



## WBUR Poll Massachusetts 2018 General Election Survey of 502 Likely Voters Field Dates: October 25-28, 2018

## 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 HAVE NOT VOTED, ASK** If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no? **IF UNDECIDED:** How are you leaning as of today?

IF ALREADY VOTED...Did you vote yes or no on this measure?

	Sep 18	0ct 18
Yes	44%	31%
No	44%	58%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	12%	10%
Refused (not read)	<1%	<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 HAVE NOT VOTED, ASK** If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no? **IF UNDECIDED:** How are you leaning as of today?

IF ALREADY VOTED...Did you vote yes or no on this measure?

	Sep 18	Oct 18
Yes	66%	64%
No	24%	27%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	9%	9%
Refused (not read)	<1%	<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 HAVE NOT VOTED, ASK** If the election for this measure were held today, would you vote yes or no? **IF UNDECIDED:** How are you leaning as of today?

IF ALREADY VOTED...Did you vote yes or no on this measure?

	Sep 18	Oct 18
Yes	71%	68%
No	21%	26%
Don't Know / Undecided (not read)	8%	6%
Refused (not read)	<1%	<1%

## **Demographics**

Race		
	White / Caucasian All others Don't Know / Refused	80% 17% 3%
Age		
	18 to 29 30 to 44 45 to 59 60+	15% 24% 29% 33%
Gender		
	Male Female	47% 53%
Party Registration		
	Democrat Republican Independent / Unenrolled	35% 12% 53%
Education		
	High School or less	18%
	Some college, no degree College graduate (BA/BS)	29% 32%
	Advanced degree	21%
	Don't Know / Refused	1%

## About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 502 likely voters in the November 2018 general election in Massachusetts. Live telephone interviews were conducted October 25-28, 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.