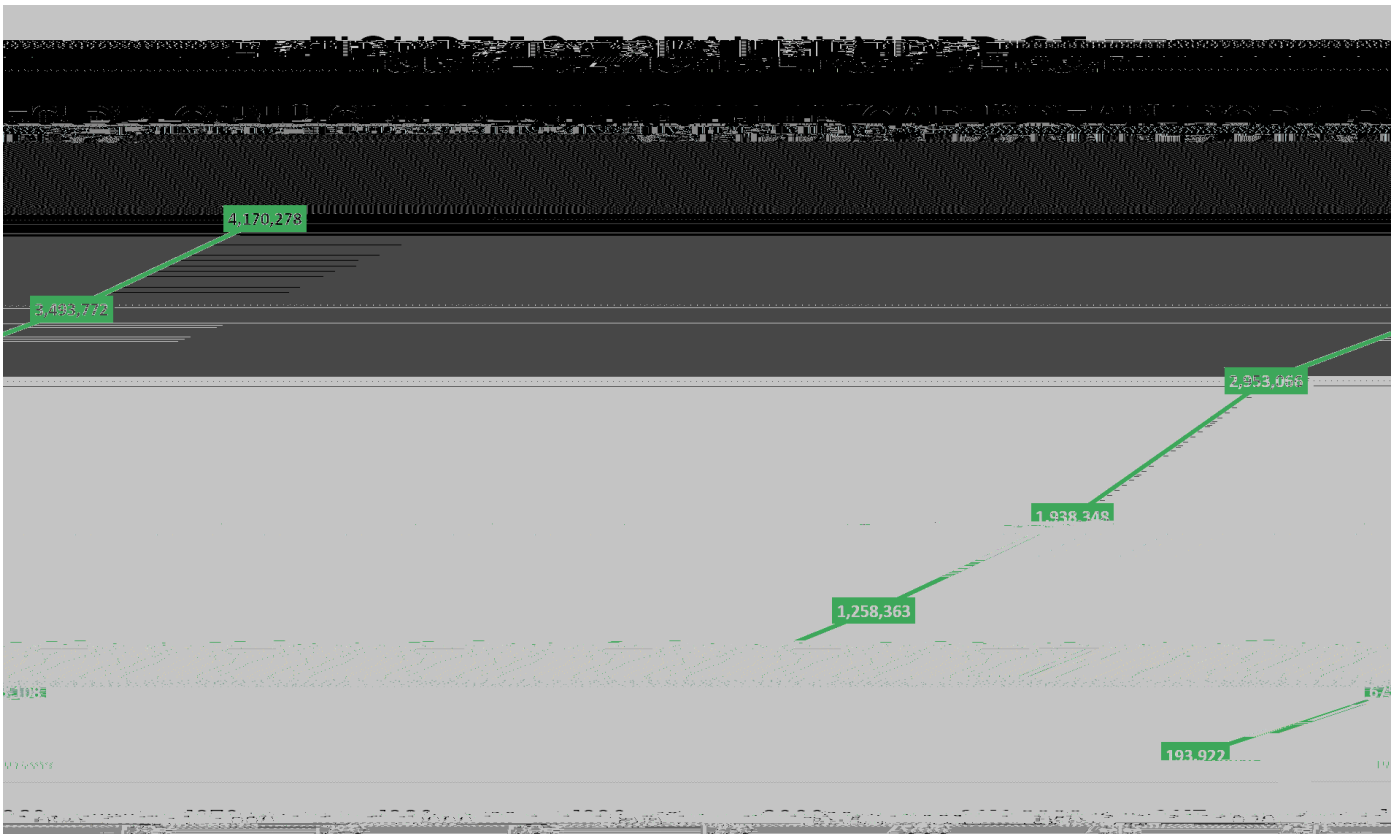
2017

55,212 individuals,

8.25%

“It’s important to recognize that Caribbean people in America are not a monolith … we don’t all just come from one island. And that policy should reflect that diversity in folks….” -Al mlxk mtr Rbrfablrs

“An immigrant must find their community … like a restaurant that makes the food my mother used to make. Once you find that place, from there you find other things … you find flyers, events that are happening, or you hear gossip, you get magazines … and products or stuff like that that are sold. So, in addition to being restaurants, they are cultural institutions for the community that is away from home.” -DmpVebrsbpRbrfablrs



155,031

third largest

A 17.9%

1 in 5

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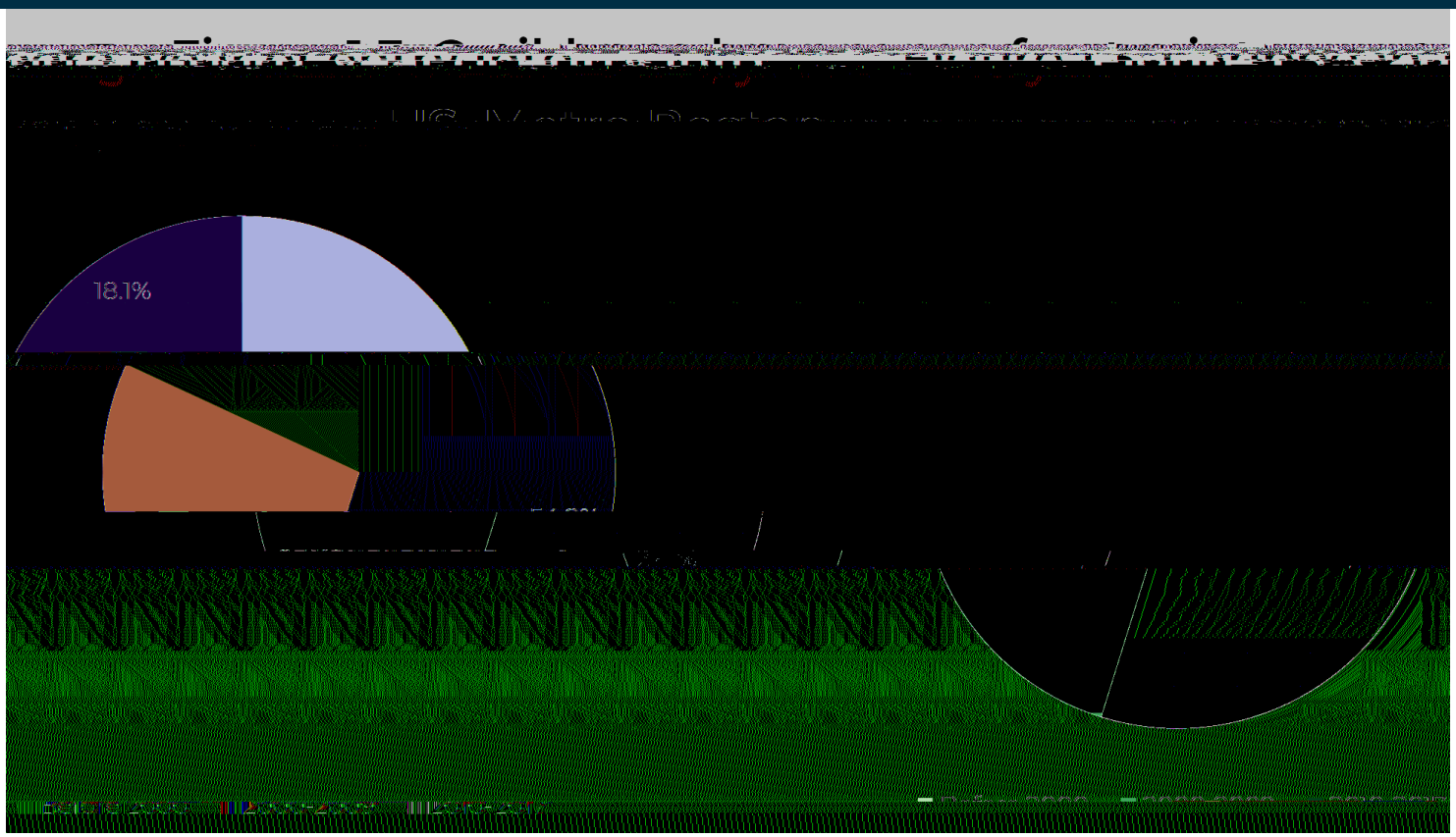

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Dominican Republic

Haiti

Caribbeans participate in the labor force at above-average rates…

more likely to seek employment

“Those [in the Haitian community] who are low to moderate income strive to be middle income; middle income striving to be upper-middle income or upper-class. They are very entrepreneurial … and they adapt.”
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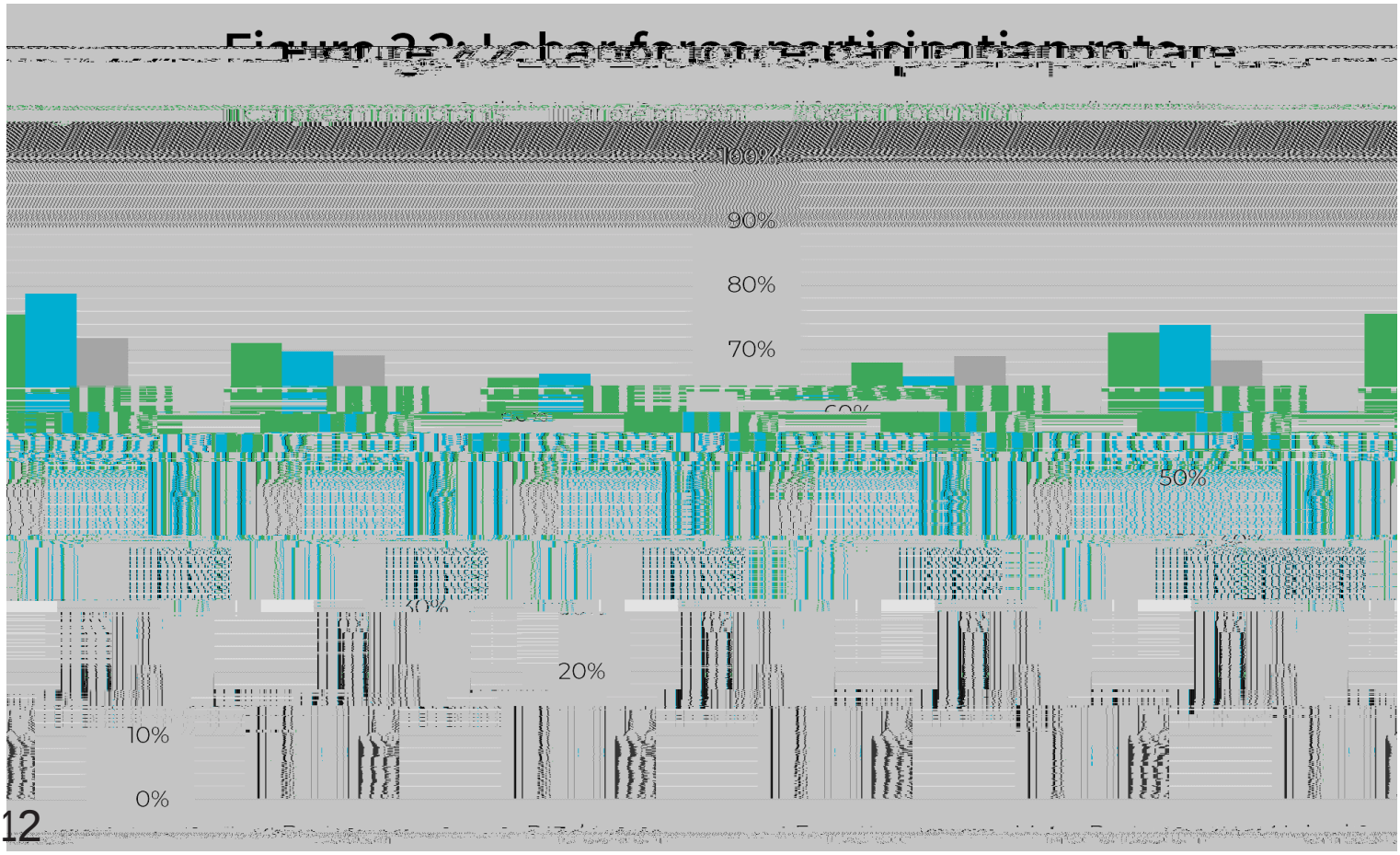

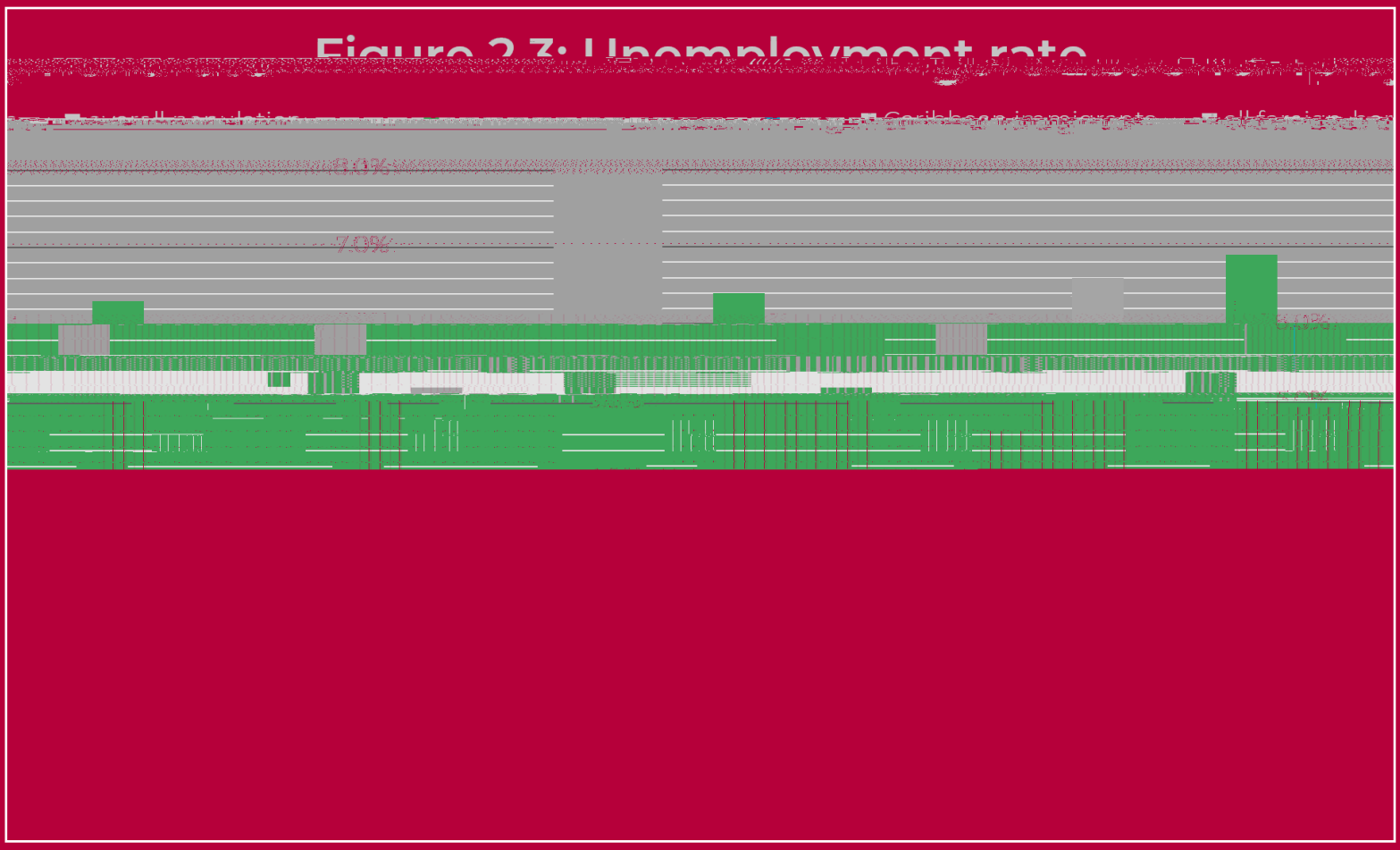

…but often have much higher unemployment rates.

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The Caribbean unemployment rate is falling, but is still higher than average.

decline in unemployment,

Household income varies greatly.

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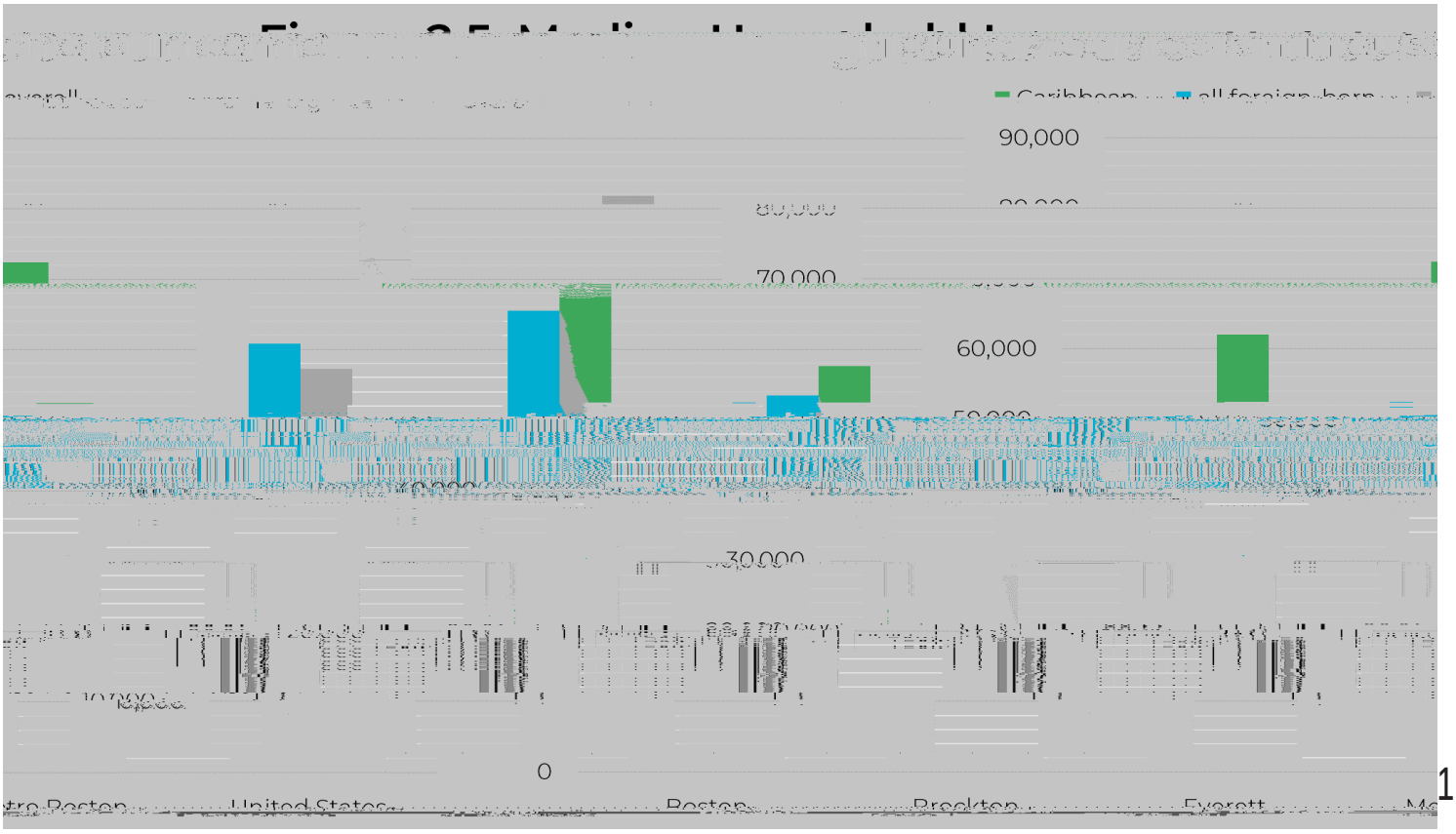

Boston's Caribbean poverty rates are high.

higher rates of poverty

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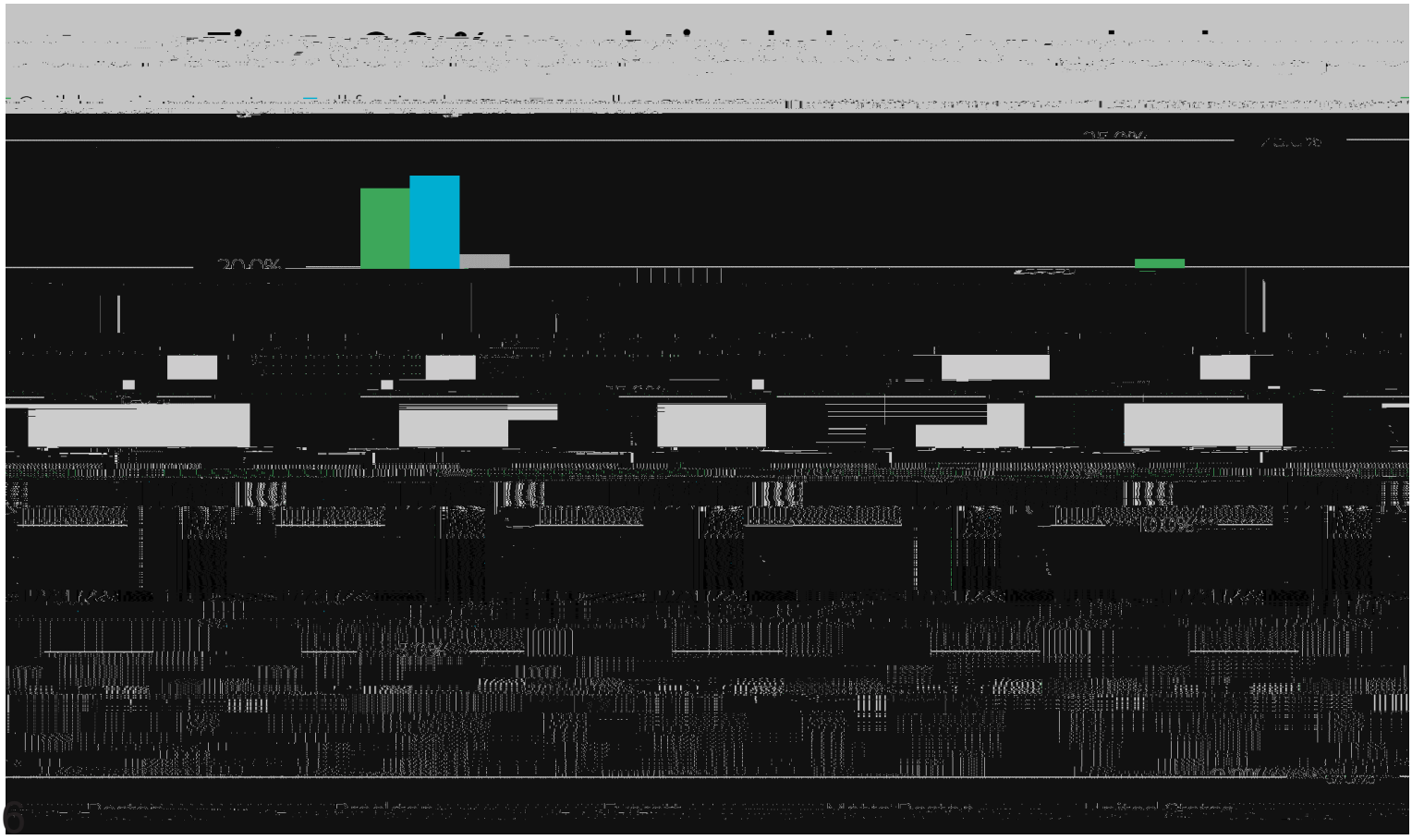
10 percentage points higher



Caribbean immigrants rely on SNAP benefits at high rates.

Housing

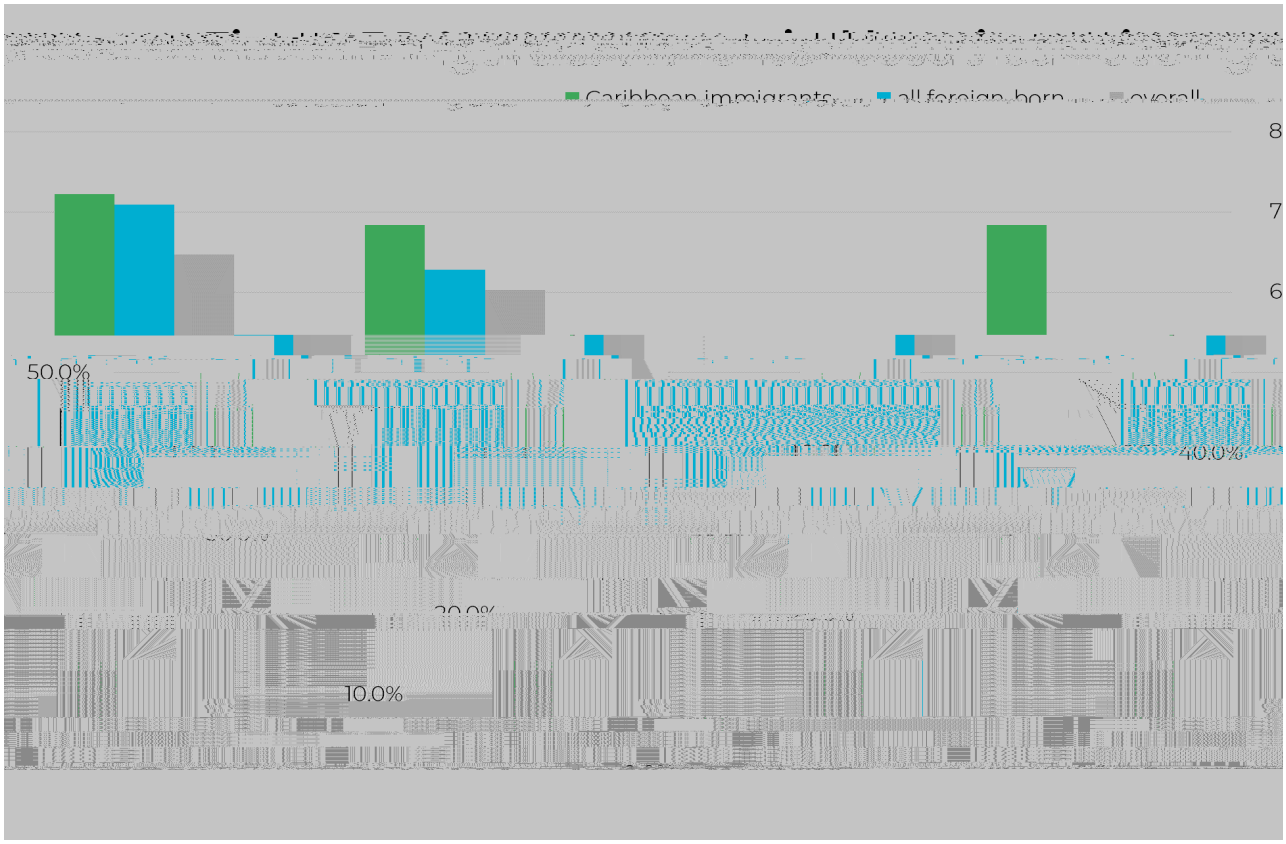
Caribbeans are more likely to rent their homes.

more likely to rent

68%

38%

50%



Brighton
Mission Hill
Roxbury
Jamaica Plain
Dorchester
Roslindale
West Roxbury
Mattapan

Caribbean immigrants are less likely to have graduated from college.

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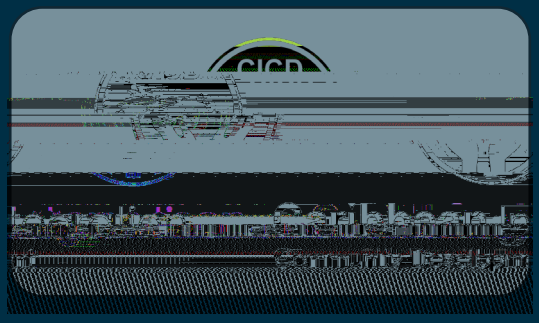

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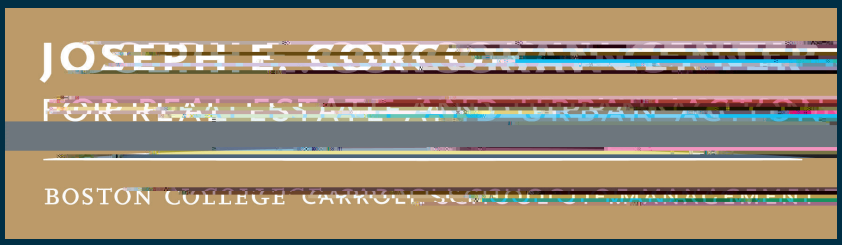

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