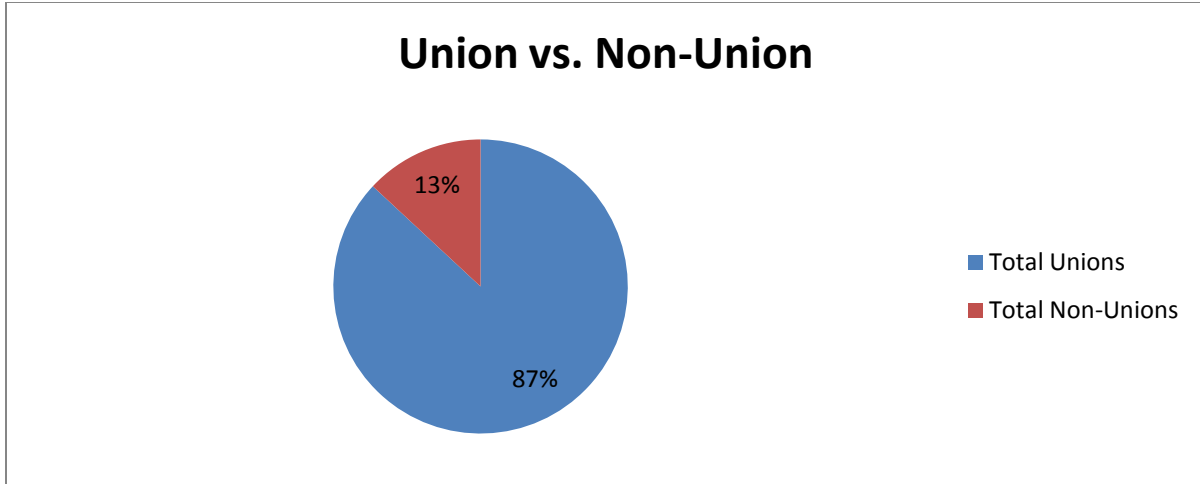


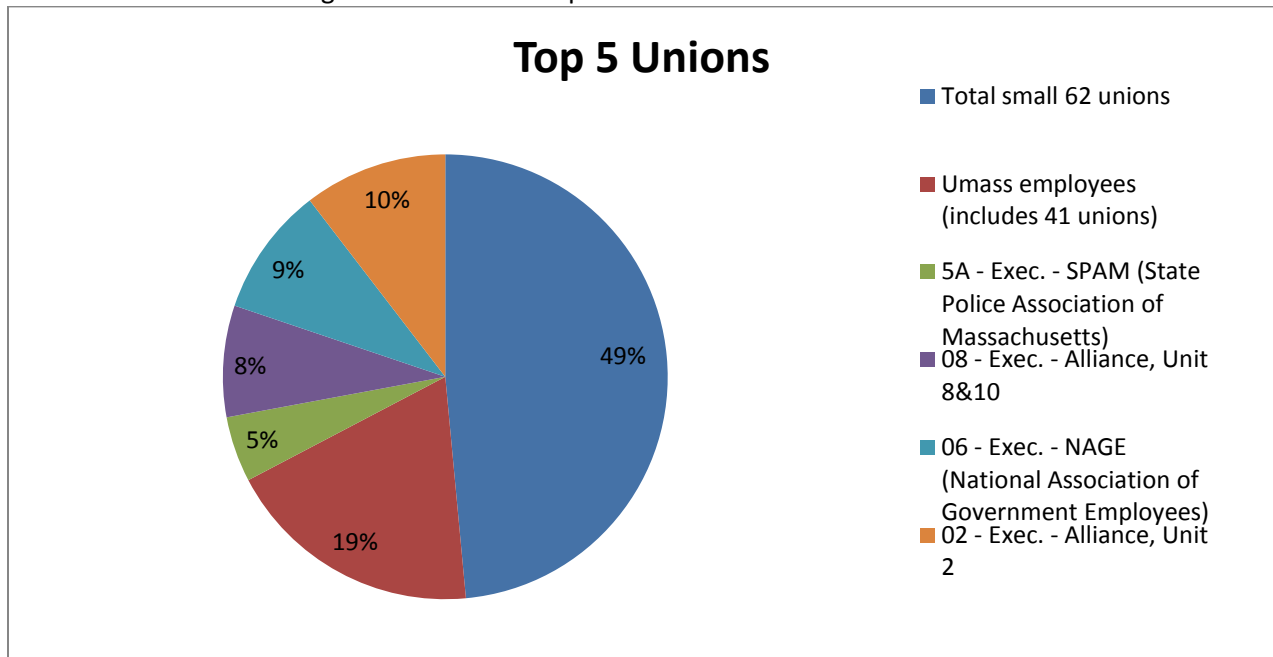
## To Union or Not to union?

We often think about unions through partisan agendas. You either like them or you don't. I would like to approach this issue with simple data: what are the numbers telling us about these collective bargaining units?



My acute analytical sense tells me that, according to this graph, the vast majority of State employees are unionized. This has a tremendous impact on the state's budget, not only financially, but also in its ability to adapt itself to economic cycles.

There is another interesting fact I would like to point out:



There are 67 Unions in the state's system. The 5 biggest unions account for... 51% of the State's employees. And the biggest union itself represents the interests of 10% of the state's employees. That's 1 in 10 employees (redundant, but it's more dramatic when put in those terms)! Talking about bargaining power...