

GEOC

N=			400	100%
Worcester/West .....	1	( 1/ 86)	98	25%
NE .....	2		138	35%
Suffolk .....	3		43	11%
SE Mass/Cape .....	4		121	30%

START

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and the Boston Globe. We would like to include your opinions. Do you have 5 minutes to complete this brief survey?

May I speak with a (male/female) in your household who is 18 years of age or older?

N=			400	100%
Continue .....	1	( 1/ 89)	400	100%

GENDR

Gender

N=			400	100%
Male .....	1	( 1/ 90)	191	48%
Female .....	2		209	52%

AGE

What is your age category?

N=			400	100%
18-24 yrs .....	1	( 1/ 91)	12	3%
25-34 yrs .....	2		28	7%
35-44 yrs .....	3		61	15%
45-54 yrs .....	4		70	18%
55-64 yrs .....	5		95	24%
65-74 yrs .....	6		61	15%
75+ yrs .....	7		72	18%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	8		1	0%

RACE

For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?

N=			400	100%
White/Caucasian .....	1	( 1/ 92)	328	82%
Black/African-American .....	2		24	6%
American Indian and Alaska Native .....	3		0	0%
Asian .....	4		14	4%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander .....	5		0	0%
Hispanic/Latino .....	6		22	6%
Other (DO NOT READ) .....	7		8	2%
Refused/Don't know (DO NOT READ) .....	8		4	1%

Q1. Does your household have school-aged children?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/ 93)	113	28%
No .....	2		287	72%

Q2. Are you a homeowner, renter, or do you live with your parents in their home?

N=			400	100%
Homeowner .....	1	( 1/ 94)	318	80%
Renter .....	2		62	16%
Live with parents .....	3		10	3%
Other .....	4		10	3%

Q3. Are you employed full-time, part-time, retired, unemployed, or a full-time student?

N=			400	100%
Full-time .....	1	( 1/ 95)	193	48%
Part-time .....	2		34	9%
Retired .....	3		131	33%
Unemployed .....	4		32	8%
Student .....	5		5	1%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	6		5	1%

The following are questions about the economy and issues of the day.

Q4. What do you believe will be the state of the economy by the end of the year - do you think it will get better, get worse, or stay the same?

N=			400	100%
Get better .....	1	( 1/ 96)	106	27%
Get worse .....	2		72	18%
Stay the same .....	3		206	52%
Don't know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		16	4%

Q5. Do you think the recession has ended in Massachusetts?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/ 97)	80	20%
No .....	2		308	77%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	3		12	3%

Q6. Do you think the recession has ended in the United States?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/ 98)	48	12%
No .....	2		337	84%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	3		15	4%

Q7. When do you think the recession will end?

DO NOT READ LIST!

N=			348	100%
Within 6 months .....	1	( 1/ 99)	4	1%
In a year .....	2		63	18%
In 18 months .....	3		31	9%
In 2 years .....	4		83	24%
In 3 years .....	5		39	11%
Over 3 years .....	6		57	16%
Other (Never) .....	7		11	3%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	8		60	17%

Q8. Looking at the price of stocks today, do you feel stocks in general will be a good investment or a bad investment over the next year?

N=			400	100%
Good investment .....	1	( 1/100)	175	44%
Bad investment .....	2		131	33%
Undecided .....	3		82	21%
Refused .....	4		12	3%

Q9. Do you think you'll have to work longer than expected before retiring?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/101)	206	52%
No .....	2		71	18%
Other (already retired) .....	3		118	30%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		5	1%

Q10. Thinking about the past six months, are you spending more money, less money, or the same on goods and services overall?

N=			400	100%
Spending more .....	1	( 1/102)	126	32%
Spending less .....	2		106	27%
Spending the same .....	3		167	42%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		1	0%

Q11. Thinking about the past six months, are you saving more, saving less, or saving the same?

N=			400	100%
Saving more .....	1	( 1/103)	65	16%
Saving less .....	2		138	35%
Saving the same .....	3		187	47%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		10	3%

Q12. Looking ahead to the holiday shopping season, do you plan to spend more money, spend less money, or spend the same on gifts as compared to last year?

N=			400	100%
Will spend more .....	1	( 1/104)	25	6%
Will spend less .....	2		153	38%
Will spend the same .....	3		217	54%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		5	1%

Q13. Why?

N=			178	100%
"Trying to save money".....	01	( 1/105)	28	16%
"No money/Less money".....	02	( 1/107)	62	35%
"Unemployed".....	03	( 1/109)	4	2%
"High cost of living".....	04		13	7%
"Economy".....	05		18	10%
"Children are older".....	06		5	3%
"Fixed income".....	07		11	6%
"Have a job this year".....	21		8	4%
"More people in the family".....	22		5	3%
Specify .....	97		21	12%
Don't Know .....	98		13	7%

Q14. Are you traveling more or less than you did a year ago?

N=			400	100%
Traveling more .....	1	( 1/111)	64	16%
Traveling less .....	2		188	47%
Traveled about the same .....	3		140	35%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		8	2%

Q15. Are you eating out at restaurants more or less than you did a year ago?

N=			400	100%
Eating out more .....	1	( 1/112)	31	8%
Eating out less .....	2		203	51%
Eating out the same .....	3		163	41%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	4		3	1%

Q16. How concerned are you that you might lose your job - very, somewhat, or not concerned?

N=			227	100%
Very concerned .....	1	( 1/113)	14	6%
Somewhat concerned .....	2		65	29%
Not concerned/not at all concerned .....	3		148	65%
Don't Know .....	4		0	0%
Already lost job. ....	5		0	0%

Q17. Has anyone in your household lost a job in the last 18 months?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/114)	64	16%
No .....	2		336	84%

Q18. Are they/you still unemployed?

N=			64	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/115)	38	59%
No .....	2		26	41%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	3		0	0%

Q19. For how long has that person been unemployed?

N=			38	100%
Less than 3 months .....	1	( 1/116)	5	13%
Three to six months .....	2		12	32%
Six months to a year .....	3		6	16%
More than a year .....	4		15	39%
Don't Know (DO NOT READ) .....	5		0	0%

Q20. How concerned are you about being able to maintain your standard of living?

N=			400	100%
Very concerned .....	1	( 1/117)	96	24%
Somewhat concerned .....	2		187	47%
Not concerned/not at all concerned .....	3		115	29%
Don't Know .....	4		2	1%

Q21. How concerned are you about being able to keep up with your mortgage payments?

N=			318	100%
Very concerned .....	1	( 1/118)	33	10%
Somewhat concerned .....	2		58	18%
Not concerned/not at all concerned .....	3		221	69%
Don't Know .....	4		6	2%

Q22. Have you changed the amount of money you give to charity - are you giving more, less, or the same?

N=			400	100%
Giving more .....	1	( 1/119)	43	11%
Giving less .....	2		149	37%
Giving the same .....	3		201	50%
Don't Know .....	4		7	2%

Q23. What's the best way for the government to boost the economy: would you say government should spend more, government should cut spending, government should cut taxes, or government should do nothing?

N=			400	100%
Spend more .....	1	( 1/120)	77	19%
Cut spending .....	2		140	35%
Cut taxes .....	3		100	25%
Do nothing .....	4		22	6%
Other .....	5		24	6%
Don't Know .....	6		37	9%

Q23A. Congress is weighing whether to extend the Bush tax cuts for middle-income and upper-income taxpayers. Do you think they should be extended?

N=			400	100%
For all taxpayers .....	1	( 1/121)	140	35%
For just middle and lower-income taxpayers .....	2		184	46%
Not at all .....	3		53	13%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4		23	6%

Q24. Do you think the re-election of Deval Patrick as governor will help the state economy, hurt the state economy, or make no difference?

N=			400	100%
Help .....	1	( 1/122)	129	32%
Hurt .....	2		78	20%
Make no difference .....	3		176	44%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4		17	4%

Q25. Do you think the new Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives will help the national economy, hurt the national economy, or make no difference?

N=			400	100%
Help .....	1	( 1/123)	113	28%
Hurt .....	2		129	32%
Make no difference .....	3		134	34%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4		24	6%

Q26. Are you thinking about buying a house (or condo) over the next six months?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/124)	12	3%
No .....	2		385	96%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		3	1%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	4		0	0%

Q27. Why?

DO NOT READ

N=			12	100%
"Low interest rates".....	01	( 1/125)	1	8%
"Reasonable prices".....	02	( 1/127)	3	25%
"Feeling better about my job".....	03	( 1/129)	0	0%
"To own a home".....	04		2	17%
"2nd vacation home",.....	05		1	8%
Other .....	97		5	42%

Q28. Are you planning to sell your home?

N=			318	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/131)	19	6%
No .....	2		295	93%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		4	1%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	4		0	0%

Q29. Why?

DO NOT READ

N=			19	100%
"To buy another house".....	01	( 1/132)	4	21%
"To pay off all debts".....	02	( 1/134)	0	0%
"Can't afford monthly mortgage and costs".....	03	( 1/136)	2	11%
"Getting divorced/separated".....	04		0	0%
"Moving to another location".....	05		7	37%
Other .....	97		6	32%

Q30. Do you think housing prices will rise or fall over the next year?

N=			400	100%
Rise .....	1	( 1/138)	174	44%
Fall .....	2		136	34%
Stay the same (DO NOT READ) .....	3		72	18%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	4		16	4%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	5		2	1%

Q31. Would you be willing to pay more for alternative energy sources like wind, solar , and other less-polluting fuel sources?

N=			400	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/139)	222	56%
No .....	2		159	40%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		19	5%
Refused (DO NOT READ) .....	4		0	0%