

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 five 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/ 88)	400	100%

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 Gender

N=			400	100%
Male	1	(1/ 89)	192	48%
Female	2		208	52%

AGE

What is your age category?

N=			400	100%
18-24 yrs	1	(1/ 90)	16	4%
25-34 yrs	2		26	7%
35-44 yrs	3		43	11%
45-54 yrs	4		85	21%
55-64 yrs	5		75	19%
65-74 yrs	6		71	18%
75+ yrs	7		83	21%
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/ 91)	347	87%
Black/African-American	2		22	6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3		2	1%
Asian	4		6	2%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	5		0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6		23	6%

Q1. Does your household have school-aged children?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 92)	115	29%
No	2		285	71%

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

N=			400	100%
Homeowner	1	(1/ 93)	300	75%
Renter	2		75	19%
Live with parents	3		21	5%
Other	4		4	1%

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

N=			400	100%
Full-time	1	(1/ 94)	162	41%
Part-time	2		43	11%
Retired	3		152	38%
Unemployed	4		31	8%
Student	5		8	2%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	6		4	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/ 95)	125	31%
Get worse	2		87	22%
Stay the same	3		181	45%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		7	2%

Q5. Do you think an economic recovery is underway?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/ 96)	241	60%
No	2		132	33%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3		27	7%

Q6. When do you think the U.S. economy will recover?

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N=			132	100%
Within 3 months	01	(1/ 97)	1	1%
3-6 months	02		4	3%
In a year	03		12	9%
In 18 months	04		15	11%
In 2 years	05		24	18%
In 3 years	06		16	12%
Over 3 years	07		37	28%
Never	08		8	6%
Other	97		3	2%
Don't know	99		12	9%

Q7. The state increased the sales tax to 6.25 percent from 5 percent - how has that affected your buying? Are you buying less, the same, or more?

N=			400	100%
Less	1	(1/ 99)	150	38%
Same	2		241	60%
More	3		3	1%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		6	2%

Q7A. Have you traveled to New Hampshire or any other state to avoid paying the extra sales tax?

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/100)	70	18%
No	2		327	82%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3		3	1%

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	1	(1/101)	172	43%
Bad	2		121	30%
Undecided	3		96	24%
Refused	4		11	3%

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

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/102)	199	50%
No	2		57	14%
Other (Already retired)	3		137	34%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		7	2%

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	(1/103)	81	20%
Spending less	2		165	41%
Spending the same	3		154	39%

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

N=			400	100%
Saving more	1	(1/104)	64	16%
Saving less	2		136	34%
Saving the same	3		191	48%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		9	2%

Q12. Are you traveling more or less than you did a year ago?

N=			400	100%
Traveling more	1	(1/105)	22	6%
Traveling less	2		199	50%
Traveling the same	3		171	43%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		8	2%

Q13. Are you eating out at restaurants more or less than you did a year ago?			
N=			400 100%
Eating out more	1	(1/106)	13 3%
Eating out less	2		222 56%
Eating out about the same	3		158 40%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		7 2%
Q14. How concerned are you that you might lose your job - very, somewhat, or not concerned?			
N=			205 100%
Very concerned	1	(1/107)	31 15%
Somewhat concerned	2		60 29%
Not concerned/not at all concerned	3		112 55%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		2 1%
Q15. Has anyone in your household lost a job in the last 18 months?			
N=			400 100%
Yes	1	(1/108)	72 18%
No	2		326 82%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3		2 1%
Q16. Are they/you still unemployed?			
N=			72 100%
Yes	1	(1/109)	55 76%
No	2		17 24%
Q17. For how long has that person been unemployed?			
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N=			55 100%
Less than 3 months	1	(1/110)	9 16%
3 to 6 months	2		15 27%
6 months to 1 year	3		20 36%
More than 1 year	4		11 20%
Q18. How concerned are you about being able to maintain your standard of living?			
N=			400 100%
Very concerned	1	(1/111)	112 28%
Somewhat concerned	2		183 46%
Not concerned/not at all concerned	3		104 26%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		1 0%
Q19. How concerned are you about being able to keep up with your mortgage payments?			
N=			300 100%
Very concerned	1	(1/112)	39 13%
Somewhat concerned	2		65 22%
Not concerned/not at all concerned	3		188 63%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		8 3%
Q21. 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	(1/114)	21 5%
Giving less	2		168 42%
Giving the same	3		208 52%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		3 1%
Q22. Do you think the 787 billion dollar stimulus package - signed into law earlier this year to help the economy - has helped your household a lot, a little, or won't make a difference?			
N=			400 100%
A lot	1	(1/115)	17 4%
A little	2		52 13%
Won't make a difference/no help	3		318 80%
Other	4		3 1%
Don't know	5		10 3%

Q23. When thinking about whether the federal government is doing enough to help the economy and Americans hurt by the downturn, would you say the federal government is doing enough, NOT enough, or too much?

N=			400	100%
Doing enough	1	(1/116)	113	28%
Not doing enough	2		195	49%
Doing too much	3		69	17%
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4		23	6%

Q24. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the national economy?

N=			400	100%
Approve	1	(1/117)	226	57%
Disapprove	2		128	32%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		43	11%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		3	1%

Q25. Do you approve or disapprove of Deval Patrick's handling of the state economy?

N=			400	100%
Approve	1	(1/118)	113	28%
Disapprove	2		232	58%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		49	12%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	4		6	2%

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

N=			400	100%
Yes	1	(1/119)	21	5%
No	2		376	94%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		3	1%

Q27. Why?

N=			21	100%
Federal tax credit	01	(1/120)	2	10%
Low interest rates	02	(1/122)	3	14%
Reasonable prices	03	(1/124)	4	19%
Feeling better about my job	04		1	5%
To own a home	05		5	24%
2nd/Vacation home	06		4	19%
Other	97		6	29%

Q28. Are you planning to sell your home?

N=			300	100%
Yes	1	(1/126)	19	6%
No	2		276	92%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	3		5	2%

Q29. Why?

N=			19	100%
To buy another house	01	(1/127)	5	26%
To pay off all debts	02	(1/129)	2	11%
Can't afford monthly mortgage and costs	03	(1/131)	4	21%
Moving to another location	05		7	37%
Other	97		2	11%

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

N=			400	100%
Rise	1	(1/133)	200	50%
Fall	2		103	26%
Stay the same (DO NOT READ)	3		67	17%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	4		30	8%