

**WBUR Poll**  
**Massachusetts 2018 General Election**  
**Survey of 506 Likely Voters**  
**Field Dates: September 17-21, 2018**

*Some questions held for later release.*

**Now I would like to ask you about several questions that will be on the ballot this November.**

There will be a measure on the November ballot dealing with nurse staffing levels. A “yes” vote would limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health care facilities. A “no” vote would make no change in the current laws regarding patient-to-nurse limits. If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no? **REREAD FULL DESCRIPTION OF YES AND NO VOTE, IF REQUESTED.**

**IF UNDECIDED:** How are you leaning as of today?

Yes	44%
No	44%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	12%
Refused (not read)	<1%

There will be a measure on the November ballot dealing with money in elections. A “yes” vote would create a citizens commission to advance an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the influence of money in elections and establish that corporations do not have the same rights as human beings. A “no” vote would not create this commission. If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no? **REREAD FULL DESCRIPTION OF YES AND NO VOTE, IF REQUESTED.**

**IF UNDECIDED:** How are you leaning as of today?

Yes	66%
No	24%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	9%
Refused (not read)	<1%

There will be a measure on the November ballot asking voters to approve a 2016 state law dealing with public accommodations for transgender people. A “yes” vote would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation. A “no” vote would repeal this provision of the public accommodation law. If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no? **REREAD FULL DESCRIPTION OF YES AND NO VOTE, IF REQUESTED.**

**IF UNDECIDED:** How are you leaning as of today?

Yes	71%
No	21%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	8%
Refused (not read)	<1%

Just to be clear, do you think transgender people should be allowed to use public accommodations consistent with their gender identities, or not?

Yes they should	68%
No they should not	21%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	10%

## Demographics

### Race

White / Caucasian	80%
All others	17%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

### Age

18 to 29	12%
30 to 44	25%
45 to 59	30%
60+	33%

### Gender

Male	47%
Female	53%

### Party Registration

Democrat	35%
Republican	12%
Independent / Unenrolled	53%

### Education

High School or less	18%
Some college, no degree	29%
College graduate (BA/BS)	32%
Advanced degree	21%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

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## About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 506 likely voters in the November 2018 general election in Massachusetts. Live telephone interviews were conducted September 17-21, 2018 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error is 4.4 percentage points with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.