

**WBUR Massachusetts Poll
Survey of 456 Massachusetts Democratic Primary Voters
Field Dates: October 16-20, 2019**

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 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)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her)?

ROTATE ORDER	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Elizabeth Warren	67%	18%	12%	2%	<1%
Joe Biden	59%	19%	21%	1%	<1%
Bernie Sanders	65%	18%	15%	2%	<1%
Joe Kennedy	60%	10%	23%	7%	1%
Ed Markey	48%	12%	25%	14%	<1%
Shannon Liss-Riordan	3%	4%	14%	78%	1%

If the March 2020 Democratic primary for President 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.**

IF UNDECIDED... Even though you say you are undecided -- which way are you leaning as of today? I can read you a list of candidates if you would like.

Michael Bennet	<1%
Joe Biden	18%
Cory Booker	<1%
Steve Bullock	0%
Pete Buttigieg	7%
Julian Castro	0%
John Delaney	1%
Tulsi Gabbard	2%
Kamala Harris	3%
Amy Klobuchar	1%
Wayne Messam	0%
Beto O'Rourke	<1%
Tim Ryan	<1%
Bernie Sanders	13%
Joe Sestak	0%
Tom Steyer	1%
Elizabeth Warren	33%
Marianne Williamson	<1%
Andrew Yang	1%
Some other candidate	2%
Would not vote	2%
Don't Know / Refused	15%

Do you believe that President Trump should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

Yes he should	76%
No he should not	16%
Don't Know / Refused	8%

Do you approve or disapprove of Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker's decision to impose a 4-month ban on the sale of vaping products, including e-cigarettes? **PROBE:** Do you strongly approve/disapprove of the ban, or just somewhat?

Strongly approve	49%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Don't Know / Refused	8%

Now I would like to ask you about another issue.

Do you currently have any form of health insurance or do you not have health insurance at this time **READ IF NECESSARY:** Health insurance would include any private insurance plan through your employer, a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid.

Yes, covered by health insurance	95%
No, not covered by health insurance	4%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Next three questions asked of those covered by insurance.

Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through a spouse or family member's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or through Massachusetts Health Connector, a MassHealth plan, or a plan through Medicare? **NOTE: RESPONSES OF "MEDICAID" SHOULD BE CODED AS MASSHEALTH.**

Plan through your employer or a family member's employer	59%
Plan you purchased from company or Massachusetts Health Connector	13%
MassHealth	9%
Medicare	16%
Something else (do not read)	2%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Overall, how satisfied are you with the health insurance you currently have?

Very satisfied	53%
Somewhat satisfied	37%
Not too satisfied	6%
Not at all satisfied	3%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

How well do you think the American health insurance system is working overall?

Very well	6%
Somewhat well	27%
Somewhat poorly	30%
Very poorly	34%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

In the last year, has the cost of care made you skip or delay medical treatment?

Yes it has	24%
No it has not	76%
Don't Know / Refused	0%

In the last year, has the cost of care made you skip or delay paying a medical bill?

Yes it has	20%
No it has not	80%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or not?

Yes it is	81%
No it is not	16%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Which of the following do you think is the best approach to health care in America?

Keep the current health care system under the Affordable Care Act	16%
Repeal the Affordable Care Act and go back to the way things were	6%
Move to a Medicare for all system with one national health plan	28%
Keep the current health care system but offer Medicare as a health plan for everyone who wants to buy it	44%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

Next, I'm going to read you some different health care proposals. For each one, please let me know if you favor or oppose it.

First, would you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare for all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan. **PROBE:** And would you say you strongly (favor / oppose) this plan, or just somewhat?

Strongly favor	36%
Somewhat favor	29%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	15%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Next set of questions asked of those who favored Medicare for All.

You said you would support a Medicare for all system. When thinking about a Medicare for all system, how important to you are each of the following potential impacts such a change would have? First, **READ FIRST.** How about **READ NEXT? REPEAT STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED.**

ROTATE ORDER	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't Know / Refused
Getting rid of private insurance companies	29%	41%	18%	8%	5%
Lowering health care costs	79%	15%	3%	2%	1%
Covering all Americans	95%	4%	1%	0%	<1%
Being able to get care without worrying about the cost	84%	13%	1%	1%	<1%

Would you favor or oppose creating a national government administered health plan similar to Medicare that would be open to anyone, but would allow people to keep the coverage they have if they prefer. This is sometimes called Medicare for all who want it. **PROBE:** And would you say you strongly (favor / oppose) this plan, or just somewhat?

Strongly favor	49%
Somewhat favor	35%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	5%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

Next set of questions asked of those who favored Medicare for All.

You said you would support a Medicare for all who want it system. When thinking about a Medicare for all who want it system, how important to you are each of the following potential impacts such a change would have?

ROTATE ORDER	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't Know / Refused
Testing the expansion of Medicare	44%	42%	3%	3%	7%
Lowering health care costs	83%	14%	2%	<1%	1%
Covering more Americans who are now uninsured	88%	10%	0%	1%	<1%
A health system change that is acceptable to more people	71%	25%	2%	1%	1%
Keeping private insurance companies as an option	33%	41%	19%	6%	<1%

There are tradeoffs to different health care systems. If it meant lowering healthcare costs, which of the following would you be most willing to do?

Have government set or cap prices	58%
Limit where you can go for care	8%
Limit your range of treatment options	5%
Wait longer for an appointment or care	12%
Don't Know / Refused	17%

Demographics

Race

White / Caucasian	80%
All others	18%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Age

18 to 29	16%
30 to 44	21%
45 to 59	29%
60+	34%

Gender

Male	42%
Female	57%
Other / refused	1%

Party Registration

Democrat	55%
Independent / Other	45%

Education

High School or less	28%
Some college, no degree	18%
College graduate (BA/BS)	28%
Advanced degree	26%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 456 likely voters in the Massachusetts Democratic Presidential Primary. Live telephone interviews were conducted October 16-20, 2018 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. The final data was weighted to known and estimated parameters on party registration, gender, age, race, county, and education. The margin of sampling error is 4.6 percentage points with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, a National Public Radio station in the Boston area.