

Toplines**University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB
October 2022 Massachusetts Poll**

Field Dates:	October 20 – October 26, 2022
Sample:	700 Registered Voters
Margin of Error:	4.3%

YouGov interviewed 752 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 700 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of Massachusetts registered voters, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and 2020 presidential vote choice. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

Weights for likely voters were separately post-stratified on a 2-way stratification of gender and age (4-category), using benchmarks estimated from 2018 midterm voters in the voterfile, and 2022 primary election vote counts. Likely voters and non-likely voters were combined again, and the weights were trimmed at 7 and centered to have a mean of 1. The margin of error is +/- 4.32.

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State of the National Economy (N=700)

Thinking about the state of our national economy, would you rate the nation’s economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021	March 2021	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Excellent	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	2%
Good	22%	18%	29%	19%	19%	19%
Fair	37%	37%	42%	55%	38%	40%
Poor	38%	41%	27%	24%	38%	39%

State of the Massachusetts Economy (N=700)

Thinking about the state of Massachusetts’ economy, would you rate Massachusetts’ economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021	March 2021	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Excellent	7%	7%	7%	3%	4%	4%
Good	40%	36%	46%	39%	32%	36%
Fair	39%	38%	34%	45%	51%	46%
Poor	14%	19%	13%	13%	13%	15%

State of Own Economic Situation (N=700)

Thinking about your own economic situation, would you rate your own economic situation as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021
Excellent	8%	8%	9%
Good	36%	34%	38%
Fair	40%	41%	35%
Poor	17%	17%	18%

Nation Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=700)

Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021	March 2021	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Right Direction	21%	18%	31%	31%	24%	15%
Wrong Track	66%	67%	52%	51%	71%	75%
Not Sure	12%	15%	17%	18%	5%	10%

MA Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=700)

Do you think things in Massachusetts are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021	March 2021	Oct. 2020	Aug. 2020
Right Direction	45%	40%	50%	47%	49%	53%
Wrong Track	36%	38%	30%	30%	32%	28%
Not Sure	19%	22%	20%	23%	19%	19%

Massachusetts Move (N=695)

In the past year have you contemplated moving from Massachusetts to another state?

Yes	35%
No	65%

Approval (N=700)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job?

	Oct. 2022			June 2022			Nov. 2021			March 2021			Oct. 2020		
	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure
Governor Charlie Baker	68%	26%	6%	60%	30%	10%	56%	37%	7%	52%	39%	10%	68%	29%	3%
Senator Edward Markey	53%	35%	11%	49%	32%	19%	54%	30%	15%	53%	30%	17%	63%	30%	6%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	54%	39%	7%	52%	37%	11%	54%	37%	9%	55%	34%	11%	60%	36%	4%
Mass State Legislature	54%	34%	12%	50%	33%	17%	50%	34%	17%	51%	31%	17%	60%	31%	9%
U.S. Supreme Court	33%	60%	7%	N/A											

Concern (N=700)

How concerned are you about . . .

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not Concerned At All	Don't Know
Democratic party control of both the Massachusetts State Legislature and the Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts?	33%	14%	16%	32%	5%
a rise in the number of Covid-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths this winter?	23%	37%	22%	14%	3%
an increase in your heating bill this winter?	56%	28%	9%	4%	3%
an increase in your taxes in the coming year?	40%	26%	22%	9%	4%
an increase in crime in the coming year?	34%	31%	22%	9%	3%

Policies (N=700)

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
ending the state’s ban on “happy hour” promotions for bars and restaurants?	25%	22%	30%	10%	13%
Border state governors sending undocumented immigrants, some of which are asylum seekers, to sanctuary cities and states in the Northeast without notice?	16%	9%	17%	10%	47%
replacing the state’s seal and flag, which shows a colonist’s arm brandishing a sword above an image of a Native American?	23%	12%	25%	10%	30%
allowing private colleges and universities to consider an applicant’s race or ethnicity, alongside factors such as high school grades, standardized test scores, and letters of recommendation, when evaluating applicants for admission?	14%	17%	18%	14%	37%
the federal government taking temporary control of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)?	14%	18%	38%	15%	15%
moving the state’s capital from Boston to Springfield?	3%	6%	23%	15%	52%
the governor of Massachusetts pardoning any individual who has been convicted of the possession of marijuana under state law?	49%	20%	16%	9%	6%

Baker Issue Performance (N=1,000)

Thinking back on Governor Baker’s two terms as the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, how well would you say that Governor Baker has handled...

	Oct. 2022					June 2022					Nov. 2021				
	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	Don't Know	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	Don't Know	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	Don't Know
the economy	20%	45%	16%	10%	9%	14%	46%	19%	11%	10%	15%	44%	16%	12%	13%
the environment	15%	42%	20%	9%	14%	12%	38%	22%	10%	18%	12%	35%	19%	13%	22%
education	17%	40%	21%	10%	12%	15%	42%	20%	10%	13%	14%	37%	20%	13%	17%
taxes	17%	41%	19%	12%	10%	8%	38%	24%	16%	14%	11%	34%	23%	16%	16%
transportation and transit	9%	25%	32%	25%	9%	10%	37%	26%	15%	12%	13%	31%	22%	19%	15%
housing	10%	32%	30%	16%	11%	8%	32%	29%	16%	16%	10%	26%	29%	18%	17%
the Covid-19 pandemic	35%	36%	13%	11%	5%	27%	41%	14%	11%	6%	N/A				

Baker Representation (N=700)

Thinking back on Governor Baker’s two terms as the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, how well would you say that Governor Baker has represented the following groups ...

	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	Don’t Know
Women	21%	42%	13%	8%	16%
Democrats	21%	44%	16%	7%	13%
Republicans	21%	34%	18%	12%	14%
The Middle Class	16%	41%	20%	12%	11%
The Working Class	16%	35%	25%	13%	10%
Small Business Owners	19%	41%	14%	11%	15%
People of Color	18%	37%	17%	11%	18%

Baker Better/Worse Off (N=700)

Charlie Baker became Governor of Massachusetts in 2015. Thinking back on Governor Baker’s time in office, would you say that Massachusetts is better or worse off than it was before?

	Oct. 2022	June 2022	Nov. 2021
Better Off Than Before	32%	26%	25%
About the Same	39%	47%	44%
Worse Off Than Before	19%	17%	17%
Not Sure	9%	11%	14%

Baker/GOP Similarity (N=700)

When it comes to the positions they hold on important issues, would you say that Governor Charlie Baker and the Republican Party are very similar, mostly similar, mostly different, or very different?

	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2018
Very Similar	3%	6%
Mostly Similar	24%	32%
Mostly Different	38%	41%
Very Different	19%	11%
Not Sure	16%	9%

MBTA Fault (N=505)

Only shown to respondents who live in: Please only ask of respondents who live in: Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Bristol, Worcester, and Essex Counties. Please randomize rows.

In the past year, the MBTA has experienced a number of safety problems that led to the temporary closure of the Orange and Green lines. Who do you believe is most responsible for the MBTA’s safety issues?

	Oct. 2022
Governor Charlie Baker	11%
Massachusetts State Legislature	13%
Boston Mayor Michelle Wu	3%
MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak	48%
Don't Know	25%