

Region:

(N=500)	n	%
Worcester/West -----	119	23.80
Northeastern -----	177	35.40
Suffolk -----	43	8.60
SE Mass/Cape -----	161	32.20

Hello my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and I would like to get your opinions on the Coronavirus, the economy, and some state issues. This week we are calling Massachusetts households. Would you be willing to spend up to seven minutes answering some questions? (If YES, proceed. If NO/UNDECIDED, terminate)

1. Are you a resident of Massachusetts?

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

2. Which do you most closely identify with – male, female, or something else?

(N=500)	n	%
Male -----	235	47.00
Female -----	262	52.40
Other (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming) -----	3	0.60

3. What is your age category?

(N=500)	n	%
18-24 Years -----	43	8.60
25-34 Years -----	93	18.60
35-44 Years -----	88	17.60
45-54 Years -----	94	18.80
55-64 Years -----	88	17.60
65-74 Years -----	64	12.80
75 Years or older -----	27	5.40
Refused -----	3	0.60

4. For statistical purposes only, do you consider yourself:

(N=500)	n	%
White/Caucasian -----	376	75.20
Black/African-American -----	44	8.80
American Indian/Alaska Native -----	3	0.60
Asian -----	25	5.00
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander -----	1	0.20
Hispanic/Latino -----	48	9.60
Other -----	2	0.40
Don't know -----	1	0.20

5. Would you say you live in a rural, suburban, or urban area?  
(N=500)

	n	%
Rural -----	79	15.80
Suburban -----	273	54.60
Urban -----	143	28.60
Don't Know-----	5	1.00

6. Do you have children under the age of 19 in your household?  
(N=500)

	n	%
Yes -----	179	35.80
No -----	319	63.80
Undecided-----	2	0.40

7. Are you currently a registered voter in Massachusetts?  
(N=500)

	n	%
Yes -----	472	94.40
No -----	28	5.60
Undecided-----	0	0.00

8. Do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?  
(N=500)

	n	%
Democrat -----	236	47.20
Republican -----	72	14.40
Independent-----	172	34.40
Undecided-----	15	3.00
Refused-----	5	1.00

{FOR 7.1}

9. Thinking about the upcoming elections this year, will you vote by mail, vote in person, or will you not vote at all?  
(N=472)

	n	%
Vote by mail -----	117	24.79
Vote in person-----	290	61.44
Not vote -----	7	1.48
Undecided-----	56	11.86
Refused-----	2	0.42

{ROTATE 10-11}

10. Do you think Massachusetts is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?  
(N=500)

	n	%
Right direction-----	355	71.00
Wrong track-----	90	18.00
Undecided-----	54	10.80
Refused-----	1	0.20

11. Do you think the United States is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?  
(N=500)

	n	%
Right direction-----	99	19.80
Wrong track-----	345	69.00
Undecided-----	53	10.60
Refused-----	3	0.60

12. Compared to other major national crises that you’ve lived through, such as weather events and terrorist attacks, how would you rank your current level of fear or concern? Would you say... {ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1-.6}

(N=500)	n	%
The highest level of fear I’ve ever lived through -----	56	11.20
Extremely high level of fear -----	81	16.20
Above average level of fear -----	197	39.40
Below average level of fear -----	70	14.00
Extremely low level of fear -----	36	7.20
Not at all fearful or concerned -----	51	10.20
Undecided -----	7	1.40
Refused -----	2	0.40

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

(N=500)	n	%
Approve -----	405	81.00
Disapprove -----	72	14.40
Undecided -----	23	4.60
Refused -----	0	0.00

14. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Charlie Baker is handling the reopening in Massachusetts?

(N=500)	n	%
Approve -----	372	74.40
Disapprove -----	98	19.60
Undecided -----	30	6.00
Refused -----	0	0.00

15. I’m going to read you a list of problems that people in Massachusetts are facing. Which of the following is the most serious problem? {RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	n	%
Racism -----	147	29.40
Unemployment/the economy -----	127	25.40
Physical/mental health due to coronavirus -----	107	21.40
Opioid abuse -----	49	9.80
Climate change -----	27	5.40
Transportation -----	13	2.60
Undecided -----	29	5.80
Refused -----	1	0.20

16. Currently how strict are you about social distancing – such as staying home as much as you can, not gathering in groups, and not shaking hands or hugging? Would you say you are {ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1 - .4} very strict, pretty strict, not very strict, or not at all strict?

(N=500)	n	%
Very strict-----	221	44.20
Pretty strict-----	192	38.40
Not very strict-----	57	11.40
Not at all strict-----	29	5.80
Undecided-----	1	0.20
Refused-----	0	0.00

I'm going to read you a list of activities. For each, please tell me if you would be comfortable doing these activities now or once they are allowed... {RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Undecided</b>
17.1 Eating out	205 41.00	283 56.60	12 2.40
17.2 Attending a sporting event	117 23.40	365 73.00	18 3.60
17.3 Sending your child to daycare or school	166 33.20	254 50.80	80 16.00
17.4 Getting on a plane	114 22.80	374 74.80	12 2.40
17.5 Being back in person in an office at work or school	251 50.20	222 44.40	27 5.40
17.6 Seeing family members/relatives in person	389 77.80	95 19.00	16 3.20
17.7 Riding buses, subways, and commuter trains	96 19.20	391 78.20	13 2.60

18. Do you think K through 12 schools in Massachusetts will be able to reopen this fall in a way that keep most kids and adults safe from the coronavirus – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	218	43.60
No-----	230	46.00
Undecided-----	52	10.40
Refused-----	0	0.00

19. Children going back to classrooms this fall could increase the risk of more people getting coronavirus, but keeping schools closed could damage their education and make it hard for many parents to return to work. Of the following three statements, which comes closest to your view?

(N=500)	n	%
It's not worth taking any risk of additional people getting coronavirus so that children can return to school; remote learning is working well enough -----	191	38.20
Children returning to school is so important that it's worth taking the risk that a small number of people will get coronavirus as a result -----	203	40.60
Children should return to school even if a significant number of people get coronavirus; we can manage the virus in other ways such as social distancing -----	72	14.40
Undecided-----	33	6.60
Refused-----	1	0.20

These next questions are about how coronavirus has impacted you financially.

20. How concerned are you about your personal financial situation or employment? Would you say...  
{ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1-.4}

(N=500)	n	%
Very concerned-----	107	21.40
Somewhat concerned-----	133	26.60
Not very concerned-----	89	17.80
Not at all concerned-----	171	34.20
Undecided-----	0	0.00
Refused-----	0	0.00

21. Has the coronavirus situation diminished your regular income – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	182	36.40
No-----	314	62.80
Undecided-----	4	0.80
Refused-----	0	0.00

These next questions are about race relations.

22. Do you believe the color of your skin has ever helped you or hurt you in your life? Or hasn't made a difference one way or the other?

(N=500)	n	%
Helped you in your life-----	215	43.00
Hurt you in your life-----	76	15.20
Hasn't made a difference one way or the other-----	193	38.60
Undecided-----	13	2.60
Refused-----	3	0.60

23. How would you characterize racism in Massachusetts? Would you say... {ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1-.5}?
- | (N=500)   | n   | %     |
|---|-----|-------|
| It's the most serious problem facing the state-----         | 45  | 9.00  |
| It's one of the most serious problems facing the state----- | 149 | 29.80 |
| It's a problem-----   | 234 | 46.80 |
| It used to be a problem here, but it's not anymore -----    | 36  | 7.20  |
| It's never been a problem in Massachusetts-----             | 25  | 5.00  |
| Undecided-----  | 10  | 2.00  |
| Refused-----  | 1   | 0.20  |
24. In general, do you think police treat Black people the same as everyone else?
- | (N=500)        | n   | %     |
|----------------|-----|-------|
| Yes-----       | 93  | 18.60 |
| No-----        | 383 | 76.60 |
| Undecided----- | 20  | 4.00  |
| Refused-----   | 4   | 0.80  |
25. How about the police in your city or town. Do you think police in your city or town treat Black people the same as everyone else?
- | (N=500)        | n   | %     |
|----------------|-----|-------|
| Yes-----       | 164 | 32.80 |
| No-----        | 246 | 49.20 |
| Undecided----- | 85  | 17.00 |
| Refused-----   | 5   | 1.00  |
26. Do you support or oppose the Black Lives Matter movement – would you say... {ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1-.4}?
- | (N=500)               | n   | %     |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Strongly support----- | 256 | 51.20 |
| Support-----          | 169 | 33.80 |
| Oppose-----           | 30  | 6.00  |
| Strongly oppose-----  | 21  | 4.20  |
| Undecided-----        | 21  | 4.20  |
| Refused-----          | 3   | 0.60  |
27. Some people say police budgets should be reduced, and the money transferred to social services. Other people say police budgets should remain as is to ensure proper public safety. Which comes closer to your view?
- | (N=500)   | n   | %     |
|---|-----|-------|
| Police budgets should be reduced, and money transferred to social services----- | 252 | 50.40 |
| Police budgets should remain as is to ensure proper public safety-----          | 204 | 40.80 |
| Undecided-----  | 41  | 8.20  |
| Refused-----  | 3   | 0.60  |

28. What about in your city or town? Do you think the police budget should be reduced and the money transferred to social services or do you think the current police budget should remain as is ... {READ AGAIN}

(N=500)	n	%
The police budget should be reduced, and money transferred to social services-----	224	44.80
The current police budget should remain as is to ensure proper public safety-----	226	45.20
Undecided-----	48	9.60
Refused-----	2	0.40

29. In Massachusetts, do you think police officer’s body camera footage, if available, should be public from all incidents where officers use force – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	444	88.80
No-----	46	9.20
Undecided-----	8	1.60
Refused-----	2	0.40

30. I’m going to read you a list of some tools and tactics used by police. Please tell me if you think they should be allowed or prohibited in Massachusetts. {RANDOMIZE}

(N=500)	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Prohibited</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
30.1 Tear gas	183 36.60	279 55.80	38 7.60
30.2 Rubber bullets	205 41.00	262 52.40	33 6.60
30.3 Chokeholds	36 7.20	438 87.60	26 5.20
30.4 Military style vehicles	150 30.00	314 62.80	36 7.20

31. Currently in Massachusetts a person can sue a police department in instances of wrongdoing. Do you think a person should be able to sue police officers INDIVIDUALLY based on their actions while on duty – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	375	75.00
No-----	91	18.20
Undecided-----	27	5.40
Refused-----	7	1.40

32. Currently the state government licenses doctors, nurses, and other professionals. Do you support or oppose a proposal that would also license police officers, with the power to revoke their licenses for a violation of statewide rules of conduct?

(N=500)	n	%
Support-----	411	82.20
Oppose-----	59	11.80
Undecided-----	28	5.60
Refused-----	2	0.40

33. Do you think the recent death of George Floyd in Minneapolis was an isolated incident or a sign of broader problems in the treatment of black people by police?

(N=500)	n	%
Isolated incident-----	72	14.40
A sign of broader problems-----	396	79.20
Undecided-----	24	4.80
Refused-----	8	1.60

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

34. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

(N=500)	n	%
Some high school -----	23	4.60
High school graduate -----	133	26.60
Some college -----	108	21.60
Trade/technical/vocational training-----	22	4.40
College graduate -----	128	25.60
Masters or PhD-----	84	16.80
Undecided-----	2	0.40

35. What is your annual household income?

(N=500)	n	%
Under \$20,000 per year -----	39	7.80
Under \$50,000 per year -----	82	16.40
Under \$75,000 per year -----	80	16.00
Under \$100,000 per year-----	76	15.20
Under \$140,000 per year-----	81	16.20
\$140,000 per year or more-----	91	18.20
Undecided-----	51	10.20

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