State of the Commonwealth Toplines
November 2018 University of Massachusetts Amherst Post-Midterm Election Poll of Registered Voters

Field Dates: November 7 - November 14, 2018
Sample: 750 Registered Voters in Massachusetts
Margin of Error: 4.1% for Registered Voters

YouGov interviewed 796 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 750 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 Massachusetts portion of the 2016 Current Population Survey (CPS) 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, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

All figures presented in this document are for registered adults.

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**State of the Economy (N=750)**

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

- Excellent: 19%
- Good: 49%
- Fair: 28%
- Poor: 5%

**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?

- Right Direction: 32%
- Wrong Track: 68%

**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?

- Right Direction: 68%
- Wrong Track: 32%
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Note: Results only for those that report using service in question. Option #4 (“the T”) shown only to respondents who live in: Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Bristol, Worcester, and Essex Counties.

How would you rate the quality of the following forms of public transportation in the state?

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Excellent</th>
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<tr>
<td>Buses (N=517)</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Amtrak (N=475)</td>
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<td>Commuter Rail</td>
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<td>The “T” (N=448)</td>
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Immigration Policies

Do you support or oppose the following proposals?

A bill that would prevent state and local police from participating in U.S. Immigration and Customs (ICE) investigations or raids. (N=743)

- Strongly Support: 26%
- Somewhat Support: 13%
- Neither Support nor Oppose: 23%
- Somewhat Oppose: 7%
- Strongly Oppose: 31%

A bill that would prevent children born in the United States to parents of non-citizens or unauthorized immigrants from automatically being given U.S. citizenship. (N=745)

- Strongly Support: 24%
- Somewhat Support: 10%
- Neither Support nor Oppose: 12%
- Somewhat Oppose: 9%
- Strongly Oppose: 45%
Most Important MA Problem

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