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University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB
June 2022 Massachusetts Poll

Field Dates:	June 15 – June 21 , 2022
Sample:	1,000 Respondents
Margin of Error:	3.5%

YouGov interviewed 1131 Massachusetts respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1000 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

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, and years of education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, own/rent, gender, age, race, and education to produce the final weight.

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State of the National Economy (N=1,000)

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

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

State of the Massachusetts Economy (N=1,000)

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

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

State of Own Economic Situation (N=1,000)

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

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

Nation Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=750)

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?

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

MA Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=750)

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?

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

Most Important Issue (N=1,000)

In a word or two, what do you think is the most important issue facing Massachusetts?

Approval (N=1,000)

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

	June 2022			Nov. 2021			March 2021			Oct. 2020		
	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure
Governor Charlie Baker	60%	30%	10%	56%	37%	7%	52%	39%	10%	68%	29%	3%
Senator Edward Markey	49%	32%	19%	54%	30%	15%	53%	30%	17%	63%	30%	6%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	52%	37%	11%	54%	37%	9%	55%	34%	11%	60%	36%	4%
Mass State Legislature	50%	33%	17%	50%	34%	17%	51%	31%	17%	60%	31%	9%
Attorney General Maura Healey	46%	29%	24%	48%	28%	24%	N/A			59%	26%	15%

Ideology (N=1,000)

How would you rate each of the following individuals and groups?

	June 2022				Nov. 2021			
	Liberal	Middle of the Road	Conservative	Not Sure	Liberal	Middle of the Road	Conservative	Not Sure
Governor Charlie Baker	23%	34%	32%	12%	25%	33%	30%	12%
Senator Edward Markey	62%	11%	7%	20%	70%	9%	3%	18%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	76%	6%	7%	11%	78%	8%	5%	10%
Attorney General Maura Healey	54%	13%	8%	25%	52%	15%	4%	29%
Former State Representative Geoff Diehl	8%	11%	38%	43%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts State Legislature	59%	17%	8%	16%	58%	19%	5%	19%

Mask Mandate (N=1,000)

Do you support reinstating the requirement that residents of the state must wear masks or face coverings when in public?

Strongly Support	18%
Somewhat Support	19%
Neither Support nor Oppose	20%
Somewhat Oppose	13%
Strongly Oppose	27%
Don't Know	3%

Same Sex Marriage (N=1,000)

Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

Favor	82%
Oppose	18%

Sports Gambling (N=1,000)

Do you support or oppose the legalization of sports gambling in Massachusetts?

Strongly Support	19%
Somewhat Support	23%
Neither Support nor Oppose	33%
Somewhat Oppose	14%
Strongly Oppose	11%

Sports Gambling Intentions(N=999)

If a bill to legalize sports gambling is passed in Massachusetts, do you plan on placing a monetary wager on any of the following sports?

	Yes, Definitely	Yes, Probably	No, Probably	No, Definitely
National Basketball Association (NBA)	10%	11%	17%	61%
Major League Baseball (MLB)	10%	10%	19%	61%
National Hockey League (NHL)	9%	9%	19%	64%
National Football League (NFL)	13%	13%	15%	58%
College Football	8%	8%	17%	67%
College Basketball	8%	9%	17%	66%
Professional Boxing	9%	9%	16%	67%
Professional Horse Racing	9%	11%	17%	63%
Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)	9%	8%	14%	69%

Legislative Policies (N=1,000)

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
ending the use of Native American names, symbols, or images to serve as high school, college, or university mascots or team names in Massachusetts?	24%	15%	23%	14%	24%
replacing the state's seal and flag which shows a colonist's arm brandishing a sword above an image of a Native American?	25%	15%	24%	10%	26%
the construction of a high-speed rail (train) service between Springfield and Boston?	37%	25%	26%	6%	5%
a bill that would temporarily suspend the state's 24 cent per gallon tax on gasoline through Labor Day?	51%	20%	16%	6%	6%
a bill that would provide free breakfast and lunch for ALL K-12 students in the state's public schools?	53%	20%	12%	7%	8%
a bill that would allow undocumented immigrants to be eligible for driver's licences in the state?	24%	16%	14%	12%	34%
a bill that would allow estates valued at less than \$2 million dollars to be transferred from a deceased resident to their heir(s) tax-free? At present, estates valued at less than \$1 million dollars can be transferred from a deceased resident to their heir(s) tax free.	35%	22%	24%	11%	9%
a bill that would allow victims of gun violence to bring civil lawsuits against firearm and ammunition manufacturers, sellers, and distributors when a firearm is used unlawfully in a crime?	42%	14%	13%	9%	23%

Juneteenth (N=1,000)

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
making Juneteenth (June 19 th) a state holiday.	39%	14%	20%	9%	17%
teaching the history and significance of Juneteenth in the state's K-12 public schools.	43%	17%	18%	8%	14%

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...

	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
the economy	14%	46%	19%	11%	10%	15%	44%	16%	12%	13%
the environment	12%	38%	22%	10%	18%	12%	35%	19%	13%	22%
race relations	14%	39%	21%	9%	18%	14%	35%	18%	14%	20%
education	15%	42%	20%	10%	13%	14%	37%	20%	13%	17%
taxes	8%	38%	24%	16%	14%	11%	34%	23%	16%	16%
transportation and transit	10%	37%	26%	15%	12%	13%	31%	22%	19%	15%
housing	8%	32%	29%	16%	16%	10%	26%	29%	18%	17%
the Covid-19 pandemic	27%	41%	14%	11%	6%	N/A				

Baker Expectations (N=1,000)

Has Governor Baker exceeded, met, or fallen short of your expectations during his term as Governor?

	June 2022	Nov. 2021
Exceeded Expectations	14%	12%
Met Expectations	55%	54%
Fallen Short of Expectations	31%	34%

Baker Better/Worse Off (N=1,000)

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?

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

Election Day Change (N=1,000)

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following...

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Making Election Day a state holiday.	49%	22%	11%	12%	8%
Making the option of voting by mail a permanent option available to all registered voters.	47%	16%	8%	23%	5%
Allowing people to register to vote and cast their ballot on Election Day.	40%	22%	11%	20%	7%
Allowing election officials to automatically mail absentee ballot applications to all voters.	36%	17%	10%	26%	10%
Allowing people to register to vote and cast their ballot on the same day during the early voting period.	40%	23%	10%	19%	9%

Primary Election Change (N=1,000)

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following change to primaries for state elections...

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Having a primary ballot that includes candidates from <u>all</u> parties, and the top two vote-getters advance to the general election, regardless of party.	22%	26%	14%	18%	20%
Having a party ballot where you can rank order your preferences for each of your party's candidates instead of selecting one candidate.	26%	25%	12%	21%	15%