

Region:

(N=500)	n	%
Worcester/West -----	120	24.00
Northeast-----	186	37.20
Suffolk-----	40	8.00
Southeast/Cape -----	154	30.80

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. Would you like to spend less than seven minutes to help us out? {ASK FOR YOUNGEST IN HOUSEHOLD} Great, let me get you screened in.

1. Are you currently a resident of Massachusetts?

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

2. How likely are you to vote in the general election for president this November? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Very Likely -----	478	95.60
Somewhat Likely -----	22	4.40

3. With which gender do you most closely identify – male, female, or non-binary (gender variant, non-conforming, etc.)?

(N=500)	n	%
Male -----	234	46.80
Female-----	249	49.80
Non-binary (gender variant, non-conforming, etc.) -----	17	3.40

4. Are you currently registered as a...?

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat-----	142	28.40
Republican-----	49	9.80
Unenrolled/Independent -----	281	56.20
Libertarian-----	4	0.80
Something else -----	11	2.20
Not yet registered -----	6	1.20
Undecided -----	7	1.40

5. What is your age category?

(N=500)	n	%
18-24 Years -----	44	8.80
25-34 Years -----	68	13.60
35-49 Years -----	104	20.80
50-64 Years -----	141	28.20
65-74 Years -----	85	17.00
75 + Years -----	53	10.60
Refused-----	5	1.00

6. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me your ethnic background/ancestry? (READ)

(N=500)	n	%
White/Caucasian -----	357	71.40
Black/African American -----	39	7.80
Native American/Alaska Native -----	3	0.60
Asian -----	28	5.60
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander -----	0	0.00
Hispanic/Latino -----	51	10.20
2 or more races -----	10	2.00
Other -----	6	1.20
Don't know -----	6	1.20

7. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (READ)

(N=500)	n	%
Some high school -----	29	5.80
High school graduate -----	94	18.80
Some college -----	100	20.00
Trade/technical/vocational training -----	29	5.80
College graduate -----	162	32.40
Master's or PhD -----	81	16.20
Undecided -----	1	0.20
Refused -----	4	0.80

8. Do you feel the country is headed in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

(N=500)	n	%
Right Direction -----	171	34.20
Wrong Track -----	249	49.80
Undecided -----	80	16.00

9. The Massachusetts ballot lists six candidates for president, as follows... (READ NAMES AND PARTIES) At this point, for whom would you vote or toward whom do you lean?

(N=500)	n	%
Shiva Ayyadurai, Independent -----	4	0.80
Claudia De la Cruz, Party for Socialism and Liberation -----	4	0.80
Kamala Harris, Democrat -----	306	61.20
Chase Oliver, Libertarian -----	1	0.20
Jill Stein, Green-Rainbow Party -----	6	1.20
Donald Trump, Republican -----	161	32.20
Undecided -----	16	3.20
Refused -----	2	0.40

10. Your ballot lists two candidates for U.S. Senate as follows... (READ NAMES AND PARTIES) At this point, for whom would you vote or toward whom do you lean?

(N=500)	n	%
Elizabeth Warren, Democrat -----	293	58.60
John Deaton, Republican -----	175	35.00
Undecided -----	32	6.40
Refused -----	0	0.00

(RANDOMIZE 11-15)

11. Overall, do you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	97	19.40
Approve-----	182	36.40
Disapprove-----	68	13.60
Strongly disapprove -----	142	28.40
Undecided -----	9	1.80
Refused-----	2	0.40

12. Overall, do you {ROTATE ASCENDING, DESCENDING} strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	120	24.00
Approve-----	164	32.80
Disapprove-----	49	9.80
Strongly disapprove -----	133	26.60
Undecided -----	31	6.20
Refused-----	3	0.60

13. Overall, do you {ROTATE ASCENDING, DESCENDING} strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Maura Healey is doing as governor?

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	83	16.60
Approve-----	207	41.40
Disapprove-----	57	11.40
Strongly disapprove -----	90	18.00
Undecided -----	60	12.00
Refused-----	3	0.60

14. Overall, do you {ROTATE ASCENDING, DESCENDING} strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Elizabeth Warren is doing as U.S. Senator?

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	128	25.60
Approve-----	173	34.60
Disapprove-----	48	9.60
Strongly disapprove -----	119	23.80
Undecided -----	32	6.40
Refused-----	0	0.00

15. Overall, do you {ROTATE ASCENDING, DESCENDING} strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job Donald Trump did as president between 2017-2021?

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	95	19.00
Approve-----	80	16.00
Disapprove-----	60	12.00
Strongly disapprove -----	251	50.20
Undecided -----	11	2.20
Refused-----	3	0.60

16. Thinking about your vote for a presidential candidate, what is the most important issue facing the next president? (RANDOMIZE)

(N=500)	n	%
The economy/inflation-----	137	27.40
Abortion-----	30	6.00
Gun control -----	14	2.80
Climate change -----	18	3.60
Healthcare -----	24	4.80
Immigration and border security-----	63	12.60
The future of American democracy -----	155	31.00
Crime-----	7	1.40
Foreign policy -----	32	6.40
Undecided -----	19	3.80
Refused-----	1	0.20

17. Of the following four options, how would you describe the U.S. economy? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Excellent-----	49	9.80
Good -----	157	31.40
Fair -----	146	29.20
Poor -----	147	29.40
Undecided -----	1	0.20
Refused-----	0	0.00

18. How about the Massachusetts economy? (How would you describe the Massachusetts economy?) (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Excellent-----	50	10.00
Good -----	199	39.80
Fair -----	145	29.00
Poor -----	99	19.80
Undecided -----	7	1.40
Refused-----	0	0.00

19. How has your household financial situation changed over the past year? Would you say it has...? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Significantly improved-----	32	6.40
Somewhat improved-----	76	15.20
Remained the same -----	193	38.60
Somewhat worsened -----	129	25.80
Significantly worsened -----	65	13.00
Undecided -----	3	0.60
Refused-----	2	0.40

20. Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that has a “right to shelter” law, which requires the state to quickly provide shelter and other necessities to pregnant women and homeless parents with children, which in the past year has increasingly included migrant families arriving in Massachusetts. Which of the following most closely matches your views? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
I strongly support this law -----	158	31.60
I support the law, but we should limit how long families can stay in emergency shelters -----	153	30.60
I support the law for Mass. residents, but it should not cover migrant families -----	142	28.40
I do not support this law -----	37	7.40
Undecided -----	7	1.40
Refused-----	3	0.60

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(RANDOMIZE 21-27)

21. “We should deport all immigrants living in the U.S. without legal authorization.”

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	109	21.80
Somewhat agree -----	56	11.20
Somewhat disagree -----	98	19.60
Strongly disagree -----	218	43.60
Undecided -----	15	3.00
Refused-----	4	0.80

22. “Migrants are taking up affordable housing that should go to Americans first.” (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	159	31.80
Somewhat agree -----	81	16.20
Somewhat disagree -----	92	18.40
Strongly disagree -----	129	25.80
Undecided -----	36	7.20
Refused-----	3	0.60

23. “The state should offer new migrants temporary shelter for a short time.” (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	190	38.00
Somewhat agree -----	172	34.40
Somewhat disagree -----	45	9.00
Strongly disagree -----	86	17.20
Undecided -----	4	0.80
Refused-----	3	0.60

24. “The state should offer new migrants subsidized housing for a year or two, enough time for them to get on their feet.” (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	111	22.20
Somewhat agree -----	155	31.00
Somewhat disagree -----	67	13.40
Strongly disagree -----	148	29.60
Undecided -----	16	3.20
Refused-----	3	0.60

25. “The state should provide new migrants with subsidized health care insurance for a limited time.”
(ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	120	24.00
Somewhat agree -----	175	35.00
Somewhat disagree -----	59	11.80
Strongly disagree -----	132	26.40
Undecided -----	11	2.20
Refused-----	3	0.60

26. “The state should hire more bilingual education teachers to help migrant students learn English.”
(ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	213	42.60
Somewhat agree -----	142	28.40
Somewhat disagree -----	39	7.80
Strongly disagree -----	83	16.60
Undecided -----	21	4.20
Refused-----	2	0.40

27. “The state should offer new migrants no help.” (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly agree -----	64	12.80
Somewhat agree -----	57	11.40
Somewhat disagree -----	113	22.60
Strongly disagree -----	242	48.40
Undecided -----	19	3.80
Refused-----	5	1.00

28. What kind of effect, if any, do you think the arrival of new migrants is having on your local public school system? Would you say...? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Extremely positive-----	24	4.80
Somewhat positive-----	61	12.20
No effect-----	143	28.60
Somewhat negative-----	111	22.20
Extremely negative -----	85	17.00
Undecided -----	67	13.40
Refused-----	9	1.80

29. How sympathetic would you say you are toward migrants who have come to Massachusetts?
(ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Very sympathetic-----	178	35.60
Somewhat sympathetic-----	186	37.20
Somewhat unsympathetic-----	58	11.60
Very unsympathetic-----	52	10.40
Undecided -----	18	3.60
Refused-----	8	1.60

30. The state’s emergency shelter law for homeless families has come under tremendous strain over the past two years, with more than 7,200 people currently housed in its network and the state is on track to spend more than a billion dollars over the current fiscal year. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation? (RANDOMIZE)

(N=500)	n	%
The Biden Administration -----	128	25.60
Congress -----	112	22.40
Governor Maura Healey -----	55	11.00
Migrants -----	16	3.20
Governments in other countries -----	55	11.00
No one in particular -----	90	18.00
Undecided -----	37	7.40
Refused -----	7	1.40

31. In August, Maura Healey established a 5-day limit on stays at overflow shelters and started requiring families who hit that limit to wait six months for space in longer-term shelters. This has resulted in some families foregoing shorter-term shelter and sleeping outside while they await longer-term shelter. Do you think the limits Healey set were too strict, not strict enough, or about right?

(N=500)	n	%
Too strict -----	213	42.60
Not strict enough -----	58	11.60
About right -----	168	33.60
Undecided -----	48	9.60
Refused -----	13	2.60

32. The 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees that all persons born on U.S. soil are automatically U.S. citizens. Should the U.S. end this "birthright citizenship" for the children of immigrants who came to the U.S. without authorization – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes – end birthright citizenship -----	138	27.60
No - don't end birthright citizenship -----	332	66.40
Undecided -----	23	4.60
Refused -----	7	1.40

I have five ballot questions and we’ll be done – you’ve been great.

33. Question 1 grants the state auditor the authority to audit the Legislature.
 A “yes” vote would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature.
 A “no” vote would make no change in the law relative to the State Auditor’s authority. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	354	70.80
No -----	79	15.80
Undecided -----	58	11.60
Refused -----	9	1.80

34. Question 2 would eliminate the MCAS examination as a high school graduation requirement. A “yes” vote would eliminate the requirement that students pass the MCAS exam in order to graduate high school but still require students to complete coursework that meets state standards. A “no” vote would make no change in the law relative to the requirement that a student pass the MCAS exam in order to graduate high school. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	289	57.80
No-----	184	36.80
Undecided -----	20	4.00
Refused-----	7	1.40

35. Question 3 would provide unionization for transportation network drivers. A “yes” vote would provide transportation network drivers the option to form unions to collectively bargain with transportation network companies regarding wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of work. A “no” vote would make no change in the law relative to the ability of transportation network drivers to form unions. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	293	58.60
No-----	169	33.80
Undecided -----	31	6.20
Refused-----	7	1.40

36. Question 4 would provide limited legalization and regulation of certain natural psychedelic substances. A “yes” vote would allow persons over age 21 to use certain natural psychedelic substances under licensed supervision and to grow and possess limited quantities of those substances in their home, and would create a commission to regulate those substances. A “no” vote would make no change in the law regarding natural psychedelic substances. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	234	46.80
No-----	230	46.00
Undecided -----	28	5.60
Refused-----	8	1.60

37. Question 5 would raise the minimum wage for tipped workers. A “yes” vote would increase the minimum hourly wage an employer must pay a tipped worker to the full state minimum wage implemented over five years, at which point employers could pool all tips and distribute them to all non-management workers. A “no” vote would make no changes in the law governing tip pooling or the minimum wage for tipped workers. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	198	39.60
No-----	258	51.60
Undecided -----	36	7.20
Refused-----	8	1.60

38. How would you describe your own political viewpoint – very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative or very conservative? {ROTATE .1-.5 ASCENDING TO DESCENDING}

(N=500)	n	%
Very liberal-----	53	10.60
Liberal-----	125	25.00
Moderate -----	171	34.20
Conservative -----	97	19.40
Very conservative -----	26	5.20
Other -----	10	2.00
Don't know -----	18	3.60

39. What is your annual household income?

(N=500)	n	%
Under \$20,000 per year -----	36	7.20
Under \$50,000 per year -----	57	11.40
Under \$75,000 per year -----	50	10.00
Under \$100,000 per year-----	72	14.40
Under \$140,000 per year-----	78	15.60
\$140,000 per year or more -----	141	28.20
Undecided -----	66	13.20

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