

WBUR Poll
Massachusetts 2020 General Election
Survey of 501 Likely Voters
Field Dates August 6-9, 2020

Which one of the following best describes your work situation—employed full time, employed part time, or not currently employed?

Employed full time	50%
Employed part time	10%
Not currently employed	40%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

IF NOT EMPLOYED ASK

Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or temporarily unemployed?

A student	4%
A homemaker	5%
Retired	60%
Temporarily unemployed	27%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

I now want to ask you about life amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Before the pandemic began, which best described your work situation—employed full time, employed part time, or not employed?

Employed full time	56%
Employed part time	14%
Not employed	30%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

ASK NEXT TABLE AND FOLLOWING QUESTION RESPONDENT IS EMPLOYED OR WAS EMPLOYED.

How often have you worked from home during each of the following time periods?

ROTATE ORDER	Every workday	A few times a week	A few times a month	Less than once a month	Never	Unsure
Before the coronavirus shutdown	15%	13%	9%	8%	55%	0%
During the coronavirus shutdown	45%	9%	3%	3%	41%	<1%

If given the option, how often would you prefer to work from home after the shutdown ends? **READ AND ROTATE 1-5 TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP**, or is it not an option for your work?

Every work day	19%
A few times a week	20%
A few times a month	11%
Less than once a month	1%
Never	15%
Not an option for my work	33%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

How long could you sustain your current situation before experiencing significant financial hardship?

Already happening	13%
Less than two weeks	3%
Two weeks to a month	2%
One or two months	5%
Two to four months	7%
More than four months	61%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Demographics

Party Registration

Democrat	34%
Republican	11%
Unenrolled	55%

Race

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

Age

18 to 29	15%
30 to 44	22%
45 to 59	31%
60+	32%

Gender

Male	47%
Female	53%

Education

High School or less	18%
Some college, no degree	27%
College graduate (BA/BS)	31%
Advanced degree	23%
Don't know / refused	1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 501 likely voters in the 2020 General Election in Massachusetts. Live telephone interviews were conducted August 6-9, 2016 via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. Results were weighted to known and estimate population parameters on age, gender, race, party, education, and region. 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.