

2019 Demographic Profile of Maine

MaineDOT has gathered a demographic profile of the State of Maine that includes identification of the locations of minority populations in the aggregate and develops demographic maps that overlay the percent minority and non-minority and non-native populations as identified by the U.S. Census or the most relevant American Community Survey Data. We have compiled that information by county below. MaineDOT's most recent data assessment was done using 2019 data. MaineDOT will update this information as it becomes available.

Demographic Profile of Minorities, Non-American National Origin and Low-Income by County.

1. Minority

Based on the 2019 U.S. Census data, Maine has a small minority population that is geographically spread across the state with concentrations in urbanized areas. The summary table below shows white and non-white populations for each of the counties. Non-white populations include Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and Some Other Race. Maine as a whole has an estimated minority population of 5.5%. Approximately 58.51% of Maine's minority population lives in four counties:

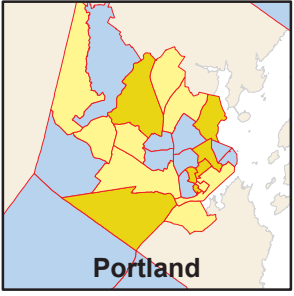
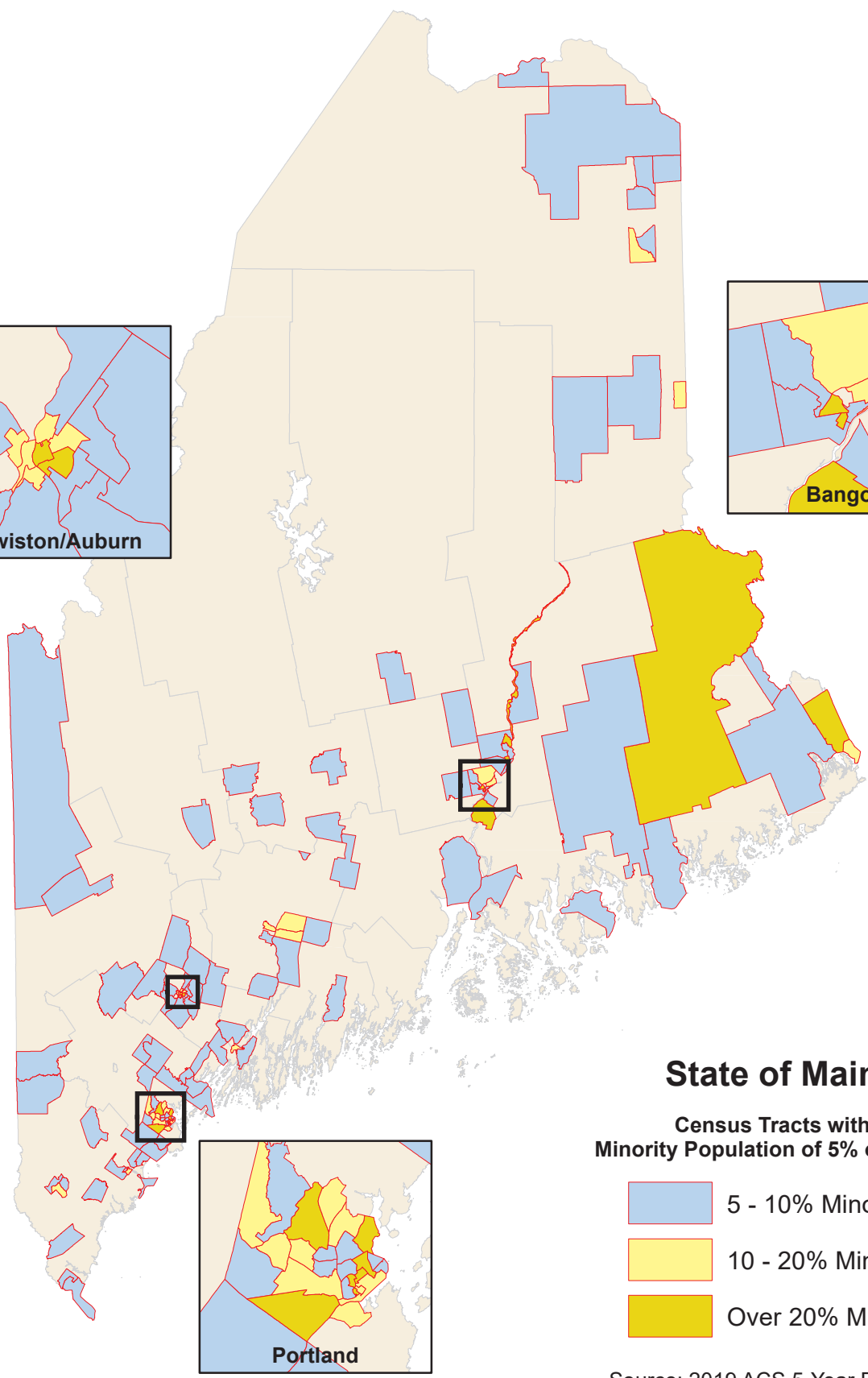
- Androscoggin County: 8,561 people, which account for 8.2% of the population of Androscoggin County.
- Cumberland County: 22,772 people, which account for 8.0% of the population of Cumberland County.
- Penobscot County: 7,529 people, which account for 5.2% of the population of Penobscot County.
- Washington County: 2,702 people, which account for 8.9% of Washington County.

Washington County has the greatest percentage of minority population with 8.9%. This population is comprised primarily of the Native American Passamaquoddy Tribe, and some Penobscot and Maliseet presence. The Penobscot Nation is located in Penobscot County. Outside of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Penobscot and Washington Counties, Aroostook County is the only other county with a minority population of 5% or greater.

State of Maine				
Race Demographics by State/County				
County	Total Population	White #	Minority #	Minority %
Maine	1,298,787	1,227,750	71,037	5.5
Androscoggin	104,281	95,720	8,561	8.2
Aroostook	65,559	62,302	3,257	5.0
Cumberland	284,247	261,475	22,772	8.0
Franklin	28,710	27,740	970	3.4
Hancock	53,103	50,970	2,133	4.0
Kennebec	118,001	113,335	4,666	4.0
Knox	38,159	36,954	1,205	3.2
Lincoln	33,626	32,615	1,011	3.0
Oxford	56,728	54,638	2,090	3.7
Penobscot	145,179	137,650	7,529	5.2
Piscataquis	16,407	15,798	609	3.7
Sagadahoc	35,133	33,626	1,507	4.3
Somerset	49,684	48,010	1,674	3.4
Waldo	38,680	37,295	1,385	3.6
Washington	30,417	27,715	2,702	8.9
York	200,873	191,907	8,966	4.5

Source: 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The map on the following page identifies minority populations by county.



State of Maine
Census Tracts with a
Minority Population of 5% or Greater

- 5 - 10% Minority
- 10 - 20% Minority
- Over 20% Minority

Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates

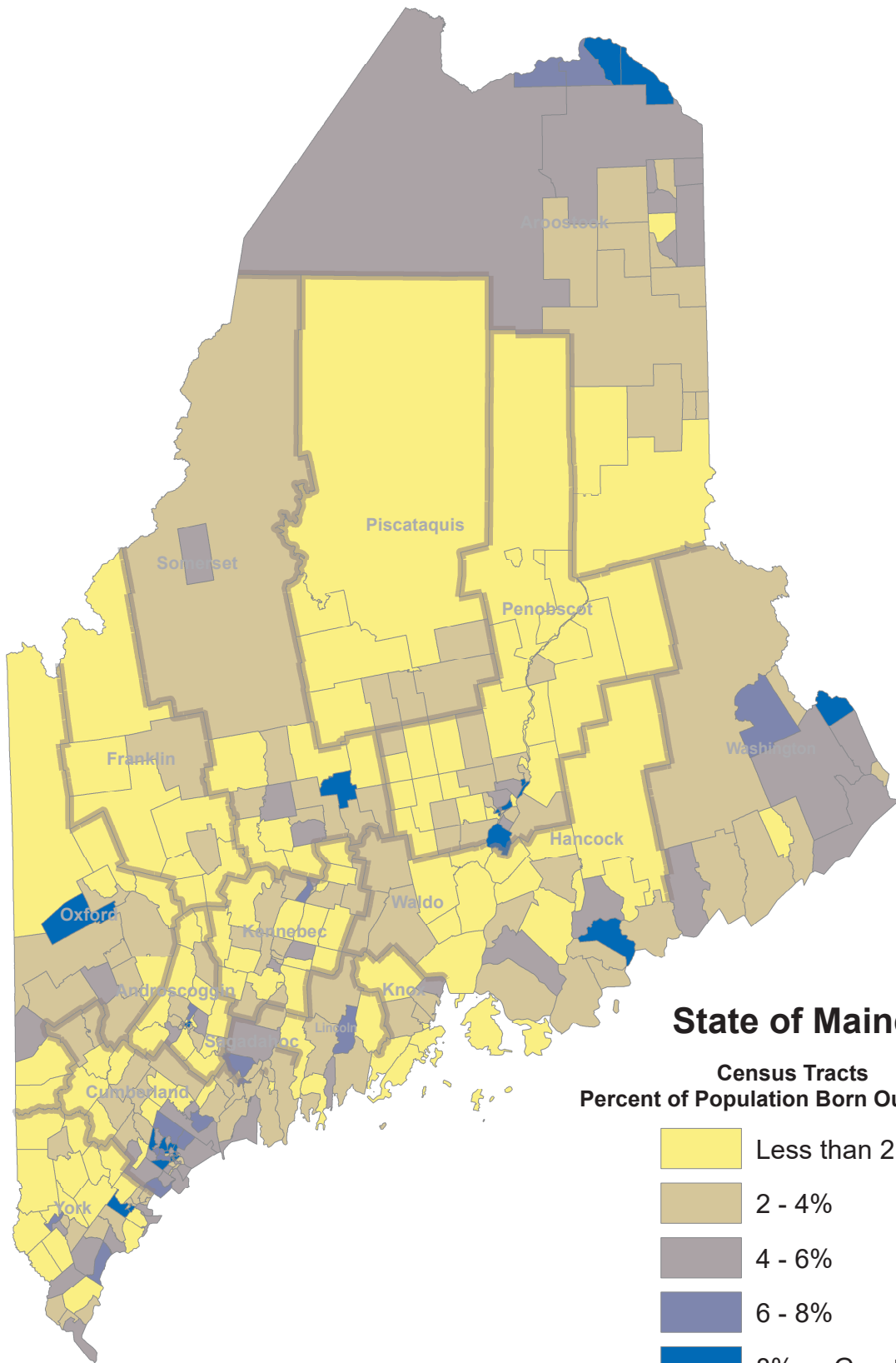
2. Non-American National Origin

The map representing data on the national origin of Maine residents is similar in many ways to the maps of minorities. The core of Cumberland County again has the highest totals and the whole southern area has higher numbers than the rest of the state. The Saint John River Valley also has several towns in the upper categories. Towns along the Canadian border show up more prominently in this map than the minorities map, reflecting a higher representation of French Canadians. The map of concentrations of non-American born residents shows many of these Canadian border towns with percentages higher than the state average, though most of these towns are sparsely populated. Cumberland and Androscoggin Counties have concentrations of non-natives, due to the Maine Refugee Resettlement Program centered in Portland (Cumberland County) and Lewiston (Androscoggin County). There are relatively few towns in the western and eastern areas of the state with concentrations of non-natives, other than clusters around Augusta and Bangor.

County	Total Population	Native Born #	Native Born %	Foreign Born %
Maine	1,335,492	1,287,554	96.4%	3.6%
Androscoggin	107,602	103,800	96.5%	3.5%
Aroostook	67,809	64,834	95.6%	4.4%
Cumberland	292,307	274,580	93.9%	6.1%
Franklin	29,982	29,545	98.5%	1.5%
Hancock	54,601	52,921	96.9%	3.1%
Kennebec	121,753	118,844	97.6%	2.4%
Knox	39,759	38,845	97.7%	2.3%
Lincoln	34,201	33,267	97.3%	2.7%
Oxford	57,550	56,709	98.5%	1.5%
Penobscot	151,774	147,389	97.1%	2.9%
Piscataquis	16,836	16,506	98.0%	2.0%
Sagadahoc	35,452	34,040	96.0%	4.0%
Somerset	50,520	49,669	98.3%	1.7%
Waldo	39,539	38,687	97.8%	2.2%
Washington	31,491	30,230	96.0%	4.0%
York	204,316	197,688	96.8%	3.2%

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3. Low Income

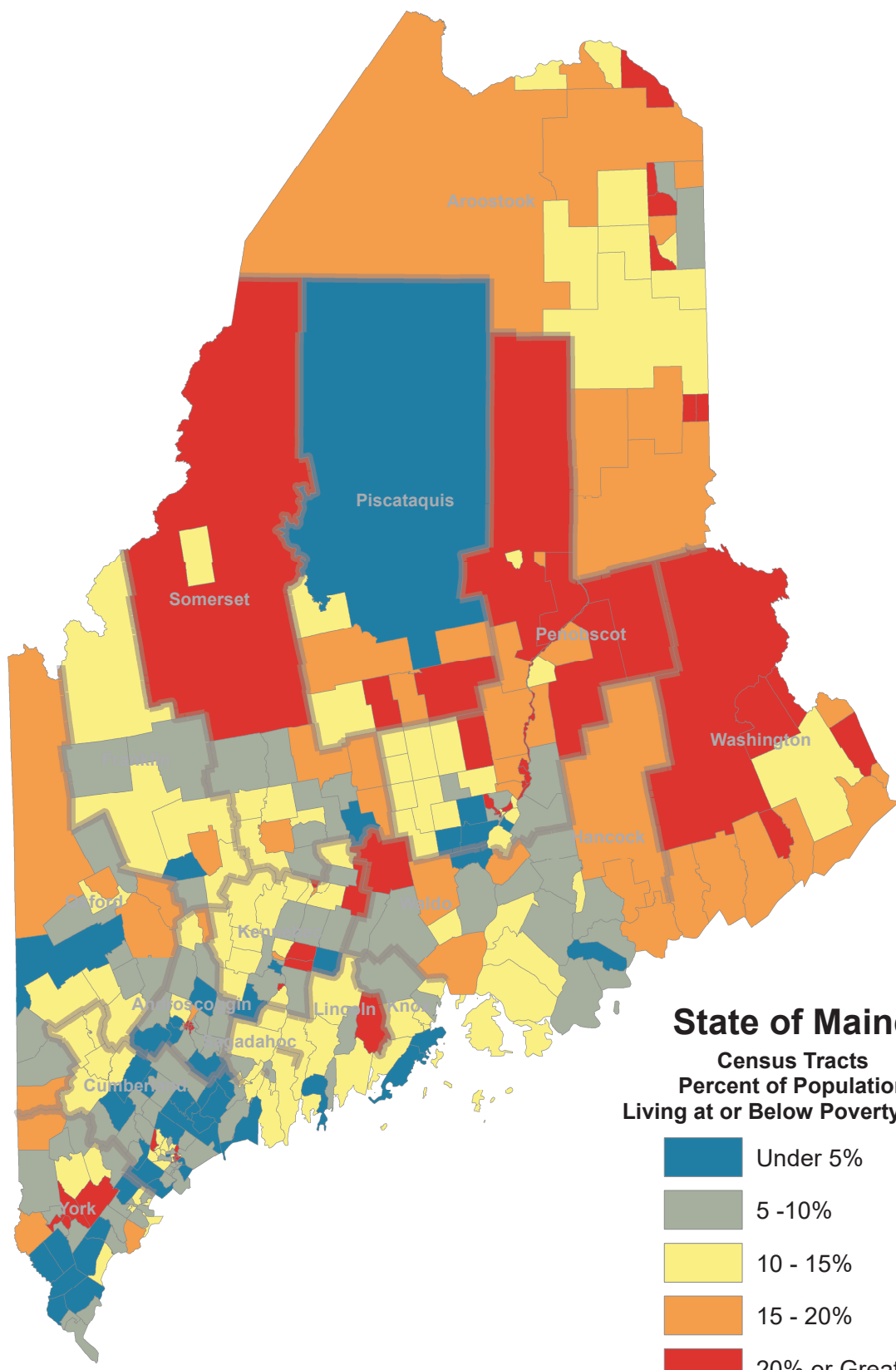
As a rural state without a large base of high-paying jobs—outside of York and Cumberland Counties—poverty is more widespread in Maine than any of the other factors considered in the Title VI program. In the 2019 American Community Survey some 153,131 people are estimated to be in households that have incomes below the federal poverty threshold. (In dollar terms, that threshold varies by household size). This number represents about 11.8% of the population for whom it is possible to determine poverty status. In comparison, 5.5% of residents are minorities, and 3.2% of residents were not born in the United States. The highest concentration of low-income people reside in Cumberland County with 25,700 people. The cost of living and more urban settings reflect higher service needs in these areas.

In spite of the high number of low-income people in Cumberland County the percentages of people in poverty in this community is below the state average. The highest percentages of low income per county are the rural counties of Somerset, Washington, Piscataquis, and Aroostook.

County	Total Population	Total Below Poverty Level #	Below Poverty Level %
Maine	1,298,787	153,131	11.8%
Androscoggin	104,281	12,283	11.8%
Aroostook	65,559	10,549	16.1%
Cumberland	284,247	25,700	9.0%
Franklin	28,710	3,308	11.5%
Hancock	53,103	5,748	10.8%
Kennebec	118,001	15,117	13.1%
Knox	38,159	3,763	9.9%
Lincoln	33,626	4,140	12.3%
Oxford	56,728	8,592	15.2%
Penobscot	145,179	21,501	14.8%
Piscataquis	16,407	3,040	18.5%
Sagadahoc	35,133	3,388	9.6%
Somerset	49,684	10,114	20.4%
Waldo	38,680	5,214	13.5%
Washington	30,417	5,756	18.9%
York	200,873	14,918	7.4%

Source: 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The map on the following page identifies low income populations by county.



State of Maine
Census Tracts
Percent of Population
Living at or Below Poverty Level

- Under 5%
- 5 -10%
- 10 - 15%
- 15 - 20%
- 20% or Greater

Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates