

Region:

(N=500)	n	%
Worcester/West -----	122	24.40
Northeast-----	185	37.00
Suffolk-----	39	7.80
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 -----	472	94.40
Somewhat Likely -----	28	5.60

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

(N=500)	n	%
Male -----	235	47.00
Female-----	259	51.80
Non-binary (gender variant, non-conforming) -----	6	1.20

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

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat-----	147	29.40
Republican-----	48	9.60
Unenrolled/Independent -----	284	56.80
Libertarian-----	1	0.20
Something else -----	4	0.80
Not yet registered -----	13	2.60
Undecided -----	3	0.60

5. What is your age category?

(N=500)	n	%
18-24 Years -----	33	6.60
25-34 Years -----	79	15.80
35-49 Years -----	123	24.60
50-64 Years -----	136	27.20
65-74 Years -----	86	17.20
75 + Years -----	41	8.20
Refused-----	2	0.40

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

(N=500)	n	%
White/Caucasian -----	372	74.40
Black/African American -----	40	8.00
Native American/Alaska Native -----	1	0.20
Asian -----	31	6.20
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander -----	2	0.40
Hispanic/Latino -----	42	8.40
2 or more races -----	6	1.20
Other -----	3	0.60
Don't know -----	3	0.60

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

(N=500)	n	%
Some high school -----	20	4.00
High school graduate -----	97	19.40
Some college -----	118	23.60
Trade/technical/vocational training -----	17	3.40
College graduate -----	157	31.40
Master's or PhD -----	88	17.60
Undecided -----	1	0.20
Refused -----	2	0.40

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

(N=500)	n	%
Right Direction -----	159	31.80
Wrong Track -----	287	57.40
Undecided -----	54	10.80

9. If the 2024 presidential election were held today, would you vote for (ROTATE) Democrat Joe Biden, Republican Donald Trump, (RANDOMIZE) the Green Party nominee, the Libertarian Party nominee, Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr., or Independent Cornel West?

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat Joe Biden -----	258	51.60
Republican Donald Trump -----	110	22.00
Green Party Nominee -----	3	0.60
Libertarian Party Nominee -----	7	1.40
Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr. -----	39	7.80
Independent Cornel West -----	4	0.80
Undecided -----	65	13.00
Refused -----	14	2.80

(FOR 4.2)

10. Earlier, you indicated you were registered as a Republican. Do you think you will vote in the Republican Primary this September or skip the Primary and just vote in November?

(N=48)	n	%
Vote in Republican Primary -----	31	64.58
Skip Republican Primary -----	14	29.17
Undecided -----	3	6.25
Refused -----	0	0.00

(FOR 4.3)

11. Earlier, you indicated you were registered as unenrolled/independent. Do you think you will vote in the Republican Primary this September, Democratic Primary, or skip the Primaries and just vote in November?

(N=284)	n	%
Vote in Republican Primary-----	68	23.94
Vote in Democratic Primary -----	65	22.89
Skip Primaries -----	113	39.79
Undecided -----	37	13.03
Refused-----	1	0.35

{FOR 10.1 or 11.1}

12. So far, four Republican candidates have taken out nomination papers and set up websites to run for U.S. Senate. In alphabetical order, they are Robert Antonellis, Ian Cain, John Deaton, and Aaron Packard. At this point, for whom would you vote or toward whom do you lean at this time?

(N=99)	n	%
Robert Antonellis -----	4	4.04
Ian Cain-----	2	2.02
John Deaton-----	4	4.04
Aaron Packard-----	1	1.01
Undecided -----	86	86.87
Refused-----	2	2.02

13. If the November election for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were Democrat Elizabeth Warren or the Republican nominee, for whom would you vote or toward whom do you lean?

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat Elizabeth Warren -----	264	52.80
Republican nominee-----	164	32.80
(Other) -----	9	1.80
Undecided -----	54	10.80
Refused-----	9	1.80

(RANDOMIZE 14-16)

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

(N=500)	n	%
Strongly approve -----	81	16.20
Approve-----	168	33.60
Disapprove-----	91	18.20
Strongly disapprove -----	134	26.80
Undecided -----	21	4.20
Refused-----	5	1.00

15. 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 -----	68	13.60
Approve-----	215	43.00
Disapprove-----	79	15.80
Strongly disapprove -----	73	14.60
Undecided -----	61	12.20
Refused-----	4	0.80

16. 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 ----- | 96 | 19.20 |
| Approve----- | 178 | 35.60 |
| Disapprove----- | 79 | 15.80 |
| Strongly disapprove ----- | 98 | 19.60 |
| Undecided ----- | 42 | 8.40 |
| Refused----- | 7 | 1.40 |
17. Massachusetts is the only state in which the state legislature, governor and judiciary are all exempt from public records requests. Which statement most closely matches your viewpoint? (ROTATE)
- | (N=500) | n | % |
|--|-----|-------|
| Massachusetts should be like other states, allowing public record requests of all three branches ----- | 384 | 76.80 |
| I am comfortable with the level of transparency of state government in Massachusetts ----- | 90 | 18.00 |
| Undecided ----- | 22 | 4.0 |
| Refused----- | 4 | 0.80 |
18. There is a November ballot question which would authorize the state auditor to audit the accounts, programs, activities, functions of all departments, offices, commissions, institutions, and activities of the state legislature and any authorities or districts created by the state legislature. The state auditor would also be given access to accounts, books, documents, vouchers, and other records relating to the scope of the audit. A no vote would make no change to current law. At this point, would you vote yes or no on this question?
- | (N=500) | n | % |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Yes ----- | 360 | 72.00 |
| No ----- | 104 | 20.80 |
| Undecided ----- | 33 | 6.60 |
| Refused----- | 3 | 0.60 |
19. Thinking about your vote for a presidential candidate, what is the most important issue facing the country today? (RANDOMIZE)
- | (N=500) | n | % |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| The economy/inflation----- | 88 | 17.60 |
| Abortion----- | 39 | 7.80 |
| Gun control ----- | 26 | 5.20 |
| Climate change ----- | 22 | 4.40 |
| Healthcare ----- | 30 | 6.00 |
| Immigration and border security----- | 104 | 20.80 |
| The future of American democracy----- | 140 | 28.00 |
| Crime----- | 1 | 0.20 |
| Foreign policy ----- | 29 | 5.80 |
| Undecided ----- | 18 | 3.60 |
| Refused----- | 3 | 0.60 |
20. Of the following four options, how would you describe the U.S. economy? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)
- | (N=500) | n | % |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Excellent----- | 36 | 7.20 |
| Good ----- | 158 | 31.60 |
| Fair ----- | 156 | 31.20 |
| Poor ----- | 146 | 29.20 |
| Undecided ----- | 2 | 0.40 |
| Refused----- | 2 | 0.40 |

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

(N=500)	n	%
Excellent-----	42	8.40
Good -----	185	37.00
Fair -----	168	33.60
Poor -----	98	19.60
Undecided -----	5	1.00
Refused-----	2	0.40

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

(N=500)	n	%
Significantly improved-----	21	4.20
Somewhat improved-----	81	16.20
Remained the same -----	210	42.00
Somewhat worsened -----	117	23.40
Significantly worsened -----	68	13.60
Undecided -----	2	0.40
Refused-----	1	0.20

23. How do you expect your household financial situation to change over the next year? Would you say it will... (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Significantly improve -----	20	4.00
Somewhat improve -----	105	21.00
Remain the same -----	237	47.40
Somewhat worsen -----	79	15.80
Significantly worsen -----	25	5.00
Undecided -----	32	6.40
Refused-----	2	0.40

24. Within the topic of the economy, which of the following is your greatest concern at the moment?
(RANDOMIZE)

(N=500)	n	%
Unemployment/job security-----	13	2.60
Inflation and the cost of living -----	246	49.20
Healthcare costs -----	72	14.40
Taxes-----	36	7.20
Housing affordability-----	119	23.80
Undecided -----	14	2.80
Refused-----	0	0.00

25. How has recent inflation affected your household spending habits? Would you say you've...
(ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Greatly increased spending -----	59	11.80
Somewhat increased spending -----	66	13.20
Made no change in your spending -----	147	29.40
Somewhat reduced spending -----	153	30.60
Greatly reduced spending-----	69	13.80
Undecided -----	6	1.20
Refused-----	0	0.00

26. Do you find that your monthly credit card balances are higher, lower, or the same these days?

(N=500)	n	%
Higher-----	176	35.20
Lower-----	33	6.60
The same -----	258	51.60
Undecided -----	21	4.20
Refused-----	12	2.40

27. Recently, cities and towns are facing enormous budget shortfalls to fund K-12 education due to federal pandemic dollars running out, lower state tax collections, and higher inflation costs. Thinking about your community, which of the following solutions to the school budget shortfall comes closest to your view:

(N=500)	n	%
I'd support a local override of the property tax cap to keep my schools viable-----	261	52.20
I'd prefer to keep our school budget the same but cut other city services like police, fire, public works, and parks -----	109	21.80
I support cutting the school budget, even if it means the quality of education may decline -----	59	11.80
Undecided -----	58	11.60
Refused-----	13	2.60

The next two questions concern your feelings about driving on bridges after the recent Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore.

28. Considering the Francis Scott Key bridge incident, how likely would you be to support a statewide infrastructure safety review, even if it leads to temporary disruptions in daily commutes? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

(N=500)	n	%
Very likely -----	253	50.60
Somewhat likely -----	144	28.80
Somewhat unlikely-----	36	7.20
Very unlikely-----	45	9.00
Undecided -----	15	3.00
Refused-----	7	1.40

29. When you are in a car traveling over a large bridge, do you feel bridge anxiety or get stressed out until you are off on the other side – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	156	31.20
No -----	337	67.40
Undecided -----	6	1.20
Refused-----	1	0.20

I have two questions about healthcare and two questions about immigration and we'll be done – you've been great.

30. When making an appointment with a primary care physician, how satisfied are you with their availability to see you? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

{RESULTS EMBARGOED FOR FUTURE RELEASE}

31. When making an appointment with a specialist, how satisfied are you with their availability to see you? (ROTATE ASC-DESC)

{RESULTS EMBARGOED FOR FUTURE RELEASE}

32. 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 -----	180	36.00
I support the law, but we should limit how long families can stay in emergency shelters -----	138	27.60
I support the law for Mass. residents, but it should not cover migrant families -----	132	26.40
I do not support this law -----	38	7.60
Undecided -----	8	1.60
Refused-----	4	0.80

33. The state’s emergency shelter law for homeless families has come under tremendous strain over the past two years, with more than 18,000 people currently housed in its network and the state on track to spend close to a billion dollars over the next fiscal year. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation? (RANDOMIZE)

(N=500)	n	%
President Joe Biden -----	126	25.20
Congress -----	153	30.60
Governor Maura Healey -----	50	10.00
Migrants -----	37	7.40
Mass. State Legislature-----	35	7.00
Mayor Michelle Wu -----	3	0.60
Undecided -----	80	16.00
Refused-----	16	3.20

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

(N=500)	n	%
Very liberal-----	64	12.80
Liberal-----	121	24.20
Moderate -----	172	34.40
Conservative -----	88	17.60
Very conservative -----	25	5.00
Other -----	2	0.40
Don’t know -----	28	5.60

35. What is your annual household income?

(N=500)	n	%
Under \$20,000 per year -----	48	9.60
Under \$50,000 per year -----	78	15.60
Under \$75,000 per year -----	45	9.00
Under \$100,000 per year-----	86	17.20
Under \$140,000 per year-----	82	16.40
\$140,000 per year or more -----	113	22.60
Undecided -----	48	9.60

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