

Region:

(N=800)	n	%
Worcester/West-----	202	25.25
Northeastern-----	289	36.13
Suffolk -----	70	8.75
SE Mass/Cape -----	239	29.88

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. This week we are calling Massachusetts households statewide. Would you be willing to spend seven minutes answering some questions? (If YES, proceed. If NO/UNDECIDED, terminate)

1. Are you a resident of Massachusetts?

(N=800)	n	%
Yes -----	800	100.00

2. Which do you most closely identify as – male, female, or non-binary (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming)?

(N=800)	n	%
Male -----	379	47.38
Female -----	417	52.13
Non-binary (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming) -----	4	0.50

3. Are you currently registered to vote in Massachusetts – yes or no?

(N=800)	n	%
Yes -----	765	95.63
No -----	32	4.00
Don't know/Refused -----	3	0.38

{FOR 3.1}

4. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat, Republican, or unenrolled in either party?

(N=765)	n	%
Democrat -----	257	33.59
Republican -----	98	12.81
Unenrolled/Independent -----	366	47.84
Undecided -----	30	3.92
Refused -----	14	1.83

{FOR 3.2, 3.3, 4.4, 4.5}

5. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

(N=79)	n	%
Democrat -----	14	17.72
Republican -----	6	7.59
Independent -----	30	37.97
Undecided -----	18	22.78
Refused -----	11	13.92

6. What is your age category?

(N=800)	n	%
18-25 Years -----	64	8.00
26-35 Years -----	146	18.25
36-45 Years -----	139	17.38
46-55 Years -----	151	18.88
56-65 Years -----	144	18.00
66-75 Years -----	100	12.50
Over 75 -----	42	5.25
Refused -----	14	1.75

7. For statistical purposes only, do you consider yourself?

(N=800)	n	%
White/Caucasian -----	577	72.13
Black/African American -----	63	7.88
American Indian and Alaska Native -----	4	0.50
Asian -----	45	5.63
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander -----	2	0.25
Hispanic/Latino -----	78	9.75
2 or more races -----	26	3.25
Refused -----	5	0.63

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

(N=800)	n	%
Right direction -----	218	27.25
Wrong track -----	445	55.63
Undecided -----	126	15.75
Refused -----	11	1.38

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

(N=800)	n	%
Right direction -----	405	50.63
Wrong track -----	253	31.63
Undecided -----	132	16.50
Refused -----	10	1.25

10. On balance, do you think people in Massachusetts are mostly generous and kind to others or mostly selfish and looking out for their own interests?

(N=800)	n	%
Mostly generous -----	443	55.38
Mostly selfish -----	220	27.50
Undecided -----	126	15.75
Refused -----	11	1.38

11. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Charlie Baker is handling the coronavirus outbreak in Massachusetts?

(N=800)	n	%
Approve-----	601	75.13
Disapprove-----	137	17.13
Undecided-----	51	6.38
Refused-----	11	1.38

12. We've all had ups and downs since the pandemic began. Right now, on balance, would you say you're feeling (ROTATE) optimistic about your future or pessimistic about your future?

(N=800)	n	%
Optimistic-----	573	71.63
Pessimistic-----	180	22.50
Undecided-----	44	5.50
Refused-----	3	0.38

13. Do you think you've had COVID in the last two-plus years – yes or no?

(N=800)	n	%
Yes-----	324	40.50
No-----	458	57.25
Undecided-----	15	1.88
Refused-----	3	0.38

14. Right now, would you say the COVID situation in Massachusetts is getting better, staying the same, or getting worse?

(N=800)	n	%
Getting better-----	454	56.75
Staying the same-----	184	23.00
Getting worse-----	124	15.50
Undecided-----	34	4.25
Refused-----	4	0.50

15. Do you think people riding public buses, trains, and the subway in Massachusetts should or should not be required to wear face coverings?

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16. How much of an impact has the pandemic had on the decline of your mental health? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=800)	n	%
Major impact-----	525	65.63
Minor impact-----	195	24.38
No impact-----	57	7.13
Undecided-----	19	2.38
Refused-----	4	0.50

17. When it comes to the economy, do you think we are in an economic recovery, stagnation, recession, or depression? (ROTATE ASC - DESC)

(N=800)	n	%
Economic Recovery -----	145	18.13
Stagnation -----	184	23.00
Recession -----	280	35.00
Depression -----	131	16.38
Undecided -----	54	6.75
Refused -----	6	0.75

18. How concerned are you about your personal financial situation or employment? Would you say... {ROTATE ASC – DESC .1-.4}

(N=800)	n	%
Very concerned -----	141	17.63
Somewhat concerned -----	233	29.13
Not very concerned -----	170	21.25
Not at all concerned -----	244	30.50
Undecided -----	10	1.25
Refused -----	2	0.25

19. How would you say recent price increases have affected you or your household - have they caused...? {ROTATE ASC – DESC .1-.4}

(N=800)	n	%
A lot of financial hardship -----	170	21.25
Some financial hardship -----	275	34.38
A little financial hardship -----	206	25.75
No financial hardship -----	141	17.63
Undecided -----	2	0.25
Refused -----	6	0.75

20. State lawmakers are weighing whether to allow people without legal immigration status to be eligible for driver’s licenses in Massachusetts. Do you support or oppose such legislation?

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{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS}

21. Earlier you indicated you are a registered voter. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming November general election for governor – (ROTATE .1-.4 ASC-DESC)?

(N=765)	n	%
Very likely -----	579	75.69
Somewhat likely -----	72	9.41
50-50 -----	73	9.54
Not likely -----	28	3.66
Undecided/Refused -----	13	1.70

{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS }

22. In a word or phrase, what would you say is the most important issue for the next governor to address?

(N=765)	n	%
“Economy” -----	108	14.12
“Affordable housing” -----	57	7.45
“Inflation/Cost of living” -----	53	6.93
“Climate change/Global warming/Environment” --	44	5.75
“Jobs/Wages” -----	43	5.62
“Education” -----	39	5.10
“Infrastructure/Roads/Transportation” -----	37	4.84
“Covid-19/Mandates/Get back to normal” -----	35	4.58
“Taxes” -----	33	4.31
“Healthcare” -----	30	3.92
“Crime/Police/Gun control” -----	28	3.66
“Immigration” -----	20	2.61
“Unity” -----	20	2.61
“Budget/Financial” -----	16	2.09
“Equality” -----	16	2.09
“Homelessness” -----	14	1.83
“Mental health” -----	12	1.57
“Political viewpoints” -----	11	1.44
“Social issues” -----	11	1.44
“Freedoms” -----	10	1.31
“Take care of MA people” -----	10	1.31
“Income inequality” -----	8	1.05
“Honesty/Reliability” -----	7	0.92
“Racial issues” -----	7	0.92
“Make a change/New ideas” -----	5	0.65
“Everything” -----	5	0.65
“Nothing” -----	5	0.65
Other -----	26	3.40
Don't know/No answer/Refused -----	55	7.19

{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS }

23. When it comes to the next governor, would you say you’re looking for someone who promises to (ROTATE) deliver bold change or continue with what’s working and fix what’s not?

(N=765)	n	%
Deliver bold change-----	229	29.93
Continue with what’s working and fix what’s not -----	480	62.75
Undecided -----	56	7.32

{FOR 21.1 - 21.2}

24. If the election for governor were held today and the candidates were (RANDOMIZE) Democrat Maura Healey, Republican Geoff Diehl, or Charlie Baker running as an independent, who would you vote for or lean toward?

(N=651)	n	%
Democrat Maura Healey -----	184	28.26
Republican Geoff Diehl -----	108	16.59
Independent Charlie Baker -----	242	37.17
Undecided -----	109	16.74
Refused -----	8	1.23

I'm now going to run four ballot tests including the actual candidates for governor.

{RANDOMIZE 25-28}

{FOR 21.1 - 21.2}

25. Democrat Maura Healey versus Republican Geoff Diehl.

(N=651)	n	%
Democrat Maura Healey -----	354	54.38
Republican Geoff Diehl -----	176	27.04
Undecided -----	112	17.20
Refused -----	9	1.38

{FOR 21.1 - 21.2}

26. Democrat Maura Healey versus Republican Chris Doughty.

(N=651)	n	%
Democrat Maura Healey -----	356	54.69
Republican Chris Doughty -----	160	24.58
Undecided -----	124	19.05
Refused -----	11	1.69

{FOR 21.1 - 21.2}

27. Democrat Sonia Chang-Diaz versus Republican Chris Doughty.

(N=651)	n	%
Democrat Sonia Chang-Diaz -----	281	43.16
Republican Chris Doughty -----	175	26.88
Undecided -----	182	27.96
Refused -----	13	2.00

{FOR 21.1 - 21.2}

28. Democrat Sonia Chang-Diaz versus Republican Geoff Diehl.

(N=651)	n	%
Democrat Sonia Chang-Diaz -----	295	45.31
Republican Geoff Diehl -----	191	29.34
Undecided -----	154	23.66
Refused -----	11	1.69

{FOR 24.1, 25.1, and 26.1}

29. Earlier you said you would support Maura Healey in every election scenario. In a word or phrase, what’s been her biggest achievement as attorney general?

(N=170)	n	%
“Best choice/Dislike other candidates” -----	13	7.65
“Opioid lawsuit/Drug cases” -----	9	5.29
“Has done a good job”-----	15	8.82
“Stands up to corporations/Protects consumer” ----	11	6.47
“Competent/Experienced/Well informed”-----	15	8.82
“Tough”-----	7	4.12
“Fights for what's right/For the people” -----	17	10.00
“General positive/Like her” -----	6	3.53
“Fair”-----	5	2.94
“Ethical/No scandals” -----	5	2.94
“Communication/Responsive” -----	4	2.35
“Democrat”-----	4	2.35
“Gun industry”-----	4	2.35
Other -----	16	9.41
DK/NA/Refused-----	39	22.94

{FOR 4.1 or 4.3}

30. Earlier you indicated you are registered as a(n) (Q4). How likely are you to vote in the Democratic Primary on September 6<sup>th</sup>, the day after Labor Day? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=623)	n	%
Very likely -----	293	47.03
Somewhat likely-----	79	12.68
50-50 -----	114	18.30
Not very likely-----	47	7.54
Not at all likely -----	76	12.20
Undecided -----	13	2.09
Refused -----	1	0.16

{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS }

31. Taxes vary from state to state. In Massachusetts, do you think state taxes should be (ROTATE) raised, kept the same, lowered through tax cuts and tax breaks?

(N=765)	n	%
Raised -----	41	5.36
Kept the same -----	274	35.82
Lowered -----	401	52.42
Undecided -----	46	6.01
Refused -----	3	0.39

{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS }

32. Turning to national politics, do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

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These two questions are about medical aid in dying in Massachusetts.

33. Do you think a mentally sound adult with an incurable, terminal illness should have the legal option of asking a physician to prescribe aid-in-dying medication to end their suffering – yes or no?

(N=800)	n	%
Yes -----	613	76.63
No -----	127	15.88
Undecided -----	53	6.63
Refused -----	7	0.88

34. Are you more or less likely to vote for your current state legislator if they fail to pass legislation allowing a mentally sound adult with an incurable, terminal illness to have the option of medical aid-in-dying?

(N=800)	n	%
More likely -----	165	20.63
Less likely -----	315	39.38
No difference -----	251	31.38
Undecided -----	66	8.25
Refused -----	3	0.38

{THE FINAL QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR RESPONSES WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY}



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

(N=800)	n	%
Some high school -----	51	6.38
High school graduate -----	177	22.13
Some college-----	178	22.25
Trade/technical/vocational training-----	43	5.38
College graduate-----	211	26.38
Masters or PhD -----	127	15.88
Undecided -----	13	1.63

  

36. What is your annual household income?

(N=800)	n	%
Under \$20,000 per year -----	73	9.13
Under \$50,000 per year -----	100	12.50
Under \$75,000 per year -----	111	13.88
Under \$100,000 per year-----	125	15.63
Under \$140,000 per year-----	150	18.75
\$140,000 per year or more -----	134	16.75
Undecided -----	107	13.38

{THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING}