

**Methodology:**

The survey was fielded on December 16 and 17, 2025. Potential respondents were selected from a database of Massachusetts residents aged 18 years or older using a stratified random sample method. Responses were collected via SMS messages that led to a web-based form. Each potential SMS survey respondent was texted a link containing a unique alphanumeric identifier code that allowed Opinion Diagnostics to detect and prevent attempts to submit duplicate or fraudulent survey responses; three such responses were discarded. Results were weighted using an iterative proportional fitting process to match the known gender, ethnicity, voter registration, age, educational attainment, and geographic attributes of this population. The weighting model was created using data sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2024 Public Use Microdata as well as data available from the Massachusetts Elections Division. The final sample size is n=584 residents aged 18 years or older, and the survey has a margin of error of ±4.1% with 95% confidence. This survey was commissioned by Pioneer Institute.

**Topline Results:**

*Some results may sum to greater or less than 100% due to rounding.*

1. Thank you for taking this public opinion poll of Massachusetts residents. It should take just a few minutes to complete. Are you currently a resident of Massachusetts?
  1. Yes **100%**
  2. No **[END SURVEY]**

2. To ensure we are reaching residents in all areas of Massachusetts, please provide your zip code.

*Based on zip code, Massachusetts geographic region:*

*Boston DMA, Counties North and East: **46.2%***

*Boston DMA, Counties South and West: **33.9%***

*Bristol County: **11.8%***

*Western Counties: **8.1%***

3. I'd like to start by asking you some questions about public policy in Massachusetts related to education.

How would you rate the overall quality of the public schools here in Massachusetts – not necessarily just your own local schools, but all public schools across the state?

1. 5 – Very high quality **15.5%**
  2. 4 **30.2%**
  3. 3 **28.8%**
  4. 2 **9.9%**
  5. 1 – Very poor quality **7.5%**
  6. Unsure **8.0%**
4. If a student is not succeeding within the traditional public school system in their city or town, should the families of those students have access to other educational choices, regardless of their income?
    1. Yes **78.0%**
    2. No **6.7%**
    3. Unsure **15.3%**

5. Many Massachusetts students attend vocational-technical high schools that focus on both academics and trades such as plumbing, carpentry, automotive, and life sciences. Currently, there is a long waitlist to attend these schools and many students who wish to attend never gain admission. Do you support expanding students' access to vocational-technical schools?
  1. Yes **95.6%**
  2. No **0.8%**
  3. Unsure **3.6%**
  
6. A **public charter school**, also known as a charter school, is a type of public school in Massachusetts. Students who wish to attend a public charter school submit an application. If there are more applicants than seats, admission is by lottery. Based on this description, do you support public charter schools here in Massachusetts, or oppose them?
  1. Support **56.0%**
  2. Oppose **20.6%**
  3. Unsure **23.4%**
  
7. Over 80% of public charter schools in Massachusetts serve low-income and minority students in urban areas. These schools typically have long waitlists. Would you support expanding the number of public charter schools so that more students who wish to attend are able to do so?
  1. Yes **61.3%**
  2. No **22.7%**
  3. Unsure **16.0%**
  
8. Following the arrival of Irish-Catholic immigrants in the 1800s, the Massachusetts Constitution was amended to prevent public funding from going to religious schools as part of anti-Catholic backlash. Should Massachusetts repeal these amendments, which prohibit public funding from flowing to parents who send their children to religious schools, or should the amendments be kept as is?
  1. Repeal these amendments **31.3%**
  2. Keep the amendments as is **52.7%**
  3. Unsure **16.0%**
  
9. Do you believe low-income families should be able to receive public funding to send their children to either religious or non-religious private schools in Massachusetts?
  1. Yes **40.4%**
  2. No **42.8%**
  3. Unsure **16.8%**
  
10. Over half the states – including New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Florida – offer tax credits to individuals and businesses that make charitable contributions to scholarship funds. These funds are used to help families send students to the schools of their choice. If Massachusetts were to create a similar tax credit for individuals and businesses that contribute to scholarship funds, targeted to help lower-income families, would you support or oppose it?
  1. Support **70.8%**
  2. Oppose **13.0%**
  3. Unsure **16.2%**

11. Beginning in 2027, a new federal government program called the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program will allow families with students in public or private schools to receive a tax credit to help pay for academic tutoring, special-needs services, private school tuition, and other K-12 educational expenses. Massachusetts state government will not incur any costs as part of the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program, but in order for families in Massachusetts to access this tax credit, Governor Maura Healey must opt the state into the program.

Do you support or oppose Governor Healey opting Massachusetts into the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program?

1. Strongly support opting-in **39.9%**
2. Somewhat support **27.7%**
3. Somewhat oppose **5.1%**
4. Strongly oppose opting-in **11.1%**
5. Unsure **16.2%**

12. Supporters of the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program say that it would give working-class and middle-income families access to money for academic tutoring, special-needs services, and quality school options. If the state does not opt in, money intended for thousands of Massachusetts families will fund scholarships for students in other states.

Opponents of the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program say that it is part of the Trump Administration’s plan to privatize public schools and would primarily benefit families who can already afford to send their kids to private schools, including wealthy donors seeking tax advantages.

After hearing this additional information, do you support or oppose Governor Healey opting Massachusetts into the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program?

1. Strongly support opting-in **34.4%**
2. Somewhat support **16.3%**
3. Somewhat oppose **17.0%**
4. Strongly oppose opting-in **16.4%**
5. Unsure **15.8%**

13. I now have a few quick demographic questions. Do you describe yourself as male, female, or in some other way?

1. Male **47.8%**
2. Female **51.2%**
3. Some other way **1.0%**

14. What is your age?

1. 18 to 34 years old **29.5%**
2. 35 to 44 years old **16.7%**
3. 45 to 54 years old **14.5%**
4. 55 to 64 years old **16.1%**
5. 65 or older **23.1%**

15. Which of the following best describes your primary race or ethnicity?

1. White or Caucasian **75.7%**
2. Black or African American **7.2%**
3. Hispanic or Latino **7.0%**
4. Asian or Pacific Islander **5.5%**
5. American Indian or Alaska Native **0.6%**
6. Other **4.0%**

16. What is the highest level of education you have already completed so far?

1. Attended high school but have not graduated **8.6%**
2. A high school degree or equivalent **23.8%**
3. Attended some college, but have not earned a degree yet **16.1%**
4. Earned an Associate's degree **6.6%**
5. Earned a Bachelor's degree **24.7%**
6. Earned a Master's degree, Doctoral degree, or professional degree beyond a Bachelor's degree **20.2%**

17. Are you registered to vote in Massachusetts?

1. Yes **86.9%**
2. No **13.1% (CONCLUDE SURVEY)**

18. Which political party are you registered to vote with in Massachusetts?

1. Democrat **25.8%**
2. Republican **8.4%**
3. Independent or unaffiliated **64.9%**
4. A smaller political party, such as Libertarian or Green-Rainbow **0.9%**

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