

**WBUR Poll  
Massachusetts 2016 General Election  
Survey of 506 Likely Voters  
Field Dates September 7-10, 2016**

There will also be a measure on the November ballot dealing with gaming. A “yes” vote would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines. A “no” vote would make no change in the current laws regarding gaming. If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no?

*If undecided, ask...How are you leaning as of today?*

Yes	37%
No	52%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	11%
Refused (not read)	<1%

There will also be a measure on the November ballot dealing with charter schools. A “yes” vote would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. A “no” vote would make no change in the current laws regarding charter schools. If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no?

*If undecided, ask...How are you leaning as of today?*

Yes	41%
No	48%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	11%
Refused (not read)	0%

There will also be a measure on the November ballot dealing with Massachusetts farm animals. A “yes” vote would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely. A “no” vote would make no change in the current laws regarding farm animals. If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no?

*If undecided, ask...How are you leaning as of today?*

Yes	66%
No	25%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	9%
Refused (not read)	<1%

There will also be a measure on the November ballot dealing with marijuana. A “yes” vote " would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products." A “no” vote would make no change in the current laws regarding marijuana. If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no?

*If undecided, ask...How are you leaning as of today?*

Yes	50%
No	45%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	5%
Refused (not read)	0%

Do you think using marijuana is morally wrong or not?

Yes, it is wrong	14%
No, it is not morally wrong	80%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	6%

Do you think people using marijuana would present public safety hazards, or not?

Yes it is a hazard	48%
No, it is not a hazard	43%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	9%

Do you think people using marijuana makes it more likely they will try other drugs, or not?

Yes it does	43%
No, it does not	50%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	7%

Which of the following substances would you say is the MOST harmful to a person's overall health?

Tobacco	42%
Alcohol	19%
Marijuana	4%
Sugar	13%
All, none, combo, depends (do not read)	20%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	2%

Do you think charter schools drain money from other public schools, or not?

Yes they do	46%
No they do not	38%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	15%

Do you think the quality of education at charter schools is mostly better, worse, or about the same when compared to other public schools?

Better	39%
Worse	6%
About the same	39%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	15%

## Demographics

### Party Registration

Democrat	35%
Republican	12%
Unenrolled	53%

### Race

White / Caucasian	83%
All others	14%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

### Age

18 to 29	15%
30 to 44	23%
45 to 59	32%
60+	30%

### Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

### Education

High School or less	18%
Some college, no degree	27%
College graduate (BA/BS)	31%
Advanced degree	22%
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 2016 General Election in Massachusetts. Live telephone interviews were conducted September 7-10, 2016 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.