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Richer communities avoid brunt of crisis

Analysis reveals few hosting shelters for families, migrants

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As Massachusetts struggles to find housing for an influx of migrants, a Globe analysis of state data finds that few wealthy communities are hosting emergency shelters for homeless and migrant families while the bulk are in middle-income cities and towns.

Of the 94 communities hosting emergency shelters, more than half have a median household income below \$100,000, while just nine of those communities — including Acton, Concord, and Lexington

— have household incomes above \$150,000.

The state says its process for placing shelters is driven by the availability of space and factors such as their proximity to critical services including public transportation.

But many communities say they are having trouble providing all the resources people need, such as transportation and translators, and worry the strain on their limited resources will reach a breaking point.

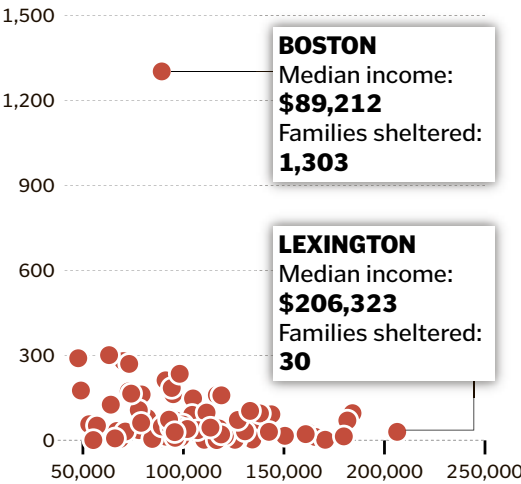
They also say it's unfair that other municipalities, particularly wealthier communities, aren't stepping up to help.

"The sense is that wealthier communities are not bearing any of the burden," said Taunton Mayor Shaunna O'Connell, whose city has a median household in-

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Median income of municipalities sheltering migrant and homeless families

Boston accounts for a disproportionate share of the total number of migrant and homeless families sheltered in Massachusetts.



SOURCE: Census / MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. Municipalities not sheltering any families are not shown • State data do not include state-run and other overflow shelter sites created for homeless families on the wait list for emergency shelter program.

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Biden warns Netanyahu on invasion

Israeli forces free 2 hostages in Rafah raid

By Zolan Kanno-Youngs
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Biden warned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel on Sunday that a ground offensive in the southern Gaza Strip should not proceed without a plan to protect the more than 1.4 million Palestinians clustered there, the latest sign of frustration by the White House over rising civilian deaths from Israel's military assault.

During the call Sunday, according to a description from

the White House, the two leaders also discussed ongoing negotiations with Hamas to release Israeli hostages in Gaza in exchange for a cease-fire and the release of Palestinians being held in Israeli jails.

Last week, Netanyahu bluntly rejected as "ludicrous" a response from Hamas in the negotiations that called for Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and the freeing of Palestinian prisoners in exchange for the release of more than 100 Israeli hostages in Gaza.

But both US and Israeli officials have said subsequently there is still room for compromise in the negotiations. A senior administration official who spoke about Biden and

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CHIEFS WIN SUPER BOWL



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Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Mecole Hardman Jr. celebrated his game-winning touchdown in overtime with quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) in Super Bowl 58 against the San Francisco 49ers in Las Vegas. The Chiefs won 25-22, becoming the first team to take back-to-back Super Bowl titles since the Patriots did it two decades ago. **C1.**

A furious, bitter race to settle Newton strike

Negotiators describe round-the-clock efforts to get teachers a deal

By Deanna Pan
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During the longest Massachusetts teachers strike in three decades, Anna Nolin, the new superintendent of Newton Public Schools, blasted Metallica on her commute each morning to amp herself up for another tense day of talks.

Meanwhile, after days of fruitless haggling, Mike Zilles, president of the Newton Teachers Association, and Chris Brezski, the School Com-

mittee chairperson, secretly met up in a nearby graveyard in hopes of reaching detente.

"The fact that we were going to be doing this again the next day was just exhausting and frustrating," Nolin later recalled.

The teachers strike, which ended Feb. 2, gripped the well-to-do city of Newton in a crisis, locking educators and their employers in a fierce 15-day battle that pitted neighbor against neighbor, cost children hours of lost

class time, and raised questions about the future of public education funding in Massachusetts.

Behind the scenes, the parties worked furiously around the clock to settle, key players told the Globe in extensive interviews. But acrimony had been ratcheting up for months, and both sides, strained by economic circumstances, were determined to hold their ground.

Nolin came to the district in July

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NATHAN KLIMA FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Newton Teachers Association members celebrated after an announcement on Feb. 2 that their contract had been settled.

K.C. and the some shine band



Monday: A little sun, warm. High 45-50, low 32-37

Tuesday: Heavy, wet snow. High 33-38, low 22-27.

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A shootout in the sanctuary of one of the nation's largest churches ended with the shooter, a woman, dead and a child critically hurt, officials in Houston said. **A2.**

Massachusetts school districts made significant gains in increasing the diversity of educators yet they could not keep pace with changing makeup of the student bodies, according to a report. **B1.**

Senators advanced a \$95 billion emergency aid package for Ukraine and Israel in a rare Sunday vote. **A2.**

Tensions are high as fishing industry, cruise lines try to coexist on Plymouth's waterfront. **D1.**

Ex-prime minister Alexander Stubb narrowly won Finland's presidential election runoff. **A4.**

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