

WBUR Poll
Survey of 504 Registered Voters in Massachusetts
Field Dates: January 5-7, 2018

Overall, do you think things in Massachusetts are headed in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

Right Direction	73%
Wrong Track	19%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

I'm going to read you the names of several people and organizations 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 them 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/it)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her/it)?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Donald Trump	28%	64%	7%	<1%	1%
Charlie Baker	66%	17%	12%	4%	1%
Elizabeth Warren	54%	38%	7%	1%	<1%
Maura Healey	40%	17%	17%	25%	<1%
<i>Asked to ½: Geoff Diehl</i>	9%	2%	9%	80%	0%
<i>Asked to ½: Shiva Ayyadurai</i>	3%	2%	9%	85%	<1%
<i>Asked to ½: Beth Lindstrom</i>	6%	1%	13%	80%	1%
<i>Asked to ½: Setti Warren</i>	11%	5%	15%	68%	1%
<i>Asked to ½: Bob Massie</i>	7%	7%	21%	65%	<1%
<i>Asked to ½: Jay Gonzalez</i>	12%	1%	14%	72%	<1%
<i>Asked to ½: John Kingston</i>	3%	2%	12%	82%	<1%

Now I'd like to ask you about another topic.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Charlie Baker is doing as Governor?

Approve	74%
Disapprove	13%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	13%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Charlie Baker is handling the situation with the MBTA?

Approve	45%
Disapprove	19%
Don't Know / Refused	37%

Do you think the MBTA is doing a better job handling the cold and snow this winter than previous winters, a worse job, or about the same?

Better	45%
Worse	3%
Same	30%
Don't Know / Refused	22%

As you may have heard, former Governor Mitt Romney is considering running for Senate in Utah. Do you think this is... *First two rotated.*

A good idea	54%
A bad idea	29%
Both / neither / depends (do not read)	6%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	11%

Now I'd like to ask you about another topic.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

Approve	29%
Disapprove	65%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	5%

Do you think Donald Trump is fit to be president, or not?

Yes he is	33%
No he is not	62%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	5%

What one or two words best describes your impression of Donald Trump? Just one or two words that best describe him.



Do you think the ways Donald Trump's uses Twitter are appropriate or inappropriate, given his position?

Appropriate	13%
Inappropriate	80%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	6%

Do you think Donald Trump serving as President of the United States has been good or bad for **READ FIRST**, or has it not made much of a difference? How about for **READ NEXT? REPEAT QUESTION STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED.**

<i>Order rotated.</i>		Good	Bad	Not much difference	Combo / depends (not read)	Don't Know / Refused
The country as a whole	Jan 2017	31%	49%	10%	3%	6%
	Jan 2018	28%	59%	9%	1%	3%
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Jan 2017	20%	41%	27%	3%	10%
	Jan 2018	20%	40%	35%	<1%	5%
People like you	Jan 2017	28%	42%	22%	2%	6%
	Jan 2018	27%	47%	22%	1%	2%
Relations with other countries	Jan 2017	27%	57%	6%	3%	7%
	Jan 2018	23%	66%	7%	2%	2%
The US economy	Jan 2017	40%	37%	14%	3%	6%
	Jan 2018	43%	29%	20%	2%	5%
The environment	Jan 2017	17%	56%	18%	1%	7%
	Jan 2018	14%	61%	19%	1%	5%
Race relations	Jan 2017	22%	55%	14%	2%	7%
	Jan 2018	16%	65%	13%	2%	4%
Journalism and the media	Jan 2017	20%	56%	16%	3%	5%
	Jan 2018	20%	63%	9%	4%	4%

Wording from Jan 2017 WBUR poll: "Do you think Donald Trump serving as President of the United States will be good or bad for _____, or will it not make much of a difference?"

Now I'd like to ask you about another issue.

Do you support or oppose the tax law recently passed by Congress and signed into law? **PROBE:** And would you say your strongly support/oppose, or just somewhat?

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	39%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	16%

Do you think the new changes to the tax code will help the economy, hurt the economy, or not make much of a difference?

Help	34%
Hurt	37%
Not much difference	20%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	9%

Do you think the next tax law will mostly help **READ AND ROTATE**, or everyone about the same?

The upper class	64%
The middle class	10%
The lower class	1%
Everyone about the same	19%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	6%

Now that the new tax law is in place, do you think your federal taxes will **READ AND ROTATE**?

Go up	34%
Go down	23%
Stay about the same	33%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	10%

Additional questions withheld for future release.

Demographics

Race

White / Caucasian	81%
All others	17%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Age

18 to 29	17%
30 to 44	26%
45 to 59	29%
60+	28%

Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

Party Registration

Democrat	34%
Republican	11%
Independent / Unenrolled	55%

Education

High School or less	32%
Some college, no degree	22%
College graduate (BA/BS)	26%
Advanced degree	18%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 504 Massachusetts registered voters. Live telephone interviews were conducted January 5-7, 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.