

MASSACHUSETTS

(N=500)	n	%
Worcester/West-----	118	23.60
Northeast-----	178	35.60
Suffolk-----	40	8.00
SE Mass/Cape-----	164	32.80

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University, and I would like to get your opinions on some issues of the day. Would you be willing to spend less than eight minutes answering some questions to help us out?

A. Are you currently a registered voter in Massachusetts?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	500	100.00

1. Thinking about the midterm election coming up in 3 weeks, how likely are you to vote? Would you say...?

(N=500)	n	%
Very likely -----	455	91.00
Somewhat likely -----	34	6.80
Already voted-----	11	2.20

2. Are you currently enrolled as a Democrat, Republican, or Unenrolled/Independent?

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat-----	151	30.20
Republican-----	59	11.80
Unenrolled/Independent-----	270	54.00
Undecided -----	6	1.20
Refused-----	14	2.80

Great, let me get you screened in.

3. With which gender do you most closely identify – male, female, or non-binary (gender variant, non-conforming, etc.)?

(N=500)	n	%
Male -----	239	47.80
Female-----	252	50.40
Non-binary (gender variant, non-conforming) -----	5	1.00
Refused-----	4	0.80

4. What is your age category?

(N=500)	n	%
18-24 Years-----	32	6.40
25-34 Years-----	73	14.60
35-49 Years-----	113	22.60
50-64 Years-----	129	25.80
65-74 Years-----	96	19.20
75+-----	54	10.80
Refused-----	3	0.60

5. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me your ethnic background/ancestry? (READ)

(N=500)	n	%
White/Caucasian -----	374	74.80
Black/African American -----	39	7.80
Native American / Alaska Native -----	4	0.80
Asian -----	23	4.60
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander -----	1	0.20
Hispanic/Latino -----	44	8.80
2 or more races -----	5	1.00
Other -----	3	0.60
Don't know -----	7	1.40

6. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (READ)

(N=500)	n	%
Some high school -----	27	5.40
High school graduate -----	91	18.20
Some college -----	115	23.00
Trade/technical/vocational training -----	18	3.60
College graduate -----	155	31.00
Master's or PhD -----	93	18.60
Undecided -----	1	0.20
Refused -----	0	0.00

7. There are four candidates for U.S. Senate who are certified to appear on the Massachusetts ballot as follows... (READ) At this point if the election were today, who would be your first choice?

(N=500)	n	%
Ed Markey - Democrat -----	300	60.00
John Deaton - Republican -----	159	31.80
Shiva Ayyadurai – Independent -----	4	0.80
Joe Tache – Socialism and Liberation -----	7	1.40
Undecided -----	28	5.60
Refused -----	2	0.40

8. For governor, there are three candidates certified for the ballot as follows... (READ) At this point if the election were today, for whom would you vote or toward whom do you lean?

(N=500)	n	%
Maura Healey - Democrat -----	293	58.60
Mike Minogue - Republican -----	180	36.00
Andrea James - Independent -----	10	2.00
Undecided -----	17	3.40
Refused -----	0	0.00

{ROTATE 9 & 10}

9. Do you think the United States is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

(N=500)	n	%
Right direction -----	96	19.20
Wrong track -----	367	73.40
Undecided -----	37	7.40

10. Do you think Massachusetts is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

(N=500)	n	%
Right direction-----	264	52.80
Wrong track-----	191	38.20
Undecided -----	45	9.00

11. In the last four years, do you think Massachusetts has become a better place to live, a worse place, or do you feel it's remained the same? Please select what best describes your feelings.

(N=500)	n	%
It's gotten significantly better -----	24	4.80
It's gotten a little better-----	53	10.60
It's the same-----	201	40.20
It's gotten a little worse-----	84	16.80
It's gotten significantly worse -----	127	25.40
Undecided -----	11	2.20

12. How would you describe the Massachusetts economy?

(N=500)	n	%
Excellent-----	25	5.00
Good -----	166	33.20
Fair-----	174	34.80
Poor -----	117	23.40
Undecided -----	18	3.60

13. What's the greatest source of financial stress in your own life? {RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	n	%
Grocery prices -----	89	17.80
Utility/heating bills-----	114	22.80
Gas prices -----	55	11.00
Mortgage/rent -----	97	19.40
Healthcare bills -----	63	12.60
Other -----	47	9.40
Undecided -----	35	7.00

14. Which elected official do you view as most responsible for the state of the Massachusetts economy? {RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	n	%
Donald Trump-----	166	33.20
Maura Healey -----	170	34.00
Congress -----	39	7.80
Massachusetts Legislature-----	81	16.20
Other -----	10	2.00
Undecided -----	34	6.80

15. Maura Healey is running for a second term as governor. Whether or not you voted for her four years ago, do you think she has done a better or worse job as governor than you expected?

(N=500)	n	%
Better than expected -----	171	34.20
Worse than expected-----	177	35.40
As expected -----	112	22.40
Undecided -----	40	8.00

16. All else being equal, does the fact that a Republican candidate voted for or supported President Trump affect your decision to vote for them? Would you say...?

(N=500)	n	%
I will not vote for someone because of that -----	209	41.80
It makes me less likely to vote for them-----	93	18.60
It makes me more likely to vote for them -----	37	7.40
It makes no difference to me -----	154	30.80
Undecided -----	7	1.40

17. I'm hoping to get your thoughts on Massachusetts's tax burden, including what is taxed on income, sales, and property. Which of the following three statements best matches your feelings?
{RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	n	%
Taxes here are too high -----	276	55.20
Taxes here are the appropriate level for the state and local services provided-----	167	33.40
I feel taxes should be raised to invest more money in services -----	37	7.40
Undecided -----	20	4.00

The ballot also contains choices for the various constitutional offices.

18. For attorney general, the candidates are Democrat Andrea Campbell and Republican Michael Walsh. At this point, for whom will you vote or toward whom do you lean?

(N=500)	n	%
Andrea Campbell - Democrat -----	272	54.40
Michael Walsh - Republican -----	139	27.80
Undecided -----	80	16.00
Refused-----	9	1.80

19. For secretary of state, the candidates are Democrat William Galvin and Republican Anne Brensley. At this point, for whom will you vote or toward whom do you lean?

(N=500)	n	%
William Galvin - Democrat -----	334	66.80
Anne Brensley - Republican -----	106	21.20
Undecided -----	55	11.00
Refused-----	5	1.00

20. For state treasurer, the candidates are Democrat Deborah Goldberg and Republican Elizabeth Dionne. At this point, for whom will you vote or toward whom do you lean?

(N=500)	n	%
Deborah Goldberg - Democrat-----	290	58.00
Elizabeth Dionne - Republican-----	121	24.20
Undecided -----	85	17.00
Refused-----	4	0.80

21. For state auditor, the candidates are Democrat Diana DiZoglio and Libertarian Al Ozonoff. At this point for whom will you vote or toward whom do you lean?

(N=500)	n	%
Diana DiZoglio - Democrat-----	312	62.40
Al Ozonoff - Libertarian -----	76	15.20
Undecided -----	104	20.80
Refused-----	8	1.60

22. When deciding which candidate to vote for in an election, how important is it to you to know who is funding their campaign, such as specific donors, political action committees (PACs), or if they are self-funded? Would you say...?

(N=500)	n	%
Very important -----	244	48.80
Somewhat important -----	172	34.40
Not too important-----	39	7.80
Not at all important-----	40	8.00
Undecided -----	5	1.00

23. When deciding which candidate to support in the upcoming Massachusetts midterm elections, how important is a candidate's social media presence to your decision?

(N=500)	n	%
Very important -----	42	8.40
Somewhat important -----	118	23.60
Not too important-----	154	30.80
Not at all important-----	180	36.00
Undecided -----	6	1.20

I'd like to get your opinion of the following politicians just to gauge popularity, not necessarily electability. For each, please tell me if you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of them, or if you are undecided or have never heard of them. {RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	<u>Never Heard</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>HOF/Und</u>
24. Donald Trump	0 0.00	132 26.40	361 72.20	7 1.40
25. Maura Healey	8 1.60	282 56.40	172 34.40	38 7.60
26. Mike Minogue	105 21.00	142 28.40	165 33.00	88 17.60
27. Ed Markey	22 4.40	290 58.00	148 29.60	40 8.00
28. John Deaton	224 44.80	95 19.00	75 15.00	106 21.20

There also are a record-tying number of ballot questions that will be on the November ballot. I want to get your take on them and then we'll be done. You've been great.

29. Generally speaking, which of the following two statements best describes your opinion of the process of using ballot questions to make laws? {ROTATE .1-.2}

(N=500)	n	%
I prefer having a direct say through ballot questions in what becomes law -----	331	66.20
Legislators should fulfill their duty to make laws---	71	14.20
I don't have strong feelings one way or the other -	75	15.00
Undecided -----	23	4.60

30. Question 1 would change the Public Records Law. A 'yes' vote would make most records held by the state Legislature and the governor's office public records under the Massachusetts Public Records Law, while exempting those related to the development of public policy and communications between legislators and their constituents. A 'no' vote would make no change to the state's public records law. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	311	62.20
No-----	99	19.80
Undecided -----	87	17.40
Refused-----	3	0.60

31. Question 2 would specify that employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the state's public defender office, are permitted to engage in collective bargaining with their employer. A 'yes' vote would specify that CPCS employees may form a union to collectively bargain with their employer. A 'no' vote would make no change to the law governing labor relations for CPCS employees. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	282	56.40
No-----	126	25.20
Undecided -----	86	17.20
Refused-----	6	1.20

32. Question 3 would eliminate political party primaries for state elections. A 'yes' vote would eliminate separate party primaries for state elections and require a single primary in which all candidates appear on one primary ballot. Voters could vote for any candidate, and the top two candidates would advance to the general election. A 'no' vote would make no change to the laws governing primary elections. At this point, would you vote yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	234	46.80
No-----	207	41.40
Undecided -----	52	10.40
Refused-----	7	1.40

33. Question 4 is the same day voter registration proposal. It would allow people to register to vote on Election Day after showing proof of residency — such as a photo ID or a current utility bill — and signing a written oath that they are a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, not legally prohibited from voting, and have not and will not vote in the same election at another location. A ‘yes’ vote would permit eligible citizens to register to vote or to update their voter registration address at their polling place on Election Day. A ‘no’ vote would make no change to the state’s voter registration laws. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	296	59.20
No-----	164	32.80
Undecided -----	32	6.40
Refused-----	8	1.60

34. Question 5 would change the limit on how much revenue the state can collect in a given year. A ‘yes’ vote would change the limit on state revenue collection, tying it to prior year collections plus average wage and salary growth, and provide for a rebate of revenue exceeding that limit. A ‘no’ vote would make no change to the law relative to state revenue collection. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	200	40.00
No-----	188	37.60
Undecided -----	99	19.80
Refused-----	13	2.60

35. Question 6 would eventually dedicate state taxes collected from the sale and use of sporting goods, recreational vehicles, and golf courses to a newly created fund dedicated to natural resource conservation. The funds would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature. A ‘yes’ vote would create a fund that could be utilized for natural resource conservation that would receive some state taxes collected on the sale and use of sporting goods and recreational vehicles, and the use of golf courses. A ‘no’ vote would not create the new fund or change how the sales and use taxes are spent. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	243	48.60
No-----	193	38.60
Undecided -----	56	11.20
Refused-----	8	1.60

36. Question 7 would allow single-family homes to be built on lots of 5,000 square feet or more in residential areas, while allowing towns and cities to regulate certain aspects of the homes, including their height and distance from neighboring buildings. A ‘no’ vote would make no change to the law. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	206	41.20
No-----	203	40.60
Undecided -----	82	16.40
Refused-----	9	1.80

37. Question 8 would prohibit the legalization, regulation, and taxation of the retail sale of adult recreational use marijuana, repealing a law voters passed in 2016. A 'no' vote would keep the current law in place. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	107	21.40
No-----	357	71.40
Undecided -----	29	5.80
Refused-----	7	1.40

38. Question 9 makes a number of changes to Massachusetts laws governing firearms by targeting a law passed two years ago, including requiring some to be 21 to own semiautomatic rifles or shotguns; imposing penalties for possessing or creating so-called "ghost guns"; and prohibits people from carrying firearms in government buildings, polling locations, and schools, with certain exceptions. A 'yes' vote would keep in place the law, while a 'no' vote would repeal the 2024 law. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	286	57.20
No-----	157	31.40
Undecided -----	49	9.80
Refused-----	8	1.60

39. Recreational cannabis was legalized in Massachusetts a decade ago. How often would you say you purchase cannabis from a dispensary?

(N=500)	n	%
Daily-----	3	0.60
At least once a week -----	17	3.40
At least once a month -----	40	8.00
Occasionally-----	50	10.00
Rarely -----	67	13.40
Never-----	303	60.60
Undecided -----	11	2.20
Refused-----	9	1.80

40. There are a record-tying nine ballot questions and every ballot will be at least two pages long. Of the following five statements, how does the prospect of nine ballot questions affect your interest in voting on them? {RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	n	%
It makes me more likely to vote yes or no on every question -----	326	65.20
It makes me more likely to skip all of the ballot questions-----	14	2.80
It makes me more likely to just vote no on every question -----	10	2.00
It makes me more likely to vote on just a few questions and skip the rest -----	61	12.20
It makes me more likely to just vote yes on every question -----	24	4.80
Undecided -----	53	10.60
Refused-----	12	2.40

41. In the 2024 election for president did you vote for...? (READ)

(N=500)	n	%
Kamala Harris - Democrat -----	295	59.00
Donald Trump – Republican-----	156	31.20
Jill Stein - Unenrolled-----	10	2.00
Shiva Ayyadurai - Unenrolled -----	1	0.20
Chase Oliver - Libertarian-----	8	1.60
Claudia De La Cruz – Unenrolled -----	3	0.60
Did not vote in the 2024 Presidential Election-----	16	3.20
Undecided -----	2	0.40
Refused-----	9	1.80

42. How would you describe your own political viewpoint?

(N=500)	n	%
Very liberal-----	84	16.80
Liberal-----	121	24.20
Moderate -----	143	28.60
Conservative -----	107	21.40
Very conservative -----	29	5.80
Other -----	7	1.40
Don't know-----	9	1.80

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING.]