

Region:	n	%
(N=600)		
Worcester/West-----	140	23.33
Northeastern-----	220	36.67
Suffolk-----	48	8.00
SE Mass/Cape-----	192	32.00

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=600)

	n	%
Yes -----	600	100.00

2. Which do you most closely identify as – male, female, or non-binary (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming)?
(N=600)

	n	%
Male-----	292	48.67
Female-----	301	50.17
Non-binary (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming) -----	7	1.17

3. Are you currently registered to vote in Massachusetts – yes or no?
(N=600)

	n	%
Yes -----	569	94.83
No -----	27	4.50
Don't know/Refused-----	4	0.67

{FOR 3.1}

4. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat, Republican, or Unenrolled/Independent?
(N=569)

	n	%
Democrat-----	205	36.03
Republican-----	63	11.07
Unenrolled/Independent -----	261	45.87
Undecided -----	27	4.75
Refused -----	13	2.28

5. What is your age category?
(N=600)

	n	%
18-25 Years-----	51	8.50
26-35 Years-----	95	15.83
36-45 Years-----	110	18.33
46-55 Years-----	118	19.67
56-65 Years-----	113	18.83
66-75 Years-----	57	9.50
Over 75 -----	51	8.50
Refused-----	5	0.83

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

(N=600)	n	%
White/Caucasian-----	417	69.50
Black/African American-----	52	8.67
American Indian and Alaska Native-----	3	0.50
Asian-----	30	5.00
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-----	2	0.33
Hispanic/Latino-----	61	10.17
2 or more races-----	28	4.67
Other-----	5	0.83
Refused-----	2	0.33

7. In a word or phrase, what's the biggest source of stress in your life right now?

(N=600)	n	%
"Money/Finances"-----	102	17.00
"Work/Career/Employment/Job stability"-----	76	12.67
"Inflation/Cost of living/Gas prices"-----	53	8.83
"My/Family's health/Health insurance/Costs"-----	49	8.17
"Politics/Government/Democrats/Republicans"-----	66	11.00
"Family/Children"-----	39	6.50
"Economy"-----	37	6.17
"Climate change/Environment"-----	17	2.83
"Country/World Crisis"-----	12	2.00
"Crime/Gun control/Police"-----	11	1.83
"Covid/Pandemic"-----	10	1.67
"Affordable housing"-----	10	1.67
"Education/Student loans"-----	8	1.33
"Roe v. Wade/Abortion"-----	6	1.00
"Not Stressed/Nothing"-----	41	6.83
Other-----	49	8.17
DK/NA/Refused-----	14	2.33

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

(N=600)	n	%
Right direction-----	97	16.17
Wrong track-----	411	68.50
Undecided-----	89	14.83
Refused-----	3	0.50

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

(N=600)	n	%
Right direction-----	317	52.83
Wrong track-----	190	31.67
Undecided-----	92	15.33
Refused-----	1	0.17

10. On balance, which recent development has affected you the most emotionally? (RANDOMIZE)

(N=600)	n	%
The lingering presence of COVID variants. -----	36	6.00
The Russian invasion of Ukraine and its impacts on the world. -----	63	10.50
Supreme Court decisions on abortion rights, gun control, and the environment. -----	250	41.67
Inflation and the possibility of a recession. -----	200	33.33
Undecided -----	50	8.33
Refused-----	1	0.17

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

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	289	48.17
No -----	304	50.67
Undecided -----	7	1.17
Refused-----	0	0.00

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

(N=600)	n	%
Getting better-----	226	37.67
Staying the same-----	199	33.17
Getting worse -----	129	21.50
Undecided -----	44	7.33
Refused-----	2	0.33

13. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Charlie Baker has handled his job as governor over the last seven and a half years?

(N=600)	n	%
Approve -----	390	65.00
Disapprove-----	119	19.83
Undecided -----	89	14.83
Refused-----	2	0.33

{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS}

14. 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=569)	n	%
Very likely-----	459	80.67
Somewhat likely-----	34	5.98
50/50-----	49	8.61
Not likely -----	25	4.39
Undecided/Refused -----	2	0.35

{ROTATE 15 & 16}

{FOR 14.1 - 14.2}

15. If the election for governor were held today and the candidates were Democrat Maura Healey or Republican Geoff Diehl, who would you vote for or lean toward?

(N=493)	n	%
Democrat Maura Healey-----	266	53.96
Republican Geoff Diehl-----	115	23.33
Undecided -----	108	21.91
Refused-----	4	0.81

{FOR 14.1 - 14.2}

16. If the election for governor were held today and the candidates were Democrat Maura Healey or Republican Chris Doughty, who would you vote for or lean toward?

(N=493)	n	%
Democrat Maura Healey-----	267	54.16
Republican Chris Doughty -----	108	21.91
Undecided -----	111	22.52
Refused-----	7	1.42

{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS}

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

(N=569)	n	%
Approve -----	234	41.12
Disapprove-----	274	48.15
Undecided -----	59	10.37
Refused-----	2	0.35

18. President Biden was sworn into office about a year and a half ago. Since he took office, have events in our country gone... (ROTATE .1- .2)

(N=600)	n	%
Better than you expected-----	60	10.00
Worse than you expected -----	321	53.50
The same as you expected -----	197	32.83
Undecided -----	21	3.50
Refused-----	1	0.17

19. We're now in our third summer during the pandemic. Of the following three statements, which comes closest to how you feel about COVID? (RANDOMIZE .1- .3)

(N=600)	n	%
A) You still think about COVID a lot. It's having a big impact on what you do this summer. -----	114	19.00
B) You think about COVID from time to time. Sometimes it changes what activities you do, sometimes it doesn't. -----	259	43.17
C) You are over COVID. It has no impact on what activities you do. -----	218	36.33
Undecided -----	9	1.50
Refused-----	0	0.00

20. In the craziness of March and April 2020, many of us imagined what life would be like in 2022. Now that we're more than two years after the COVID crisis began, would you say your life is... (ROTATE .1- .2)

(N=600)	n	%
Better than you expected-----	139	23.17
Worse than you expected-----	189	31.50
The same as you expected-----	254	42.33
Undecided-----	16	2.67
Refused-----	2	0.33

21. Right now, do you have enough money to live comfortably - yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes-----	390	65.00
No-----	199	33.17
Undecided-----	10	1.67
Refused-----	1	0.17

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

(N=600)	n	%
Economic Recovery-----	58	9.67
Stagnation-----	126	21.00
Recession-----	275	45.83
Depression-----	88	14.67
Undecided-----	51	8.50
Refused-----	2	0.33

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

(N=600)	n	%
Very concerned-----	140	23.33
Somewhat concerned-----	199	33.17
Not very concerned-----	129	21.50
Not at all concerned-----	128	21.33
Undecided-----	3	0.50
Refused-----	1	0.17

24. How much does the cost or availability of housing influence your household's financial situation...? {ROTATE ASC – DESC .1-.4}

(N=600)	n	%
A lot-----	206	34.33
Somewhat-----	88	14.67
A little-----	84	14.00
Not at all-----	213	35.50
Undecided-----	8	1.33
Refused-----	1	0.17

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

(N=600)	n	%
A lot of financial hardship-----	136	22.67
Some financial hardship-----	177	29.50
A little financial hardship-----	161	26.83
No financial hardship-----	121	20.17
Undecided-----	4	0.67
Refused-----	1	0.17

26. Do you think abortion should be: (ROTATE ASC – DESC .1-.4)

(N=600)	n	%
Legal in all cases-----	285	47.50
Legal in most cases-----	178	29.67
Illegal in most cases-----	66	11.00
Illegal in all cases-----	29	4.83
Undecided-----	32	5.33
Refused-----	10	1.67

27. The Supreme Court recently overturned Roe v. Wade, ending the constitutional right to an abortion. In a word or phrase, how did that decision make you feel?

(N=600)	n	%
“Angry/Mad”-----	96	16.00
“Good/Happy”-----	51	8.50
“Unfazed/Indifferent/Doesn't affect me”-----	47	7.83
“Bad/Awful/Terrible”-----	39	6.50
“Disappointed”-----	37	6.17
“Disgusted/Nauseated/Sick”-----	36	6.00
“Depressed/Sad/Unhappy/Upset”-----	62	10.33
“Disagree with decision”-----	25	4.17
“Shocked/Horrified/Surprised”-----	25	4.17
“Taking women's rights away/Control”-----	22	3.67
“Scared/Unsafe/Vulnerable/Uneasy”-----	21	3.50
“Country is going backwards”-----	15	2.50
“Agree with decision”-----	13	2.17
“Worried/Despair/Stressed”-----	20	3.33
“Horrible”-----	12	2.00
“Confused/Frustrated”-----	9	1.50
“Devastated”-----	9	1.50
Other-----	36	6.00
DK/NA/Refused-----	25	4.17

28. Does the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision make you more or less likely to vote this November, or does it not have an effect?

(N=600)	n	%
More likely-----	206	34.33
Less likely-----	6	1.00
No effect-----	379	63.17
Undecided-----	9	1.50

29. Do you think the decision will limit the ability of you, your family, or your friends to get an abortion in the future – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes – will limit -----	240	40.00
No – will not limit-----	204	34.00
No effect -----	124	20.67
Undecided -----	32	5.33

30. Are you concerned the Supreme Court will curtail other constitutional rights, such as gay marriage – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	397	66.17
No -----	156	26.00
Undecided -----	43	7.17
Refused-----	4	0.67

{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS}

31. State lawmakers recently passed a law making people without legal immigration status eligible for driver's licenses in Massachusetts. Now, there is an effort to repeal the law. If you had the option on November's ballot, would you vote to...?

(N=569)	n	%
Repeal the law that lets undocumented people get driver's licenses. -----	192	33.74
Keep the law that lets undocumented people get driver's licenses. -----	329	57.82
Undecided -----	45	7.91
Refused -----	3	0.53

{FOR Q4 RESPONDENTS}

32. Your November ballot includes a proposed constitutional amendment which would establish an additional 4 percent state income tax on that portion of annual taxable income in excess of \$1 million. This income level would be adjusted annually, by the same method used for federal income-tax brackets, to reflect increases in the cost of living. Revenues from this tax would be used, subject to appropriation by the state legislature, for public education, public colleges and universities; and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation. The proposed amendment would apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

A YES VOTE would amend the state Constitution to impose an additional 4 percent tax on that portion of incomes over one million dollars to be used, subject to appropriation by the state legislature, on education and transportation.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state Constitution relative to income tax. At this point, will you vote YES or NO?

(N=569)	n	%
Yes – amend state Constitution and impose additional tax -----	318	55.89
No – make no change in state Constitution relative to income tax -----	206	36.20
Undecided -----	43	7.56
Refused-----	2	0.35

33. Here is one question about public safety. On balance, do you feel safe walking around your neighborhood at night – yes or no?

(N=600)	n	%
Yes -----	494	82.33
No -----	97	16.17
Undecided -----	8	1.33
Refused-----	1	0.17

34. This question is about education. At what grade level should students begin to learn about racism in school? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=600)	n	%
K - 3 rd Grade -----	261	43.50
Grades 4 - 6-----	125	20.83
Grades 7 – 9 -----	78	13.00
Grades 10-12-----	42	7.00
They shouldn't learn about racism in school -----	57	9.50
Undecided -----	29	4.83
Refused-----	8	1.33

{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=600)	n	%
Some high school -----	37	6.17
High school graduate -----	135	22.50
Some college -----	131	21.83
Trade/technical/vocational training -----	39	6.50
College graduate-----	145	24.17
Masters or PhD -----	108	18.00
Undecided -----	5	0.83

36. What is your annual household income?

(N=600)	n	%
Under \$20,000 per year -----	83	13.83
Under \$50,000 per year -----	68	11.33
Under \$75,000 per year -----	94	15.67
Under \$100,000 per year-----	78	13.00
Under \$140,000 per year-----	99	16.50
\$140,000 per year or more-----	118	19.67
Undecided -----	60	10.00

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