

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

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

<b>ROTATE ORDER</b>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Charlie Baker	74%	14%	9%	2%	1%
Jay Gonzalez	20%	12%	22%	45%	<1%
Elizabeth Warren	54%	39%	6%	1%	<1%
Geoff Diehl	15%	14%	17%	54%	1%
Shiva Ayyadurai	3%	6%	10%	80%	<1%
Donald Trump	29%	64%	6%	<1%	1%

If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were **ROTATE CANDIDATES** Democrat Elizabeth Warren, Republican Geoff Diehl, and independent Shiva Ayyadurai, for whom would you vote?

*If undecided...* Even though you say you are undecided -- which way are you leaning as of today -- **READ AND ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES?**

<b>Initial preference</b>	Nov 17	Mar 18	May 18	Sep 18
Elizabeth Warren	58%	55%	54%	55%
Geoff Diehl	32%	20%	19%	28%
Shiva Ayyadurai	NA	9%	8%	3%
Would not vote (do not read)	NA	3%	2%	1%
Another candidate (do not read)	3%	1%	1%	1%
Refused (do not read)	<1%	0%	<1%	1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	7%	13%	15%	12%

  

<b>Vote preference with leaners</b>	Nov 17	Mar 18	May 18	Sep 18
Elizabeth Warren	NA	NA	NA	56%
Geoff Diehl				30%
Shiva Ayyadurai				5%
Would not vote (do not read)				1%
Another candidate (do not read)				1%
Refused (do not read)				1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)				6%

*Historical data from Nov 2017, Mar 2018, May 2018 WBUR polls of MA registered voters.*

If the election for Governor of Massachusetts were held today, and the candidates were **ROTATE CANDIDATES** Democrat Jay Gonzalez and Republican Charlie Baker, for whom would you vote?

*If undecided...* Even though you say you are undecided -- which way are you leaning as of today -- **READ AND ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES?**

	Nov 17	Mar 18	May 18	Sep 18
Jay Gonzalez	19%	21%	20%	22%
Charlie Baker	59%	60%	60%	66%
Would not vote (do not read)	NA	2%	1%	1%
Another candidate (do not read)	3%	2%	1%	1%
Refused (do not read)	1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)	18%	15%	19%	10%
<b>Vote preference with leaners</b>				
Jay Gonzalez	NA	NA	NA	24%
Charlie Baker				68%
Another candidate (do not read)				1%
Would not vote (do not read)				1%
Refused (do not read)				1%
Don't Know / Undecided (do not read)				6%

**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%

In your view, has **READ FIRST** been have been too critical of Donald Trump since he became president, not critical enough, or handled the situation appropriately?

<b>ROTATE ORDER</b>	Too critical	Not critical enough	Handled appropriately	Don't Know / Refused
Charlie Baker	10%	31%	46%	12%
Elizabeth Warren	36%	12%	45%	7%

In your view, does Governor Charlie Baker tend to take positions more similar to the Democratic Party or to the Republican Party?

Democratic party	34%
Republican party	29%
Both / neither / somewhere in the middle	21%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	16%

Charlie Baker endorsed the full Republican slate of statewide candidates in Massachusetts, including Senate candidate Geoff Diehl. Geoff Diehl was also Donald Trump's co-chair in 2016. Does hearing the Charlie Baker has endorsed Geoff Diehl make you **READ AND ROTATE FIRST 2 OPTIONS** or does it make no difference in your vote?

More likely to vote for Baker	13%
Less likely to vote for Baker	28%
Makes no difference	55%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	4%

In thinking about future energy needs, which of these energy sources do you think we should rely on more and which should we rely on less here in Massachusetts? **READ FIRST ITEM.** How about **READ NEXT?** **REPEAT QUESTION IF NECESSARY**

<b>ROTATE ORDER</b>	Date	Rely on more	Rely on less	Same amount (do not read)	Don't Know / Refused
Solar power	2018	84%	11%	2%	2%
	2015	84%	10%	5%	2%
	2011	88%	8%	1%	3%
Wind power	2018	80%	13%	3%	4%
	2015	77%	13%	6%	4%
	2011	87%	10%	1%	2%
Hydro-electric power	2018	67%	14%	6%	13%
	2015	62%	15%	8%	15%
	2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Natural gas	2018	42%	41%	10%	6%
	2015	50%	31%	14%	5%
	2011	66%	25%	6%	3%
Nuclear Power	2018	24%	61%	6%	8%
	2015	24%	58%	11%	7%
	2011	33%	58%	2%	7%
Oil	2018	16%	70%	10%	5%
	2015	14%	69%	14%	4%
	2011	15%	82%	1%	2%
Coal	2018	14%	78%	5%	3%
	2015	10%	76%	9%	5%
	2011	22%	71%	1%	6%

*Historical data from MPG 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011 Omnibus Poll, 2015 WBUR poll of MA registered voters.*

Now I'm going to mention some specific aspects of the infrastructure here in Massachusetts. Please rate the condition of each one using a scale of excellent, good, fair, or poor. First, **READ FIRST.** How about **READ NEXT?** **REPEAT QUESTION STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED.**

<b>ROTATE ORDER</b>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know / Refused
Roads in your neighborhood	5%	31%	34%	30%	1%
Highways and bridges	3%	23%	41%	32%	2%
The pipes carrying natural gas to homes and businesses	3%	16%	27%	41%	13%
The electric grid	8%	42%	33%	12%	6%
The MBTA system	1%	19%	32%	32%	16%
The water system	10%	46%	29%	11%	4%

Is the Massachusetts state government spending **READ AND ROTATE** on infrastructure projects like the ones we just discussed?

Too much	4%
Not enough	70%
The right amount	17%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	9%

## 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.