

2013 Boston Mayoral Preliminary Election Poll
 Topline Results
 Survey of 487 Likely Voters
 Field Dates: September 14-16, 2013

In your opinion, what is the biggest problem facing the city of Boston today? *Open ended.*

Education	24%
Crime	22%
The economy/ jobs	17%
Cost of housing	5%
Taxes	5%
Traffic	3%
Public transportation (transit/trains/buses)	3%
Elected Officials	1%
Race Relations	1%
Health Care	<1%
Other	13%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

I'm going to read you the names of several people and 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)?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Thomas Menino	77%	12%	8%	2%	1%
Felix Arroyo	47%	13%	27%	12%	1%
John Barros	27%	13%	27%	32%	1%
Charles Clemons	6%	15%	29%	49%	1%
Dan Conley	42%	19%	30%	9%	1%
John Connolly	50%	16%	24%	10%	1%
Rob Consalvo	29%	13%	32%	25%	1%
Charlotte Golar Richie	38%	12%	25%	24%	1%
Mike Ross	38%	12%	28%	21%	1%
Bill Walczak	25%	14%	25%	35%	1%
Marty Walsh	41%	17%	29%	11%	<1%
David Wyatt	5%	14%	25%	54%	1%
Charles Yancey	23%	26%	28%	21%	1%

If the preliminary election for Boston Mayor were held today, for whom would you vote? If you would like, I can read you a list of candidates who will appear on the ballot. **ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES, IF RESPONDENT REQUESTS THEY BE READ. PROBE IF RESPONDENT PRONUNCIATION IS UNCLEAR BETWEEN CONNOLLY AND CONLEY.** Would that be John CONN-uh-lee or Dan CONN-lee?

Initial preference (without leaners)

Felix Arroyo	8%
John Barros	3%
Charles Clemons	<1%
Dan Conley	7%
John Connolly	12%
Rob Consalvo	5%
Charlotte Golar Richie	9%
Mike Ross	6%
Bill Walczak	4%
Marty Walsh	11%
David Wyatt	<1%
Charles Yancey	1%
Another candidate (not read)	1%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	28%
Refused (not read)	7%

Vote preference with leaners

Felix Arroyo	8%
John Barros	3%
Charles Clemons	<1%
Dan Conley	8%
John Connolly	15%
Rob Consalvo	5%
Charlotte Golar Richie	10%
Mike Ross	6%
Bill Walczak	4%
Marty Walsh	12%
David Wyatt	<1%
Charles Yancey	1%
Another candidate (not read)	1%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	19%
Refused (not read)	8%

Currently, there is a proposal to locate a casino on the grounds of the Suffolk Downs racetrack in East Boston. There will be a vote on the proposed development in the next 2 months or so. Do you think **READ FIRST OPTION?** OR Do you think **READ NEXT OPTION?** *Order rotated.*

All residents of the city of Boston should be able to vote on this issue	70%
Just residents of East Boston should be able to vote on this issue	26%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

I'm going to read you the wording of this measure, as it would appear on the ballot: "Shall the city of Boston permit the operation of a gaming establishment licensed by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to be located at Suffolk Downs?" If the election for this measure were held today, do you think you would vote yes or no? **IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE:** As of today, which way are you leaning?

Yes	47%
No	44%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

I would now like to ask you about another topic.

Students are often graded on the quality of their work using the letters A, B, C, D, and F. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in Boston?

A	4%
B	26%
C	38%
D	14%
F	5%
Don't Know / Refused	12%

I would like to ask you about charter schools. Should the limit on the number of students who can attend charter schools in Boston be kept in place as it is today OR should the limit be raised so more students from Boston can attend charter schools?

Limit should be kept in place	22%
Increased, so more students can attend	61%
Decreased (not read)	2%
Don't Know / Refused	15%

I would now like to ask you about another topic.

Do you believe that Boston would be best served by a mayor who will lead in a direction similar to Mayor Thomas Menino, or a mayor who will lead the city in a different direction? *Order rotated.*

Similar direction to current Mayor Thomas Menino	53%
Lead the city in a different direction	34%
Don't Know / Refused	12%

During Mayor Menino's 20 years in office, did each of the following get better, worse, or stay about the same?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Got Better	Got Worse	Stayed the Same	Don't Know / Refused
The quality of the environment and availability of open space	63%	9%	22%	6%
The roads and the traffic situation	33%	35%	26%	6%
The availability of good-paying jobs	33%	25%	31%	11%
K through 12 education	39%	15%	30%	17%
The availability of housing that is affordable	37%	35%	21%	7%
Race relations	60%	8%	25%	6%
Public transit	38%	19%	37%	6%

Demographics

Race

White / Caucasian	61%
African-American / Black	20%
Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican etc)	9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3%
Mixed	2%
Other	1%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Age

18 to 29	12%
30 to 44	28%
45 to 59	33%
60+	27%

Gender

Male	46%
Female	54%

Education

High School or less	19%
Some college, no degree	18%
College graduate (BA/BS)	31%
Advanced degree	32%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

School-age children in household?

Yes	26%
No	73%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Member of household in labor union?

Yes	20%
No	78%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 487 likely voters in the September 2013 preliminary election for Mayor in Boston, Massachusetts. The poll was conducted September 14-16, 2013. Live telephone interviews were conducted via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 4.4 percent with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.