

Toplines**University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB
February 2025 Massachusetts Poll**

Field Dates:	February 14 –20, 2025
Sample:	700 Respondents
Margin of Error:	4.8%

YouGov interviewed 733 Massachusetts (MA) respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 700 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of MA adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and home ownership. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on home ownership, 2020 and 2024 presidential vote choice as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (2-categories), and education (4-categories), and a two-way post-stratification on race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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Right to Shelter (N=700)

Do you support or oppose the “right to shelter” law that requires the state of Massachusetts to provide shelter, food, and basic necessities to homeless parents with children, pregnant women, and migrant families?

Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024	Feb. 2025	Oct. 2024	May 2024
Strongly Support			Somewhat Support			Neither			Somewhat Oppose			Strongly Oppose		
35%	38%	35%	26%	19%	26%	15%	17%	17%	13%	8%	8%	11%	17%	14%

Migrant Policies (N=700)

In response to the growth in the number of migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees coming to the state, do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Conducting full criminal background checks on all adults residing in the state's shelter system?	55%	21%	14%	6%	5%
Limiting the capacity of the state shelter system to a maximum of 4,000 families?	25%	21%	32%	10%	11%
Increasing funding for on-site security to prevent criminal activity in shelters?	32%	36%	17%	8%	6%
Limiting the maximum time that individuals can reside in the state's shelter system to six months?	30%	21%	25%	14%	9%
Requiring that new residents in the shelter system prove that they have resided in the state for at least three months prior to being approved for placement in emergency assistance shelter?	26%	25%	27%	11%	11%
Increasing funding for English as second language instruction in the state's shelter system?	29%	35%	18%	6%	12%

Responsible for Migrant Crisis (N=700)

According to state officials, over 20,000 people that include homeless families with children, pregnant women, and migrants are currently housed in the state's shelter network. It reportedly costs the state an estimated \$45 million per month to provide this emergency shelter. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation? (Oct. 2023)

According to state officials, over 23,000 people, including homeless families with children, pregnant women, and migrants, are currently housed in the state's shelter network. It reportedly costs the state an estimated \$77 million per month to provide this emergency shelter. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation? (May 2024)

According to state officials, over six thousand families are currently housed in the state's shelter network, costing the state an estimated \$83 million per month to provide this emergency shelter. Who do you believe is most responsible for this situation? (February 2025)

	Feb. 2025	May 2024	Oct. 2023
President Donald Trump	13%	N/A	N/A
Former President Joe Biden	18%	27%	29%
Congressional Republicans	11%	29%	24%
Congressional Democrats	6%	5%	6%
Governor Maura Healey	20%	9%	5%
Migrants	15%	13%	13%
Massachusetts State Legislature	17%	18%	24%

Migrant Policy Impact (N=700)

In response to the influx of migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees to the state, Massachusetts made changes to the state's right-to-shelter law, **limiting** both the number of families allowed in the state's shelter system and the length of time individuals can stay in the shelter system. From the following, please indicate whether you believe that these changes have made the situation better or worse for the state's. . .

	Definitely Better	Probably Better	Probably Worse	Definitely Worse	Don't Know
Taxpayers?	13%	27%	19%	22%	19%
Migrants?	6%	16%	29%	30%	20%
Health Care Providers?	8%	28%	27%	14%	23%
Public Schools?	10%	26%	25%	15%	24%
State and Local Police?	8%	26%	27%	15%	24%

Immigration Policies

Recently, there has been a lot of debate about the nation's immigration policies. Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Allowing refugees and asylum seekers the ability to live and work in the United States for a temporary, but extendable, period of time?	30%	30%	17%	9%	14%
Deporting the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants out of the United States?	25%	16%	17%	15%	27%
Using the U.S. Military and National Guard to enforce federal immigration law?	26%	14%	15%	15%	30%
Allowing immigrants who are living in the United States illegally to become citizens if they meet citizenship requirements and commit no crimes?	37%	27%	13%	10%	13%
Local or State Police assisting the federal government in the deportation of undocumented immigrants living in Massachusetts?	28%	15%	16%	13%	28%

Citizenship Policies (N=700)

Do you support or oppose . . .

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
revoking the citizenship of children born in the United States if their parents are in the country illegally?	20%	12%	14%	12%	43%
revoking the citizenship of children born in the United States if their parents are in the nation legally under a temporary student, work, or tourist visa?	10%	9%	16%	19%	46%

Demographic Breakdown of February 2025 University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB Poll (N=700)

White	75%
People of Color	25%
HS or less	31%
Some Coll.	16%
Coll. Deg.	33%
Postgrad	21%
18-29	21%
30-54	39%
>55	41%
Liberal	38%
Moderate	39%
Conservative	22%
Men	48%
Women	52%
Harris	67%
Trump	33%
Registered Democrat	38%
Registered Independent	40%
Registered Republican	14%

