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February 2025 Massachusetts Poll**

Field Dates:	February 14 –20, 2025
Sample:	700 Respondents
Margin of Error:	4.8%

YouGov interviewed 733 Massachusetts (MA) respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 700 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of MA adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined, and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and home ownership. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on home ownership, 2020 and 2024 presidential vote choice as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (2-categories), and education (4-categories), and a two-way post-stratification on race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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Approval (N=700)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job?

	Feb. 2025			Oct. 2024			May 2024			Oct. 2023		
	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure
Governor Maura Healey	52%	36%	12%	58%	32%	10%	54%	32%	14%	58%	27%	15%
President Donald Trump	32%	64%	4%	N/A								

What one word would you use to describe Governor Maura Healey?



Healey General Performance (N=700)

Thinking back on Maura Healey's time as Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please indicate how well you think she is doing as governor.

Very well	16%
Somewhat well	41%
Not too well	12%
Not well at all	21%
Don't Know	10%

Healey Issue Performance (N=700)

Thinking back on Maura Healey's time as the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, please indicate how well you think that Governor Healey has handled...

	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Oct. 2023
	Very Well			Somewhat Well			Not Too Well			Not Well At All			Don't Know		
The Economy	11%	9%	10%	38%	35%	38%	17%	21%	12%	21%	19%	20%	13%	15%	20%
Migrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers	10%	8%	7%	25%	27%	31%	21%	17%	15%	31%	31%	26%	13%	17%	20%
Climate Change	10%	9%	10%	34%	30%	27%	15%	13%	13%	14%	14%	13%	27%	34%	37%
Education	19%	11%	12%	37%	38%	36%	12%	14%	12%	14%	15%	13%	17%	22%	28%
Taxes	7%	7%	9%	33%	28%	34%	23%	24%	11%	21%	22%	20%	16%	19%	26%
Housing	5%	3%	6%	25%	22%	22%	31%	31%	27%	25%	29%	24%	13%	15%	22%
Transportation	14%	7%	8%	35%	34%	27%	18%	21%	21%	16%	18%	20%	17%	19%	24%
Child Care	9%	8%	9%	30%	29%	27%	16%	16%	13%	12%	12%	13%	33%	35%	40%
The MBTA (N=536)	12%	N/A	6%	36%	N/A	28%	16%	N/A	22%	18%	N/A	21%	19%	N/A	22%
Reproductive Rights	31%	28%	N/A	31%	28%	N/A	7%	7%	N/A	11%	11%	N/A	20%	25%	N/A
Crime	14%	N/A	N/A	38%	N/A	N/A	14%	N/A	N/A	18%	N/A	N/A	16%	N/A	N/A

Ideology (N=700)

How would you describe each of the following individuals and groups?

	Very Liberal		Liberal		Somewhat Liberal		Middle of the Road		Somewhat Conservative		Conservative		Very Conservative		Not Sure	
	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2023	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2023
Governor Maura Healey	29%	21%	29%	29%	18%	18%	9%	11%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	11%	18%
Senator Edward Markey	24%	28%	30%	23%	14%	14%	9%	12%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	20%	19%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	43%	41%	26%	25%	10%	10%	7%	6%	1%	4%	1%	1%	0%	1%	11%	12%
Mass. State Legislature	17%	16%	23%	21%	27%	23%	17%	18%	2%	4%	1%	2%	0%	1%	12%	15%
You	17%	N/A	17%	N/A	12%	N/A	26%	N/A	10%	N/A	10%	N/A	5%	N/A	4%	N/A

Healey Promises (N=700)

Maura Healey made several promises during her campaign for governor. From the following list, please indicate if you believe that Governor Maura Healey has kept her promise or broken her promise to . . .

	Kept Her Promise	Broken Her Promise	Don't Know
reform the state's tax laws	21%	36%	43%
encourage more people to live in Massachusetts	36%	24%	40%
be more transparent than past governors	40%	29%	31%

Healey and Legislature One Issue (N=700)

Of the following issues, please select the ***one*** issue that you would like to see Governor Maura Healey and the Massachusetts State Legislature address in the coming year:

	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Oct. 2023
Housing	23%	34%	31%
Immigration	18%	18%	12%
Crime	3%	4%	8%
Transportation and Infrastructure	6%	9%	9%
Health care	15%	8%	9%
Reproductive rights	4%	2%	2%
Taxes	12%	7%	8%
Climate change	5%	9%	9%
Homelessness	13%	9%	11%

2026 Gubernatorial General Election Matchups (N=700)

Governor Maura Healey recently announced that she will seek a second term. If Governor Healey was running against [Insert Challenger] in the 2026 general election for governor, who would you be most likely to vote for?

Governor Maura Healey	40%
Former Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Michael Kennealy	15%
Not Sure	39%
Would not Vote	6%

Governor Maura Healey	45%
Former Republican Candidate for Senate John Deaton	25%
Not Sure	26%
Would not Vote	4%

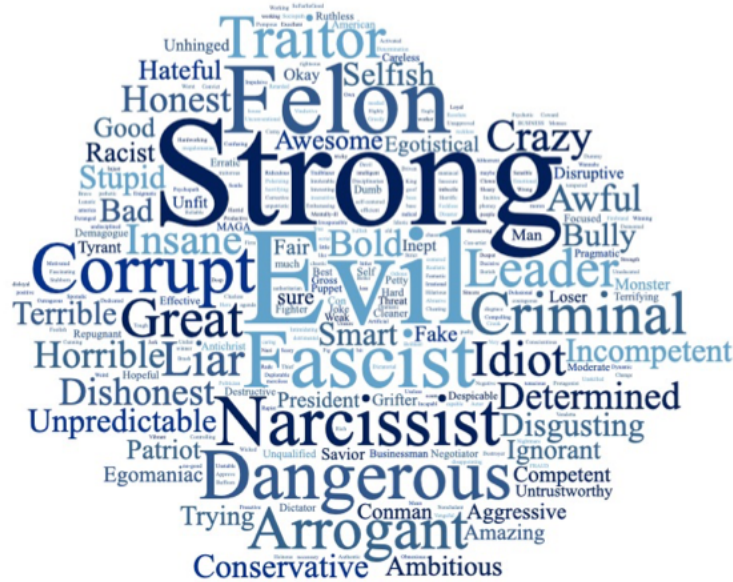
Governor Maura Healey	44%
Former MBTA Chief Administrator Brian Shortsleeve	12%
Not Sure	38%
Would not Vote	6%

Governor Maura Healey	44%
Sheriff of Worcester County Lew Evangelidis	14%
Not Sure	36%
Would not Vote	6%

Governor Maura Healey	41%
State Senator Peter Durant	14%
Not Sure	39%
Would not Vote	6%

One Word Trump (N=700)

What one word would you use to describe President Donald Trump?



Executive Orders (N=700)

In his first weeks in office, President Donald Trump has signed a record number of executive orders. Do you support or oppose President Trump's executive order that . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
officially recognizes only two sexes, male and female?	34%	9%	14%	8%	35%
ends all diversity, equity, and inclusion ((DEI) programs, policies, and mandates across the federal government?	25%	10%	13%	8%	44%
releases "all records" relating to the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King Jr.	36%	20%	29%	4%	11%
bans the use of federal funds for gender-affirming medical care for minors?	31%	11%	14%	10%	33%
bans federal funds from educational programs that allow transgender women and girls to participate in female sports?	35%	9%	14%	10%	32%

Trump Lawsuits (N=700)

Recently, the Massachusetts Attorney General, Andrea Campbell, joined a coalition of attorneys general in suing the Trump Administration to stop the implementation of his orders that paused the release of all federal funds and grants as well as Trump's efforts to end birthright citizenship in the nation. It is likely that in the coming years, she will join additional lawsuits against the Trump administration. In general, do you support or oppose Attorney General Campbell's efforts to sue the Trump administration?

Strongly Support	48%
Somewhat Support	12%
Neither Support nor Oppose	13%
Somewhat Oppose	5%
Strongly Oppose	22%

State Response to Trump Administration (N=700)

How much should _____ push back or challenge the actions of the Trump Administration if they are in conflict with state law or the U.S. Constitution?

	A Lot	Some	Not Much	Not at All
Governor Maura Healey	54%	18%	10%	19%
The Massachusetts State Legislature	53%	20%	12%	16%
The Massachusetts Congressional Delegation (Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, Senator Warren, and Senator Markey)	56%	18%	7%	20%

State of the National Economy (N=700)

Thinking about the state of our national economy, would you rate the nation's economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Apr. 2023	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021	March 2021	Oct. 2020
Excellent	2%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%
Good	28%	36%	32%	32%	23%	22%	18%	29%	19%	19%
Fair	47%	32%	37%	35%	46%	37%	37%	42%	55%	38%
Poor	23%	28%	26%	29%	27%	38%	41%	27%	24%	38%

State of the Massachusetts Economy (N=700)

Thinking about the state of Massachusetts' economy, would you rate Massachusetts' economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Apr. 2023	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021	March 2021	Oct. 2020
Excellent	5%	8%	6%	8%	9%	7%	7%	7%	3%	4%
Good	46%	39%	47%	47%	45%	40%	36%	46%	39%	32%
Fair	31%	36%	32%	31%	35%	39%	38%	34%	45%	51%
Poor	18%	17%	15%	15%	11%	14%	19%	13%	13%	13%

State of Own Economic Situation (N=700)

Thinking about your own economic situation, would you rate your own economic situation as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Apr. 2023	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021
Excellent	8%	6%	7%	11%	10%	8%	8%	9%
Good	32%	39%	38%	36%	34%	36%	34%	38%
Fair	44%	38%	38%	37%	36%	40%	41%	35%
Poor	15%	17%	17%	16%	20%	17%	17%	18%

Nation Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=700)

Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Apr. 2023	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021	March 2021	Oct. 2020
Right Direction	24%	28%	26%	21%	22%	21%	18%	31%	31%	24%
Wrong Track	64%	58%	59%	63%	65%	66%	67%	52%	51%	71%
Not Sure	12%	14%	15%	16%	13%	12%	15%	17%	18%	5%

MA Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=700)

Do you think things in Massachusetts are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Oct. 2023	Apr. 2023	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021	March 2021	Oct. 2020
Right Direction	41%	46%	44%	46%	44%	45%	40%	50%	47%	49%
Wrong Track	38%	41%	36%	37%	33%	36%	38%	30%	30%	32%
Not Sure	21%	14%	20%	17%	23%	19%	22%	20%	23%	19%

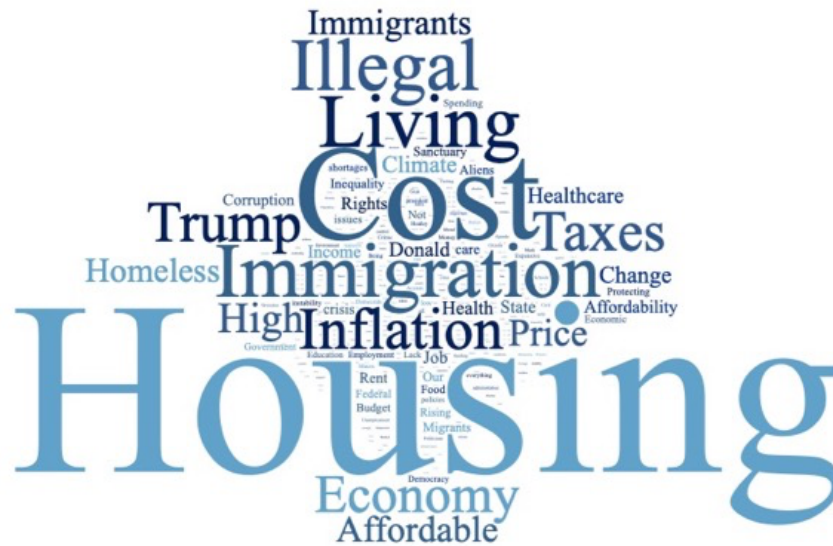
Approval (N=700)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job?

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	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure
Senator Edward Markey	51%	29%	20%	54%	31%	15%	53%	30%	17%	50%	31%	19%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	53%	36%	11%	53%	38%	8%	54%	35%	12%	55%	33%	12%
Mass State Legislature	50%	35%	15%	46%	37%	16%	51%	33%	16%	54%	29%	16%

Most Important Issue (N=700)

In a word or two, what do you think is the most important issue facing Massachusetts?



Housing Policies (N=700)

Currently, there are a number of proposals that seek to address housing issues in Massachusetts. Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Allowing cities and towns to tax real estate transactions above \$1 million to help raise funds for local affordable housing?	34%	29%	18%	9%	11%
Allowing local governments to limit how much rents can be increased each year?	44%	26%	17%	7%	7%
Providing tax breaks to developers to build more low-income/income-restricted housing?	32%	31%	20%	9%	8%
Requiring cities and towns served by the MBTA to create zoning that allows for new multi-family housing?	28%	27%	26%	8%	11%
Providing tax breaks to developers to convert empty office buildings into housing?	33%	38%	19%	5%	5%
Lowering the income threshold to qualify for affordable housing in your community to lower rental costs?	32%	29%	27%	7%	5%
Eliminating renter paid broker fees, often equivalent to one month's rent, to rental brokers hired by landlords before new renters can move into housing?	45%	22%	23%	4%	5%

Housing Crisis Responsibility (N=700)

As you may know, Massachusetts is currently experiencing a shortage of affordable housing, with an average single-family home price of over \$600,000. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation?

	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024
Governor Maura Healey	7%	8%
The Massachusetts State Legislature	16%	17%
Landlords	17%	16%
Local governments	15%	15%
Local Homeowners	5%	6%
Interest rates	23%	22%
Housing contractors & builders	17%	16%

Next Year (N=700)

In the **upcoming year** do you believe that each of the following in Massachusetts will increase, decrease or stay the same?

	Increase	Stay the Same	Decrease
Crime	35%	50%	16%
Your Taxes	60%	35%	4%
Grocery Prices	80%	13%	7%
Gas Prices	65%	21%	14%
Housing Prices	73%	21%	6%
Undocumented Immigration	22%	37%	42%
Your Debt (e.g., credit card debt, college debt, medical debt)	26%	39%	21%
Rental Prices	78%	19%	4%
Your Income	23%	63%	14%
Your Retirement Savings (e.g. 401K, 403b, IRA)	26%	38%	17%
Your Home Value	43%	32%	7%
Your Utility Bills (e.g. heating, electricity, water)	76%	20%	4%

Millionaire's Tax Impact (N=700)

In 2022, Massachusetts voters passed the Fair Share Amendment or “Millionaire’s Tax” that added an additional four percent tax on individuals with annual earnings over \$1 million, with the funds being directed to support public education and transportation. Do you think that the Fair Share Amendment has been . . .

Very Good for the State	38%
Somewhat Good for the State	28%
Neither Good Nor Bad for the State	21%
Somewhat Bad for the State	4%
Very Bad for the State	9%

Millionaire's Tax Use (N=700)

According to state officials, in the past fiscal year, the state collected over \$2 billion in tax revenue from the Fair Share Amendment or "Millionaire's Tax". According to state law, these funds can only be spent on education and transportation. From the following list, please rank the top **three** ways you would like to see these funds be used.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Increase the minimum salaries of the state's K-12 public school teachers	21%	24%	15%
Increase state funding for K-12 public education	25%	21%	19%
Increase the funding for the MBTA	9%	14%	16%
Increase funding for high-speed rail service from Western Massachusetts to Boston	7%	14%	16%
Fund the construction of new buildings (e.g. dorms, classrooms, etc.) at the state's public colleges and universities	6%	10%	12%
Upgrade the state's roads and bridges	31%	17%	21%

Trust (N=700)

	Just About Always		Most of the Time		Only Some of the Time		Never	
	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024
How much of the time do you think you can trust the <u>federal government in Washington</u> to do what is right?	2%	3%	16%	24%	55%	53%	27%	35%
How much of the time do you think you can trust the <u>state government in Boston</u> to do what is right?	5%	5%	42%	45%	39%	20%	14%	15%

Transparency Policies (N=700)

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Making state legislators' discussions and votes in committees available to the public?	55%	26%	13%	4%	2%
Requiring the legislature, governor, and judiciary to fulfill any lawful public record requests made by residents, journalists, or interest groups?	44%	24%	26%	4%	2%

Transparency Policies 2 (N=700)

Recently there has been debate about the extent to which elected officials should be required to provide information regarding their official duties when requested by the media or the public. Do you support or oppose requiring elected officials to . . . (May 2024)

Recently there has been debate about the extent to which elected officials in Massachusetts should be required to provide information regarding their official duties when requested by the media or the public. Do you support or oppose requiring elected officials to . . . (Feb. 2025)

	Strongly Support		Somewhat Support		Neither		Somewhat Oppose		Strongly Oppose	
	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Feb. 2025	May 2024
disclose the names of donors to independent committees that fund non-campaign expenses such as inauguration celebrations?	53%	49%	22%	24%	18%	22%	5%	5%	2%	1%
disclose the names of individuals and/or groups they meet with in their official duties?	45%	46%	28%	25%	19%	22%	5%	6%	3%	2%
provide information concerning their travel destinations when leaving the state?	39%	39%	29%	28%	21%	24%	6%	7%	5%	2%
disclose the names of individuals and/or groups that they spoke with over the phone when conducting official business?	38%	36%	30%	29%	20%	26%	8%	8%	3%	2%
disclose emails sent to and from their official email address?	39%	35%	27%	25%	23%	29%	9%	8%	2%	4%

Policies (N=700)

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Making candy purchases subject to the state's sales tax?	13%	18%	28%	13%	29%
the construction of a high-speed rail (train) service between Western Massachusetts and Boston?	43%	25%	22%	6%	4%
Allowing cities and towns to use automated cameras for speed enforcement?	19%	26%	22%	15%	18%

2026 MA Senate (N=700)

Senator Ed Markey will be running for reelection to the U.S. Senate in the 2026 general election. If Senator Ed Markey was running against former Governor Charlie Baker in the 2026 general election for the U.S. Senate, who would you be most likely to vote for?

Senator Ed Markey	35%
Former Governor Charlie Baker	33%
Not Sure	33%

Right to Shelter (N=700)

Do you support or oppose the “right to shelter” law that requires the state of Massachusetts to provide shelter, food, and basic necessities to homeless parents with children, pregnant women, and migrant families?

Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024
Strongly Support			Somewhat Support			Neither			Somewhat Oppose			Strongly Oppose		
35%	38%	35%	26%	19%	26%	15%	17%	17%	13%	8%	8%	11%	17%	14%

Migrant Policies (N=700)

In response to the growth in the number of migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees coming to the state, do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Conducting full criminal background checks on all adults residing in the state's shelter system?	55%	21%	14%	6%	5%
Limiting the capacity of the state shelter system to a maximum of 4,000 families?	25%	21%	32%	10%	11%
Increasing funding for on-site security to prevent criminal activity in shelters?	32%	36%	17%	8%	6%
Limiting the maximum time that individuals can reside in the state's shelter system to six months?	30%	21%	25%	14%	9%
Requiring that new residents in the shelter system prove that they have resided in the state for at least three months prior to being approved for placement in emergency assistance shelter?	26%	25%	27%	11%	11%
Increasing funding for English as second language instruction in the state's shelter system?	29%	35%	18%	6%	12%

Responsible for Migrant Crisis (N=700)

According to state officials, over 20,000 people that include homeless families with children, pregnant women, and migrants are currently housed in the state's shelter network. It reportedly costs the state an estimated \$45 million per month to provide this emergency shelter. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation? (Oct. 2023)

According to state officials, over 23,000 people, including homeless families with children, pregnant women, and migrants, are currently housed in the state's shelter network. It reportedly costs the state an estimated \$77 million per month to provide this emergency shelter. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation? (May 2024)

According to state officials, over six thousand families are currently housed in the state's shelter network, costing the state an estimated \$83 million per month to provide this emergency shelter. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation? (February 2025)

	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Oct. 2023
President Donald Trump	13%	N/A	N/A
Former President Joe Biden	18%	27%	29%
Congressional Republicans	11%	29%	24%
Congressional Democrats	6%	5%	6%
Governor Maura Healey	20%	9%	5%
Migrants	15%	13%	13%
Massachusetts State Legislature	17%	18%	24%

Migrant Policy Impact (N=700)

In response to the influx of migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees to the state, Massachusetts made changes to the state's right-to-shelter law, **limiting** both the number of families allowed in the state's shelter system and the length of time individuals can stay in the shelter system. From the following, please indicate whether you believe that these changes have made the situation better or worse for the state's. . .

	Definitely Better	Probably Better	Probably Worse	Definitely Worse	Don't Know
Taxpayers?	13%	27%	19%	22%	19%
Migrants?	6%	16%	29%	30%	20%
Health Care Providers?	8%	28%	27%	14%	23%
Public Schools?	10%	26%	25%	15%	24%
State and Local Police?	8%	26%	27%	15%	24%

Immigration Policies

Recently, there has been a lot of debate about the nation's immigration policies. Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Allowing refugees and asylum seekers the ability to live and work in the United States for a temporary, but extendable, period of time?	30%	30%	17%	9%	14%
Deporting the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants out of the United States?	25%	16%	17%	15%	27%
Using the U.S. Military and National Guard to enforce federal immigration law?	26%	14%	15%	15%	30%
Allowing immigrants who are living in the United States illegally to become citizens if they meet citizenship requirements and commit no crimes?	37%	27%	13%	10%	13%
Local or State Police assisting the federal government in the deportation of undocumented immigrants living in Massachusetts?	28%	15%	16%	13%	28%

Citizenship Policies (N=700)

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
revoking the citizenship of children born in the United States if their parents are in the country illegally?	20%	12%	14%	12%	43%
revoking the citizenship of children born in the United States if their parents are in the nation legally under a temporary student, work, or tourist visa?	10%	9%	16%	19%	46%

Race Relations (N=700)

Which of the following comes closest to your own views?

Massachusetts has made a lot of progress toward achieving equality between White Americans and African Americans.	61%
Massachusetts still has a long way to go in order to achieve equality between White Americans and African Americans.	39%

Future of Race Relations (N=700)

Looking ahead to the next **four years**, do you believe that race relations in the state between White people and African Americans will get better or worse?

Definitely Get Better	11%
Probably Get Better	45%
Probably Get Worse	32%
Definitely Get Worse	13%

Reasons for Disadvantage (N=700)

In many areas of life, African Americans suffer from disadvantages. How much do you think each of the following contributes to the disadvantages African Americans face?

	A Great Deal	A Fair Amount	Not Much	Not At All
Racial discrimination	40%	31%	18%	10%
Less access to good schools	33%	37%	18%	12%
Less access to high paying jobs	32%	36%	21%	12%
Family instability	31%	45%	17%	7%
Lack of good role models	22%	38%	25%	16%
Lack of motivation to work hard	13%	28%	27%	33%

Racial Policies (N=700)

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
raising the minimum age to be criminally tried and sentenced under state law as an adult from 18 to 19 years old?	11%	16%	28%	19%	25%
the state of Massachusetts making cash payments to the descendants of slaves?	11%	15%	20%	13%	41%
ending state policies that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in education, employment, and housing?	21%	11%	16%	11%	41%

Racial Resentment (N=700).

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Irish, Italians, Jews and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors.	19%	23%	20%	12%	26%
Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class.	29%	24%	14%	14%	18%
It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder, they could be as well off as whites	10%	17%	21%	14%	38%

Statewide Graduation Standard (N=700)

In 2024, Massachusetts voted in favor of eliminating the requirement that a student pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests in Mathematics, Science and Technology, and English in order to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose the development of a **new** statewide standard for high school graduation?

Strongly Support	27%
Support	26%
Neither Support Nor Oppose	23%
Oppose	14%
Strongly Oppose	11%

Education Options (N=358)

Only asked of respondents who indicated that they supported a new statewide graduation standard.

In the wake of the elimination of the MCAS requirement, there have been a number of policies that have been proposed to ensure that high school students meet minimum standards before receiving their high school diploma. From the following list, please rank the following four options from most to least preferred option to establish a new statewide standard for high school graduation.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Mandate that all high school students must successfully complete a designated set of courses	52%	28%	14%	6%
A review by a board of examiners of each student's academic work to determine if the student's skills are at, below, or above their grade level	21%	32%	29%	18%
Require passing a standardized civics exam	13%	29%	43%	15%
Reinstate the MCAS requirement through state legislation	15%	10%	14%	61%

Cell Phone Restriction (N=700)

Do you support or oppose restricting the use of cellphones by public school students during official school hours except in the case of an emergency or if the student has a medical condition or disability? . . .

Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024
Strongly Support		Somewhat Support		Neither Support Nor Oppose		Somewhat Oppose		Strongly Oppose	
48%	50%	28%	25%	13%	13%	6%	7%	4%	5%

Abortion Access (N=700)

In the wake of the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, a number of states have placed restrictions on a woman's right to choose to have an abortion or have banned abortion in their state. Looking ahead, do you believe that a woman's right to choose to have an abortion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will remain safe, legal, and accessible?

	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024
Yes	62%	70%
No	11%	7%
Don't know	27%	23%

Abortion Policies (N=700)

A number of states have passed laws concerning a woman's choice to have an abortion. Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following laws and amendments.

	Strongly Support		Somewhat Support		Neither		Somewhat Oppose		Strongly Oppose		Don't Know	
	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024
A state constitutional amendment that protects a woman's right to choose to have an abortion.	54%	57%	15%	14%	14%	14%	5%	6%	9%	6%	3%	3%
A law protecting access to birth control.	59%	58%	17%	16%	13%	15%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	2%
A law protecting access to abortion pills.	53%	51%	16%	14%	15%	18%	5%	8%	7%	6%	4%	2%
A law requiring emergency rooms to provide an abortion to save the life or health of a pregnant woman.	61%	60%	20%	20%	10%	13%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%
A law protecting providers and pharmacists from out of state legal actions and professional licensure consequences for providing reproductive health care services.	53%	52%	15%	15%	17%	20%	3%	3%	6%	5%	6%	5%

Demographic Breakdown of February 2025 University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB Poll (N=700)

White	75%
People of Color	25%
HS or less	31%
Some Coll.	16%
Coll. Deg.	33%
Postgrad	21%
18-29	21%
30-54	39%
>55	41%
Liberal	38%
Moderate	39%
Conservative	22%
Men	48%
Women	52%
Harris	67%
Trump	33%
Registered Democrat	38%
Registered Independent	40%
Registered Republican	14%

