



# Massachusetts Government Transparency Survey March, 2026

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# Respondent Demographics

642 respondents completed the survey, and these results are reflective of the opinions of Massachusetts residents aged 18+ with a margin of error of  $\pm 3.9\%$ .

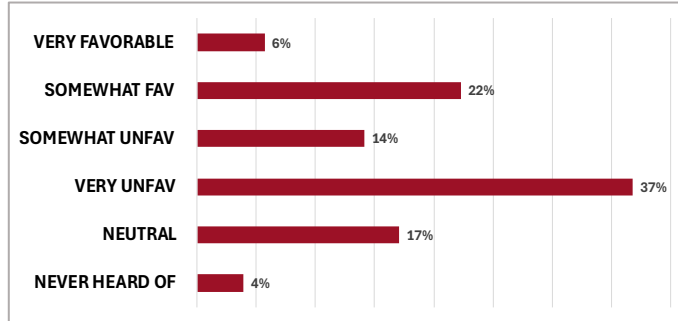
Survey results are weighted to match the known demographic attributes of Massachusetts residents aged 18+, based on geographic region, ethnicity, educational attainment, voter registration, age, and gender.

Data is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2024 Public Use Microdata, as well as data from the Massachusetts Elections Division.

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46%	34%	12%	8%	76%	7%	7%	10%	32%	23%	25%	20%	22%	7%	57%	13%	30%	17%	15%	16%	23%	48%	51%	1%

# Legislature Favorability

“What is your opinion of the Massachusetts state Legislature?”



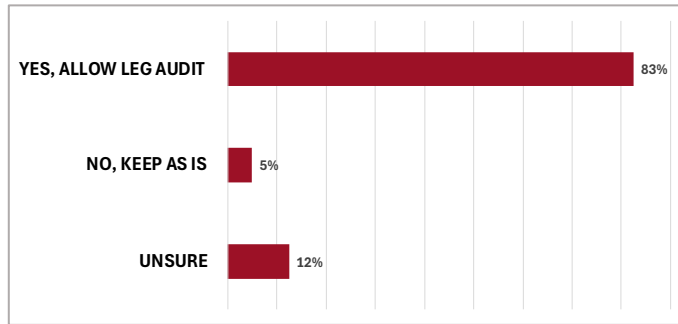
28% view the Legislature favorably, versus 51% who view it unfavorably. The modal category is “very unfavorable” with 37%. These are the worst favorability numbers that Opinion Diagnostics has ever publicly reported for the Massachusetts Legislature.

While Democrats still hold a favorable opinion of the supermajority controlled Legislature, only 8% rate it “very favorably”. Unaffiliated voters hold a net -39% rating. Among demographic categories, men and voters over the age of 55 have particularly negative opinions.

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# Should Audit Take Place?

*“In a 2024 statewide ballot initiative, voters approved allowing the State Auditor to audit the Legislature by a 72% to 28% margin. Despite this, the state Legislature has not submitted itself to an audit and has held that the Auditor lacks the constitutional authority to conduct an audit of the Legislature. Do you believe legislators should drop their objection and allow the audit to take place?”*



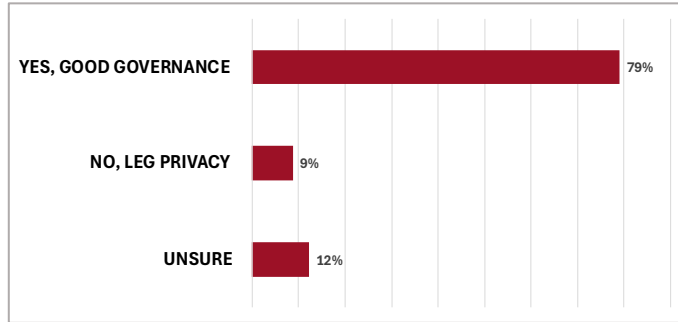
Support for the audit is even higher today than it was in 2024, with 83% of respondents now in support. Among respondents who hold a “very favorable” view of the Legislature, 67% still support the audit.

Support for the audit is cross-partisan, with 82% of Democrats supporting it. Independent voters support the audit even more strongly than partisans.

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YES, ALLOW LEG AUDIT	<b>83%</b>	81%	85%	90%	69%	88%	68%	83%	50%	85%	72%	87%	84%	82%	89%	89%	53%	83%	75%	88%	81%	84%	91%	75%	27%	9%	3%	0%	0%	3%	11%	12%	8%	9%	1%	2%	7%	10%	9%	4%	0%	5%	7%	3%	6%	5%	3%	7%	0%	10%	12%	10%	31%	9%	21%	5%	41%	6%	26%	11%	9%	8%	2%	8%	47%	12%	17%	9%	13%	11%	6%	18%	73%																								
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<b>MARGIN</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>27%</b>																																																																								

# Should Leg Voluntarily Submit?

*“If the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court finds that “requiring” an audit by the State Auditor is unconstitutional, should the Legislature voluntarily submit to being audited by the State Auditor?”*



Even if the State Auditor is unsuccessful in upcoming litigation before the SJC, supermajorities of nearly all demographic groups support voluntary submission by the Legislature.

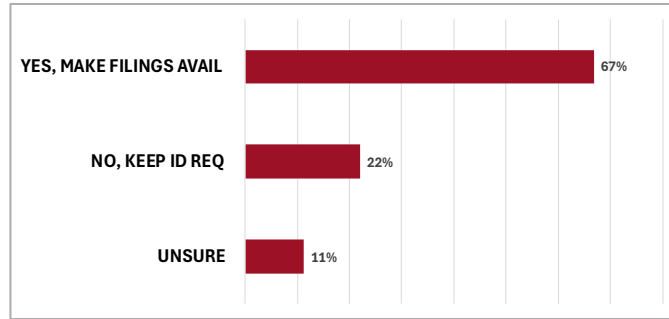
Support is still cross-partisan with 70% of Democrats supporting voluntary submission, as well as 88% of independents. 61% of those who hold a very favorable opinion of the Legislature support voluntary submission.

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YES / GOOD GOVERNANCE	VOLUNTARY AUDIT	79%	76%	86%	77%	69%	85%	47%	76%	62%	85%	70%	81%	78%	70%	79%	88%	55%	78%	75%	76%	86%	80%	90%	70%	13%
NO, LEG PRIVACY		9%	12%	4%	12%	3%	7%	15%	19%	9%	12%	2%	8%	11%	15%	12%	5%	13%	7%	10%	13%	5%	10%	6%	11%	0%
UNSURE		12%	12%	9%	11%	28%	8%	38%	5%	29%	3%	28%	11%	12%	16%	8%	7%	32%	15%	15%	11%	9%	11%	4%	18%	87%
MARGIN		70%	64%	82%	66%	67%	77%	32%	58%	52%	73%	68%	72%	67%	55%	67%	83%	43%	71%	65%	62%	82%	70%	83%	59%	13%

# SFI Photo ID Requirement

In 49 of the 50 U.S. states, candidates and public officials are required to file Statements of Financial Interest and provide basic transparency about their personal finances. These filings help determine if policymakers and politicians are acting in the public interest or in their own. Massachusetts does require these statements, but Massachusetts ranks poorly in making them available to the public: Massachusetts requires that those seeking a public official's financial filing submit a photo ID, and notifies the public official of the identity of any person that requests their financial filing. The majority of other states do not require a photo ID and keep requests anonymous.

Do you believe Massachusetts should make officials' financial information available online without requiring a photo ID?

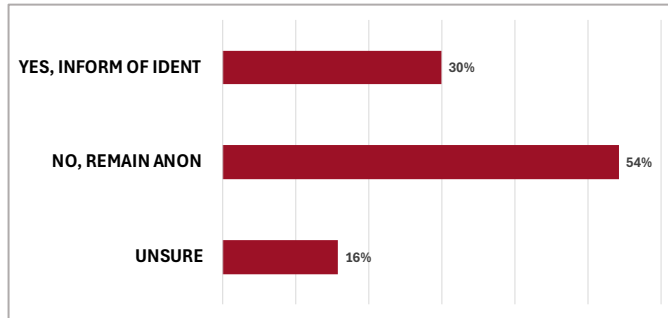


All demographic subgroups hold net-support for making SFI filings available without requiring ID.

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YES, MAKE FILINGS AVAIL	SFI - DROP ID REQ	<b>67%</b>	65%	68%	72%	63%	68%	49%	69%	69%	61%	58%	73%	78%	69%	59%	73%	42%	72%	75%	65%	64%	58%	74%	61%	22%
NO, KEEP ID REQ		<b>22%</b>	24%	23%	21%	7%	23%	21%	27%	8%	33%	18%	19%	13%	24%	27%	20%	26%	17%	13%	25%	28%	29%	23%	21%	21%
UNSURE		<b>11%</b>	11%	9%	7%	30%	9%	30%	4%	23%	6%	25%	8%	9%	7%	14%	8%	32%	12%	13%	9%	8%	13%	3%	18%	57%
<b>MARGIN</b>		<b>45%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>1%</b>

# SFI Request Anonymity

“Do you believe legislators and other public officials should be given the name of the person requesting their financial filing?”



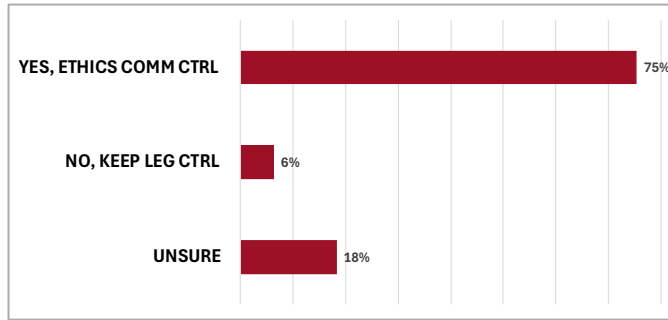
A 54% majority of respondents favor anonymity, including majorities of respondents of nearly all demographic subgroups.

Senior citizens, residents not registered to vote, and residents who identify as neither male nor female support reporting requestor identities to public officials.

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YES, INFORM OF IDENT	SFI - ANON	30%	34%	30%	13%	32%	32%	21%	32%	22%	28%	33%	29%	31%	28%	34%	28%	39%	18%	27%	32%	35%	42%	28%	32%	21%
NO, REMAIN ANON		54%	54%	56%	64%	34%	55%	61%	59%	43%	60%	45%	55%	55%	53%	55%	58%	37%	69%	55%	51%	50%	40%	63%	47%	0%
UNSURE		16%	12%	14%	23%	35%	14%	17%	9%	35%	12%	23%	16%	15%	19%	11%	13%	24%	13%	19%	17%	15%	17%	10%	20%	79%
MARGIN		-24%	-20%	-27%	-51%	-2%	-23%	-40%	-26%	-21%	-32%	-12%	-26%	-24%	-25%	-21%	-30%	2%	-51%	-28%	-19%	-15%	2%	-35%	-15%	21%

# SFI Controlling Authority

*“In 1978, Massachusetts first established Statements of Financial Interest forms. They have not been updated since. For example, for a question on the value of real estate owned, the top category is “Over \$100,000,” while the average home value in Massachusetts is now over \$600,000. The forms and the process for requesting them were developed and currently controlled by the Legislature, whose members are required to file the forms. Do you support turning the design and control of the forms over to the State Ethics Commission?”*



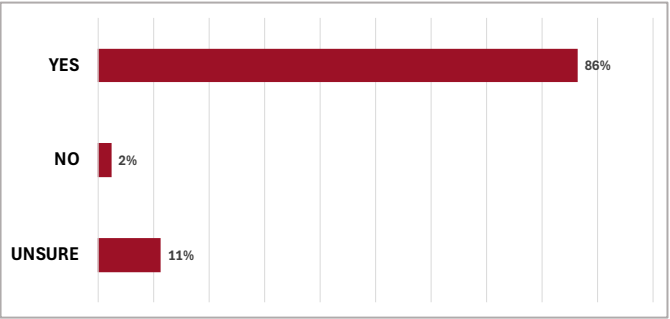
Large majorities of all demographic subgroups support turning over design and control of SFIs to the Ethics Commission.

Three-quarters of respondents who do not support turning control over to the Ethics Commission are “unsure” – only a minuscule 6% of respondents support keeping SFIs under the purview of the Legislature. Even 60% of respondents with a “very favorable” view of the Legislature support moving SFI control to the Ethics Commission.

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YES, ETHICS COMM CTRL	SFI - ETHICS COMM	75%	74%	83%	76%	51%	80%	59%	59%	65%	71%	67%	84%	81%	78%	75%	78%	59%	72%	66%	88%	79%	76%	86%	66%	20%
NO, KEEP LEG CTRL		6%	12%	1%	0%	3%	6%	11%	9%	2%	12%	4%	4%	3%	9%	12%	6%	0%	6%	13%	2%	4%	6%	3%	10%	0%
UNSURE		18%	14%	16%	24%	46%	14%	30%	31%	33%	17%	29%	12%	16%	14%	13%	16%	41%	23%	21%	10%	16%	17%	11%	24%	80%
MARGIN		69%	62%	82%	76%	48%	74%	48%	50%	63%	59%	63%	80%	79%	69%	63%	72%	59%	66%	53%	85%	75%	70%	84%	56%	20%

# Subjecting Leg to Public Records Law

*“The Massachusetts Legislature has long exempted itself from state public records laws. Opponents of the exemption believe it violates the state Constitution, which requires the branches of state government to “at all times” be accountable to the people. Do you believe legislators should be subject to state public records laws?”*



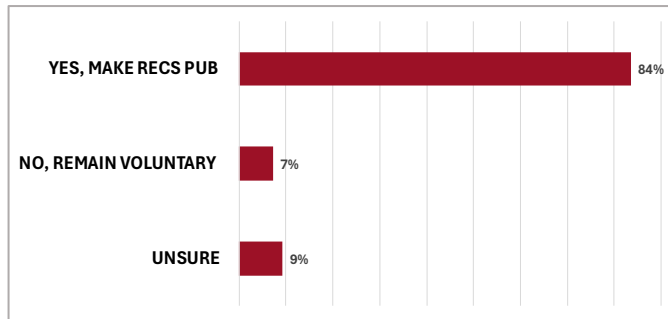
An even larger majority of respondents support subjecting the Legislature to the public records law than supported subjecting the Legislature to the audit. This suggests the proposed 2026 ballot question will overwhelmingly pass.

94% of Democrats and 80% of respondents with a “very favorable” impression of the Legislature support subjecting legislators to the public records law.

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# Subjecting Gov & Judiciary to Public Records Law

“Governors and members of the judiciary have interpreted a 1997 Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court case as exempting the Governor’s Office and the management of the judicial branch from the requirement that they respond to public records requests. Do you believe the Governor’s Office and the administrative component of the judiciary should make their records public?”



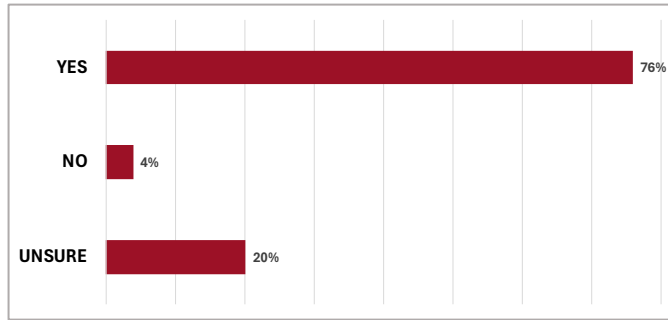
Support for subjecting the Governor and Judiciary to the public records law is nearly as strong as subjecting the Legislature to it, with supermajorities of nearly all demographic groups in support.

Support is bipartisan, indicating a willingness to subject both the current Democratic Governor and future Republican Governor to the law. No demographic group supports subjecting the Governor and judiciary at a higher rate than unaffiliated voters.

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NO, REMAIN VOLUNTARY	<b>7%</b>	10%	3%	13%	0%	7%	2%	25%	0%	14%	1%	5%	6%	18%	1%	3%	11%	10%	17%	3%	4%	2%	5%	9%	13%																																																																								
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# CBO in Massachusetts

“The United States Congressional Budget Office provides estimates of how much bills being considered by Congress would cost. Would you support creating a similar entity in Massachusetts to estimate the cost or revenue generated by any bill expected to have a budgetary impact of more than \$5 million?”



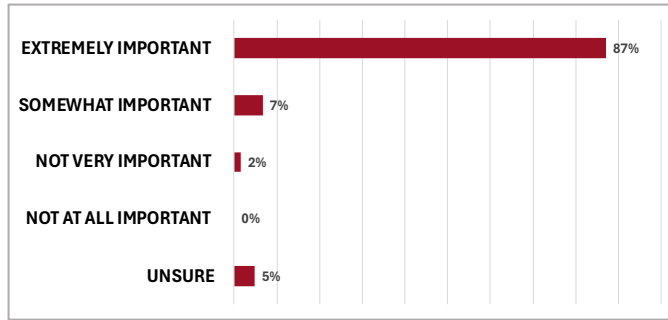
This proposal receives majority support from all demographic groups with only single-digit percentage levels of opposition.

76% of those with a “very favorable” opinion of the Legislature support this proposal; support for enhanced studies of budgetary impacts is not confined to just those with a negative view of the Legislature.

		BOSTON - N & E	BOSTON - S & W	BRISTOL	SPRING-ALB	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	OTHER	HS OR LESS	SOME COLL OR ASSOC	BACH	MASTERS+	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	UNAFFILIATED + OTH	NOT REGISTERED	18-34 YEARS OLD	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	MALE	FEMALE	SOME OTHER WAY
	TOPLINE↓	REGION				ETHNICITY				EDU ATTAINMENT				POLITICAL PARTY				AGE				GENDER			
YES	<b>76%</b>	74%	84%	77%	52%	79%	61%	75%	63%	75%	72%	79%	79%	71%	77%	82%	59%	66%	70%	86%	79%	84%	85%	68%	58%
NO	<b>4%</b>	4%	5%	1%	4%	4%	7%	1%	6%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	1%	3%	8%	2%	5%	3%	9%	2%	6%	2%	0%
UNSURE	<b>20%</b>	22%	10%	22%	44%	17%	31%	24%	31%	21%	25%	16%	18%	25%	22%	15%	33%	31%	26%	11%	11%	13%	9%	30%	42%
<b>MARGIN</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>58%</b>

# Importance of Transparency

“Overall, how important do you feel government transparency is to achieve the ideals of a democracy?”



While respondents had the option, not a single respondent of 642 said that transparency was “not at all” important.

Democrats, independents, respondents over the age of 45, and men particularly agree that transparency is “extremely important” for democracy.

TRANSPARENCY IMPORTANCE	TOPLINE↓	REGION				ETHNICITY				EDU ATTAINMENT				POLITICAL PARTY				AGE				GENDER			
		BOSTON - N & E	BOSTON - S & W	BRISTOL	SPRING-ALB	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	OTHER	HS OR LESS	SOME COLL OR ASSOC	BACH	MASTERS+	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	UNAFFILIATED + OTH	NOT REGISTERED	18-34 YEARS OLD	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	MALE	FEMALE	SOME OTHER WAY
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	<b>87%</b>	89%	91%	78%	74%	91%	72%	78%	76%	89%	81%	89%	89%	91%	82%	92%	63%	83%	80%	91%	92%	91%	92%	83%	58%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	<b>7%</b>	6%	4%	17%	4%	7%	1%	22%	1%	5%	2%	11%	9%	6%	3%	6%	11%	8%	13%	5%	4%	3%	6%	8%	0%
NOT VERY IMPORTANT	<b>2%</b>	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	9%	0%	0%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	14%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	<b>0%</b>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
UNSURE	<b>5%</b>	3%	3%	5%	22%	2%	17%	0%	23%	3%	15%	0%	2%	4%	2%	1%	25%	5%	6%	3%	3%	6%	1%	8%	42%

# Methodology

The survey was fielded on March 2-5, 2026. 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=642 residents aged 18 years or older, and the survey has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.9\%$  with 95% confidence. This survey was commissioned by Pioneer Institute.

# Opinion Diagnostics

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