

2020 Environmental Justice Populations

Western Massachusetts and the Berkshires

Massachusetts Environmental Justice Criteria:

Environmental Justice (EJ) populations are determined by identifying Census 2010 block groups that meet any of the following criteria:

- Income** the annual median household income is not more than 65% of the statewide annual median household income
- English language isolation** 25% or more of households lack English language proficiency
- Minority population** minorities comprise 40% or more of the population -or- minorities comprise 25% or more of the population and the annual median household income of the municipality in which the block group is located does not exceed 150% of the statewide annual median household income

Populations meeting one EJ criterion

- income
- minority population
- English isolation

Populations meeting two EJ criteria

- income and minority population
- income and English isolation
- minority population and English isolation

Populations meeting three EJ criteria

- income, minority population and English isolation

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