# UMassAmherst UMass Poll

# **Toplines** University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB Poll of Massachusetts November 2021 Poll

**Field Dates:** November 9 – November 16, 2021

750 Residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Sample:

**Margin of Error:** 4.3%

YouGov interviewed 773 respondents in Massachusetts who were then matched down to a sample of 750 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

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, and years of education. 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 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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# **State of the National Economy (N=750)**

Thinking about the state of our <u>national</u> economy, would you rate the nation's economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Nov.	March	Oct.	Aug.
	2021	2021	2020	2020
Excellent	3%	1%	4%	2%
Good	29%	19%	19%	19%
Fair	42%	55%	38%	40%
Poor	27%	24%	38%	39%

# **State of the Massachusetts Economy (N=750)**

Thinking about the state of <u>Massachusetts'</u> economy, would you rate Massachusetts' economy as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Nov.	March	Oct.	Aug.
	2021	2021	2020	2020
Excellent	7%	3%	4%	4%
Good	46%	39%	32%	36%
Fair	34%	45%	51%	46%
Poor	13%	13%	13%	15%

# **State of Own Economic Situation (N=750)**

Thinking about your <u>own</u> economic situation, would you rate your <u>own</u> economic situation as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Nov
	2021
Excellent	9%
Good	38%
Fair	35%
Poor	18%

## Nation Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=750)

Do you think things in this <u>country</u> are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Nov.	March	Oct.	Aug.
	2021	2021	2020	2020
Right Direction	31%	31%	24%	15%
Wrong Track	52%	51%	71%	75%
Not Sure	17%	18%	5%	10%

# MA Right Direction/Wrong Track (N=750)

Do you think things in <u>Massachusetts</u> are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Nov.	March	Oct.	Aug.
	2021	2021	2020	2020
Right Direction	50%	47%	49%	53%
Wrong Track	30%	30%	32%	28%
Not Sure	20%	23%	19%	19%

# Approval (N=750)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job?

		Nov. 2021		March 2021		Oct. 2020		Aug. 2020				
	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure	App.	Disapp.	Not Sure
Governor Charlie Baker	56%	37%	7%	52%	39%	10%	68%	29%	3%	78%	20%	4%
Senator Edward Markey	54%	30%	15%	53%	30%	17%	63%	30%	6%	55%	30%	16%
Senator Elizabeth Warren	54%	37%	9%	55%	34%	11%	60%	36%	4%	55%	40%	6%
Mass State Legislature	50%	34%	17%	51%	31%	17%	60%	31%	9%	57%	29%	14%
U.S. Congress	31%	58%	11%	33%	57%	10%	22%	72%	7%	23%	67%	10%
President Joe Biden	56%	41%	3%	61%	34%	5%	31%	68%	1%	31%	68%	1%
Attorney General Maura Healey	48%	28%	24%		N/A		59%	26%	15%		N/A	

# Ideology (N=750)

How would you rate each of the following individuals and groups?

Nov.

	2021 Middle No					
	Liberal	of the Road	Conservative	Sure		
Governor						
Charlie Baker	25%	33%	30%	12%		
Senator						
Edward Markey	70%	9%	3%	18%		
Senator						
Elizabeth Warren	78%	8%	5%	10%		
Attorney						
General						
Maura Healey	52%	15%	4%	29%		
Lieutenant Governor						
Karyn Polito	22%	20%	19%	39%		
Massachusetts						
State Legislature	58%	19%	5%	19%		

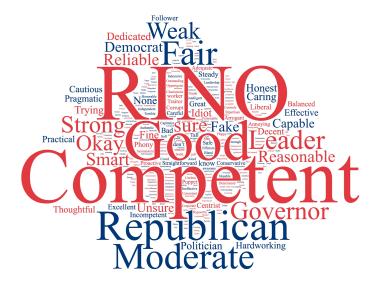
# Most Important Issue (N=750)

In a word or two, what do you think is the most important issue facing Massachusetts?



## Candidate words (N=750)

What one word would you use to describe Governor Charlie Baker?



# Pandemic Leadership (N=750)

Overall, how well do you think the following are doing at handling the coronavirus outbreak?

	March 2021					
	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	Don't Know	
Governor Charlie Baker	15%	45%	21%	16%	4%	
U.S. Congress Massachusetts State	5%	26%	31%	30%	8%	
Legislature	7%	45%	20%	14%	14%	
Your Local Government President Joe Biden	17% 36%	52% 28%	14% 11%	9% 20%	8% 5%	

			Nov. 2021		
	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	Don't Know
Governor Charlie Baker	26%	41%	14%	13%	7%
U.S. Congress	6%	30%	30%	25%	9%
Massachusetts State					
Legislature	15%	44%	14%	12%	14%
Your Local Government	26%	43%	15%	9%	8%
President Joe Biden	27%	32%	11%	28%	3%

## **Baker Issue Performance (N=750)**

Thinking back on Governor Baker's two terms as the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, how well would you say that Governor Baker has handled...

	Very	Somewhat	Not	Not	Don't
	Well	Well	Too	Well	Know
			Well	At	
				All	
The economy	15%	44%	16%	12%	13%
The environment	12%	35%	19%	13%	22%
Race Relations	14%	35%	18%	14%	20%
Education	14%	37%	20%	13%	17%
Taxes	11%	34%	23%	16%	16%
Transportation	13%	31%	22%	19%	15%
Housing	10%	26%	29%	18%	17%

## **Baker Expectations (N=750)**

Has Governor Baker exceeded, met, or fallen short of your expectations during his term as Governor?

Exceeded Expectations	12%
Met Expectations	54%
Fallen Short of Expectations	34%

## Baker Better/Worse Off (N=750)

Charlie Baker became Governor of Massachusetts in 2015. Thinking back on Governor Baker's time in office, would you say that Massachusetts is better or worse off than it was before?

Better Off Than Before	25%
About the Same	44%
Worse Off Than Before	17%
Not Sure	14%