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Massachusetts Statewide Poll
Survey of 504 Registered Voters
Field Dates: January 18-20, 2022

IF UNENROLLED / OTHER ASK PRIMARY CHOICE AND FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. OTHERWISE SKIP TO CANDIDATE FAVORABLES.

If you were to vote in the September primary, which Massachusetts primary are you more likely to vote in—the Democratic primary or the Republican primary? Or have you not yet made up your mind?

Democratic	38%
Republican	21%
Won't vote in either	9%
Don't Know / Refused	32%

ASK IF DON'T KNOW WHICH PRIMARY. OTHERWISE, SKIP.

Which primary are you leaning toward voting in as of now? **READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS 1 AND 2. IF RESPONDENT SAYS 50/50, OR EVEN CHANCE, MARK AS "3" (DON'T KNOW).**

Democratic	29%
Republican	13%
Don't Know / Refused	57%

ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE IN DEM PRIMARY. OTHERWISE, SKIP.

Would you say you are sure you will vote in the Democratic primary, or is it possible you will change your mind and vote in the Republican primary?

Sure I will vote in Democratic primary	79%
Might change mind, vote in Republican primary	14%
May not vote at all (not read)	2%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE IN REP PRIMARY. OTHERWISE, SKIP.

Would you say you are sure you will vote in the Republican primary, or is it possible you will change your mind and vote in the Democratic primary?

Sure I will vote in Republican primary	80%
Might change mind, vote in Democratic primary	12%
May not vote at all (not read)	2%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

I'm going to read you the names of several people or groups who are active in public affairs. After I read each one, please tell me if you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable view of the person. If you have never heard of the person or if you are undecided, please just say so. **READ FIRST NAME.** How about **READ NEXT NAME?**

REPEAT QUESTION TEXT ONLY IF NECESSARY, PROBE IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DON'T KNOW."

Have you heard of **READ NAME** and are undecided about (him/her)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her)?

ROTATE ORDER	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Marty Walsh	46%	23%	16%	14%	1%
Maura Healey	44%	19%	17%	20%	1%
Danielle Allen	5%	4%	15%	76%	1%
Sonia Chang-Díaz	20%	9%	20%	51%	1%
Charlie Baker	60%	23%	12%	3%	1%
Andrea Campbell	17%	6%	20%	57%	1%
Geoff Diehl	14%	16%	18%	51%	1%
Chris Dougherty	3%	4%	19%	73%	1%

Results for the Democratic primary questions that follow (governor, attorney general, auditor, lieutenant governor) are among likely Democratic primary voters, based on voter registration (Democrats and unenrolleds), self-reported vote likelihood and primary choice, and history of voting in past Democratic primary elections. N=310.

For the next few questions, assume you decided to vote in the Democratic primary in September.

If the candidates in the Democratic primary for governor were **READ AND ROTATE ORDER**, for whom would you vote?

Attorney General Maura Healey	48%
State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz	12%
Danielle Allen	3%
Some other candidate (not read)	4%
Would not vote (not read)	4%
Don't Know / Refused	30%

If the candidates in the Democratic primary for governor were **READ AND ROTATE ORDER**, for whom would you vote?

Attorney General Maura Healey	31%
State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz	8%
Danielle Allen	2%
Former Boston Mayor Marty Walsh	32%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%
Would not vote (not read)	3%
Don't Know / Refused	22%

If the candidates in the Democratic primary for Attorney General were **READ AND ROTATE ORDER**, for whom would you vote?

Former Boston City Councilor Andrea Campbell	31%
Quentin Palfrey	2%
Shannon Liss-Riordan	3%
Some other candidate (not read)	2%
Would not vote (not read)	7%
Don't Know / Refused	54%

If the candidates in the Democratic primary for State Auditor were **READ AND ROTATE ORDER**, for whom would you vote?

Former Assistant Secretary of Transportation Chris Dempsey	12%
State Senator Diana DiZoglio	13%
Some other candidate (not read)	4%
Would not vote (not read)	7%
Don't Know / Refused	64%

If the candidates in the Democratic primary for Lieutenant Governor were **READ AND ROTATE ORDER**, for whom would you vote?

State Representative Tami Gouveia	5%
State Senator Eric Lesser	5%
State Senator Adam Hinds	5%
Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll	10%
Some other candidate (not read)	4%
Would not vote (not read)	6%
Don't Know / Refused	64%

Do you think the next governor should be **READ AND ROTATE FIRST TWO** or about the same?

More liberal than Charlie Baker	26%
More conservative than Charlie Baker	23%
About the same as Charlie Baker	45%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

If Governor Charlie Baker were to endorse a Democratic candidate running for statewide office, would that make you more likely to support that candidate or less likely to support that candidate?

More likely to support	42%
Less likely to support	29%
No difference DO NOT READ	18%
Don't Know / Refused	11%

When thinking about your vote for statewide offices, whose endorsement would make you more likely to support a candidate, Charlie Baker or Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez?

Charlie Baker	49%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	21%
Neither	20%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Do you support using federal stimulus money to help school districts offer one-on-one or small group tutoring at least three days a week for students who fell behind due to the coronavirus pandemic?

Strongly support	55%
Somewhat support	25%
Somewhat oppose	4%
Strongly oppose	9%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

The Massachusetts legislature is considering changing the law to let local governments pursue rent control policies. Under rent control, local governments set limits on the rents or rent increases for privately owned housing in their city or town. Would you support or oppose allowing local governments to set limits on rent or rent increases for privately owned housing?

Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	35%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Some high schools in Massachusetts have so-called "early college" programs that help high school students take college courses while still in high school. Credits from these courses help students save time and money in getting 2- or 4-year college degrees. Would you support increased public funding to expand these programs into many more schools?

Strongly support	67%
Somewhat support	17%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	6%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

National studies have ranked Massachusetts public schools among the most racially segregated in the country. Would you support or oppose state leaders doing more to integrate public schools?

Strongly support	51%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	13%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Demographics

Party Registration

Democrat	32%
Republican	10%
Unenrolled	58%

Race

White / Caucasian	78%
All others	18%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Age

18 to 29	18%
30 to 44	23%
45 to 59	26%
60+	32%

Gender

Men	47%
Women	53%

Education

High School or less	32%
Some college, no degree	23%
College graduate (BA/BS)	25%
Advanced degree	18%
Don't know / Refused	2%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 504 Massachusetts registered voters. Interviews were conducted January 18-20, 2022 by live telephone interviews via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. Results were weighted to known and estimated population parameters for registered voters on gender, age, race, education, geography, and party registration. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 4.4 percentage points with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by Policy For Progress, a project of ERNA.