# MERC INSIGHTS

## **POPULATION CHANGES IN** GREATER METROWEST (GMW) **CENSUS 2020**



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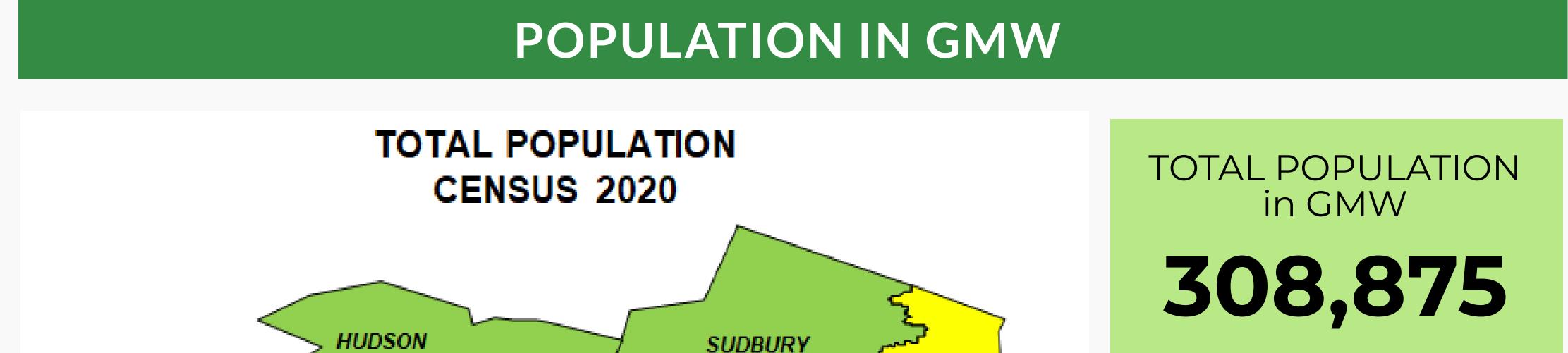
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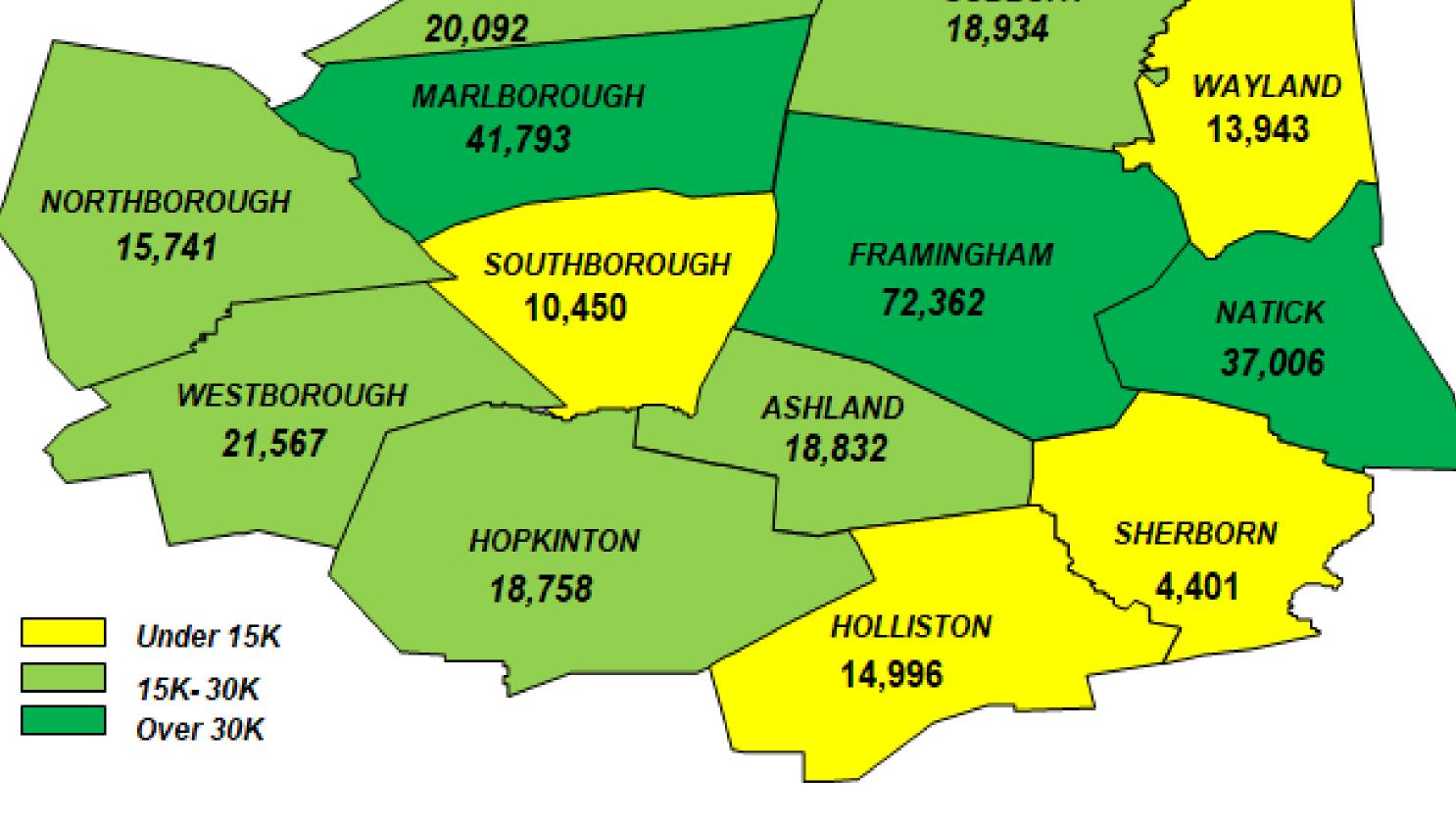
According to the 2020 Decennial Census, the population of Greater MetroWest (GMW) grew to 308,875

individuals, an increase of 10% from 2010. GMW had a slightly larger population growth than MA and U.S., which both increased by 7.4%. Framingham is the most populated community with a population of over 72,000. All of the communities within GMW had population growth, ranging from a high of 25.7% in Hopkinton to a low of 5.4% in Hudson. The under-age-18 population remained fairly steady with a slight increase in GMW from 2010, while there were decreases in MA (-3.7%) and U.S. (-1.7%). The under-age-18 population comprised 22.4% of the total GMW population. Westborough had the biggest increase in the under-age-18 population with an almost 14% growth, while eight communities had decreases in the under-age-18 population. Almost 70% of the GMW population self-identified as White alone which is a decrease of 8.6% from 2010. Black, Asian, Two or More races, and Some Other race all increased since 2010. In GMW, about 9% of the population self-identified as Hispanic or Latino which is significantly lower than the state (12.6%) and the U.S. (18.7%). About two-thirds of the total Hispanic population of GMW resides in Framingham and Marlborough.



Framingham is the most populated community with a population over 72,000 and Sherborn is the least populated

Ashland, Hopkinton, Hudson, Northborough, Sudbury, and Westborough have populations between 15,000 & 22,000



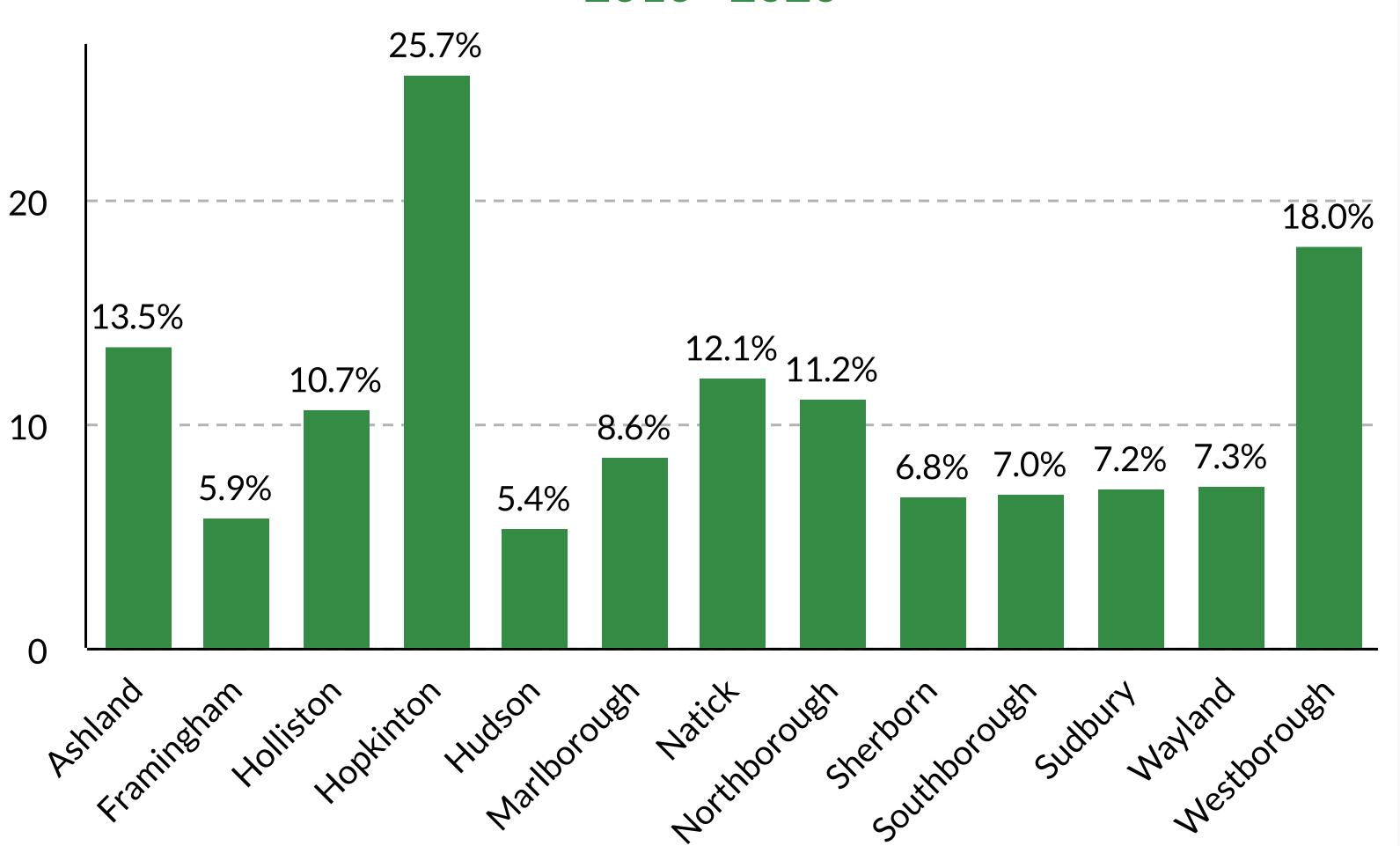
## POPULATION CHANGE OVER TIME (2010 - 2020)

In GMW, total population increased by  $10^{\circ}$ 

Hopkinton had the largest population increase at over **25%** 

Framingham and Hudson had the

#### POPULATION CHANGE BY COMMUNITY 2010 - 2020



#### smallest population growth

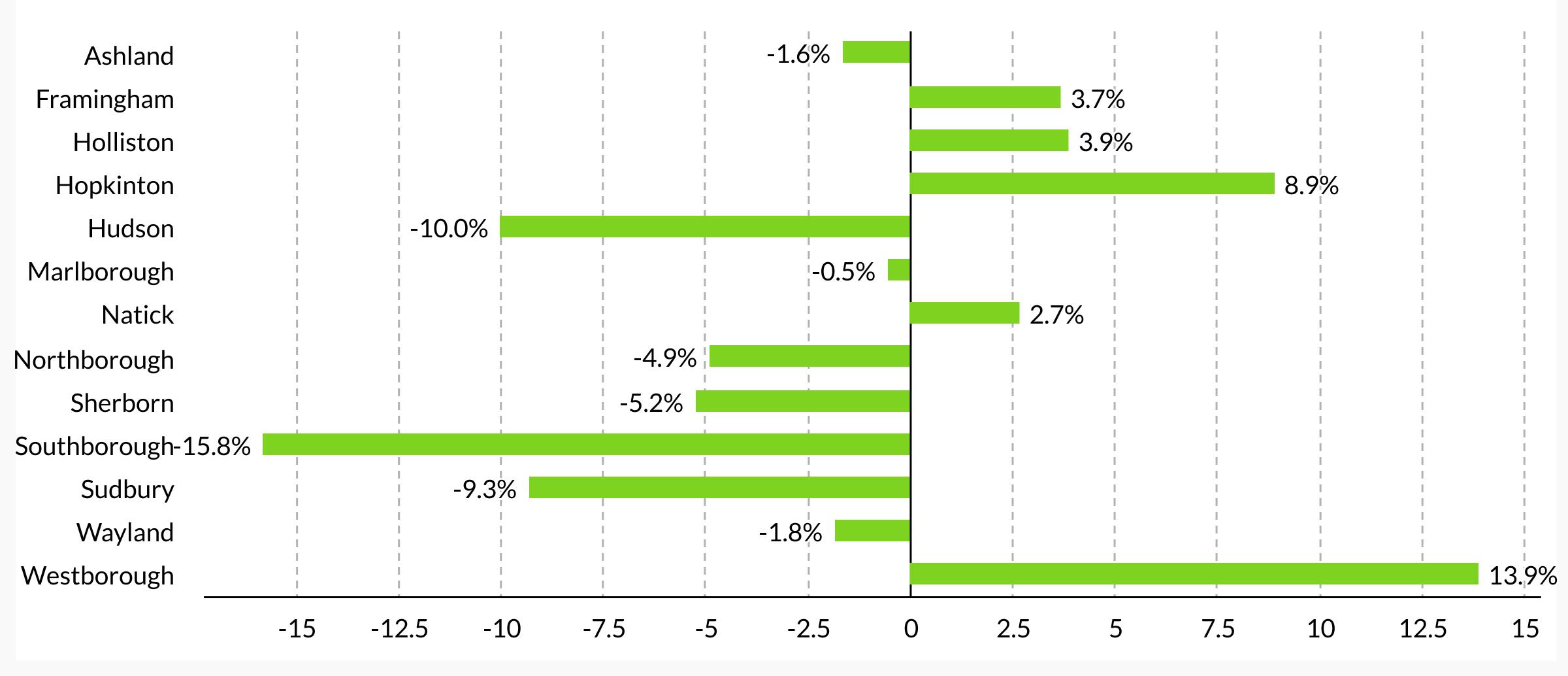
#### In 2020, Under-age-18 population: **69,300 individuals** or

22.4%

In GMW, the under-age-18 population **remained steady** with just a slight increase from 2010. This compares to **declines** in the under-age-18 population of **-3.7%** in MA and **-1.4%** in the U.S.



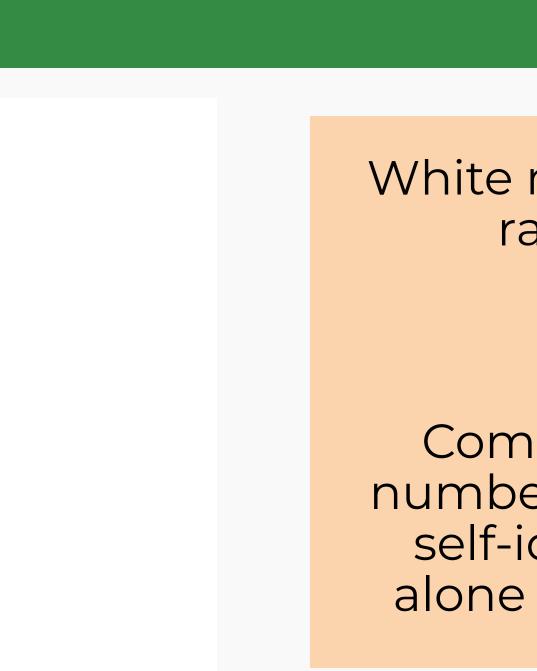
### % CHANGE UNDER-AGE-18 POPULATION BY COMMUNITY: 2010 - 2020



Hudson, Marlborough, Northborough, Sherborn, Southborough, Sudbury, and Wayland had **decreases** in underage-18 populations

Westborough and Framingham had the **largest increases** in under-age-18 populations with 13.9% and 8.9%





White made up the largest race category at

69.2%

Compared to 2010, the number of individuals who self-identified as White alone decreased by 8.6%

Asian, Two or More races, and Some Other race collectively made up about

27.8%

of the population in GMW White (69.15%) 📃 Black (3%) Asian (10.49%) Two or More races (9.69%) Some Other race (7.67%) **NON-WHITE POPULATIONS 2020 POPULATION CHANGES IN GMW** (2010 - 2020)Black Asian MA population population GMW increased by increased by 30.4% 24.6% **69.2**% 95,287 Or Two or More Some Other U.S. races race 30.8% 38.9% population population increased by increased by 296%

213,588

**RACIAL MAKEUP OF GMW** 

23,682

29,921

32,403

9,281

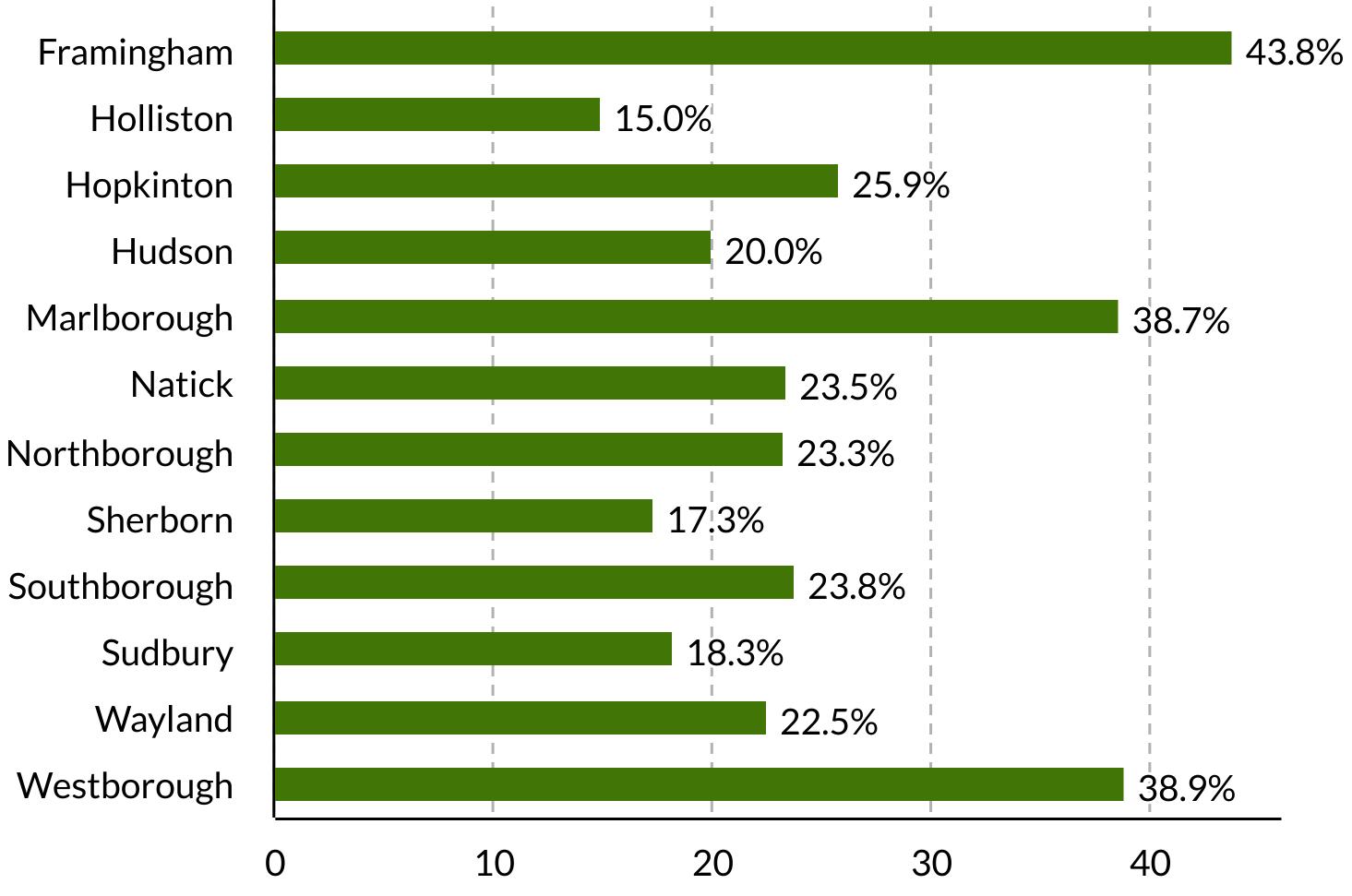
#### % NON-WHITE BY COMMUNITY

Ashland

**81**%

30.3%

Framingham, Marlborough, & Westborough have the largest Non-White populations, all above 35%. While Holliston & Sherborn have the lowest Non-White populations at 15.0% and 17.3%.



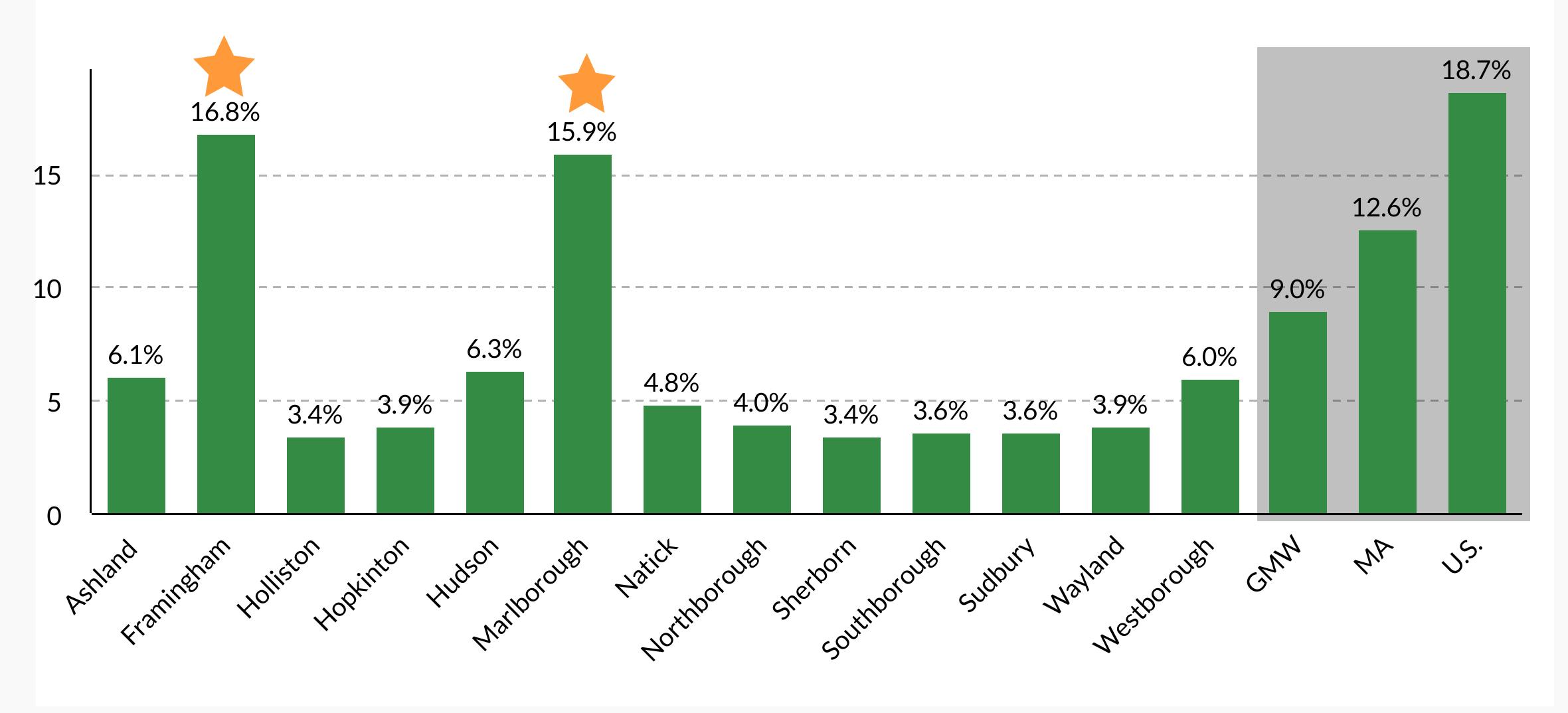
## **HISPANIC OR LATINO**

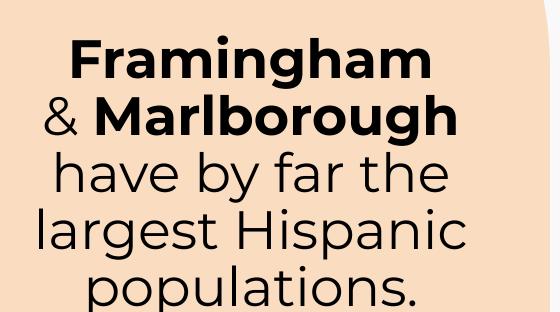
# 27,896 individuals self-identified as Hispanic or Latino

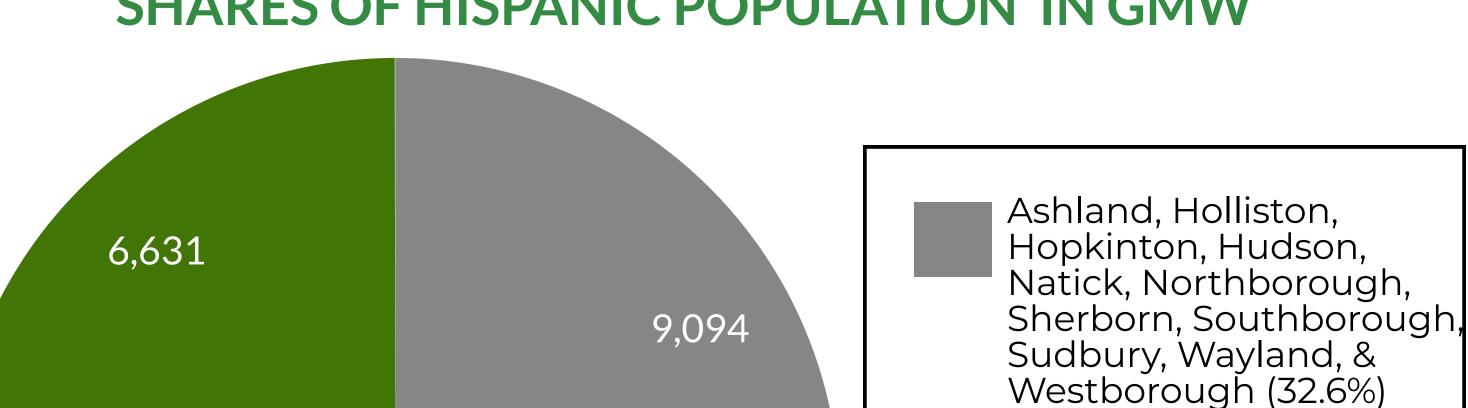


## of total GMW population

#### % HISPANIC BY COMMUNITY







#### **SHARES OF HISPANIC POPULATION IN GMW**

Together they make up about 2/3 of the hispanic population in GMW.



Besides Framingham and Marlborough, other GMW communities have Hispanic populations that vary from 3.4% to 6.3%

All GMW communities, besides Framingham and Marlborough, have Hispanic populations far below the percentage in MA & U.S.

Source: 2020 Decennial Census. Retrieved from: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/