

**Toplines****University of Massachusetts Amherst/WCVB Poll of Massachusetts  
March 2021 Covid-19 Anniversary Poll**

<b>Field Dates:</b>	March 5 – March 9, 2021
<b>Sample:</b>	800 Residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
<b>Margin of Error:</b>	4.6% for all Residents

YouGov interviewed 846 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 800 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 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) subset to Massachusetts residents 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 Presidential vote choice, 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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**Coronavirus Impact (N=800)**

Now we would like to ask you some questions about how you are handling the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

	March 2021			Oct. 2020			Aug. 2020		
	Yes	No	Not Sure	Yes	No	Not Sure	Yes	No	Not Sure
Have you or any of your close friends or family tested positive for coronavirus?	60%	37%	4%	32%	65%	3%	26%	72%	3%
Have you tested positive for the coronavirus?	5%	93%	2%	2%	95%	3%	Not Asked		
Did you have a recent job loss due to the coronavirus outbreak?	17%	64%	19%	13%	68%	19%	16%	63%	21%
Are you worried that you will contract the coronavirus?	52%	41%	8%	62%	29%	9%	N/A		
Are you primarily working from home due to the coronavirus pandemic?	26%	45%	29%	33%	38%	29%	33%	34%	33%
Have you reduced your hours at work because of childcare issues related to the coronavirus crisis?	8%	54%	38%	8%	54%	38%	9%	53%	38%
Do you fear losing your job in the near future due to the coronavirus crisis?	14%	52%	34%	18%	52%	30%	19%	50%	31%
Have any of your close friends or family been hospitalized as a result of having Covid-19?	27%	71%	2%	48%	34%	19%	Not Asked		
Have any of your close friends or family died as a result of having Covid-19?	18%	78%	4%	Not Asked			Not Asked		
Have any of your close friends or family had a job loss or serious economic setback as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic?	46%	43%	11%	Not Asked			Not Asked		

**Massachusetts Comparison Covid-19 Deaths (N=800)**

All states are dealing with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). How do you think Massachusetts compares to other states when it comes to deaths relative to population?

More Deaths Than Most	20%
About Average	50%
Fewer Deaths Than Most	16%
Don't Know	14%

**Pandemic Leadership (N=800)**

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

	March 2021					Oct 2020				
	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Too Well	Not At All	Don't Know	Very Well	Somewhat Well	Too Well	Not At All	Don't Know
President Trump			N/A			18%	12%	6%	64%	
Governor Charlie Baker	15%	45%	21%	16%	4%	36%	43%	12%	9%	
U.S. Congress	5%	26%	31%	30%	8%	2%	24%	42%	31%	
Massachusetts State Legislature	7%	45%	20%	14%	14%	20%	55%	15%	10%	
Your Local Government	17%	52%	14%	9%	8%	31%	52%	11%	6%	
President Joe Biden	36%	28%	11%	20%	5%		N/A			

## Covid and Work Schedule

	1-2 Days Per Week	2-3 Days Per Week	3-4 Days Per Week	4-5 Days Per Week	Never
<u>Before the pandemic</u> , about how many days per week did you work from home? (N=800)	10%	2%	3%	8%	78%
<u>Thinking about your current work schedule</u> , about how many days per week do you now work from home? (N=418)	9%	3%	5%	38%	46%
<u>Looking ahead to the end of the pandemic</u> , if you had a choice, about how many days per week would you want to work from home? (N=800)	14%	10%	9%	24%	43%

## COVID Activities (N=800)

Thinking ahead to the end of the pandemic, how often do you think you will engage in the following activities?

	Always	Most of the Time	Sometimes	A Little Bit	Not at All
Wear a face mask when leaving your home	35%	20%	18%	11%	17%
Keep at least 6 feet of distance when interacting with individuals outside your home	26%	31%	18%	12%	13%
Avoid groups of 10 or more people	28%	23%	20%	9%	21%
Wash your hands for 20 seconds before rinsing	53%	30%	10%	4%	4%

**Type of Schooling (N=)**

Currently, what type of schooling is your child receiving?

	Elementary (N=79)	Junior H.S. (N=29)	High School (N=52)
My family is homeschooling our children/child	17%	5%	3%
Our children/child is attending school remotely	28%	32%	24%
Our children/child is attending school in-person full time	13%	10%	1%
Our children/child has a hybrid schedule	42%	54%	72%

**Elementary School Satisfaction (N=79)**

How satisfied are you with the quality of schooling your child is currently receiving in elementary school?

*Asked only of respondents with children attending elementary school.*

	Completely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Completely Dissatisfied	Don't Know
My family is homeschooling our children/child	43%	9%	37%	11%	0%
Our children/child is attending school remotely	23%	37%	11%	29%	0%
Our children/child is attending school in-person full time	41%	50%	1%	8%	0%
Our children/child has a hybrid schedule	20%	35%	33%	10%	2%
All	28%	33%	23%	15%	1%

**Junior High School Satisfaction (N=29)**

How satisfied are you with the quality of schooling your child is currently receiving in junior high school?

*Asked only of respondents with children attending junior high school.*

	Completely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Completely Dissatisfied	Don't Know
My family is homeschooling our children/child	63%	37%	0%	0%	0%
Our children/child is attending school remotely	15%	37%	23%	25%	0%
Our children/child is attending school in-person full time	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Our children/child has a hybrid schedule	42%	22%	14%	23%	0%
All	40%	25%	15%	20%	0%

**High School Satisfaction (N=52)**

How satisfied are you with the quality of schooling your child is currently receiving in junior high school?

*Asked only of respondents with children attending high school.*

	Completely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Completely Dissatisfied	Don't Know
My family is homeschooling our children/child	0%	0%	52%	48%	0%
Our children/child is attending school remotely	28%	25%	22%	25%	0%
Our children/child is attending school in-person full time	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Our children/child has a hybrid schedule	36%	38%	13%	12%	0%
All	34%	34%	16%	16%	0%

**In Person or Remote (N=800)**

Some people say that, because of the significant health risks of the COVID pandemic, there should be partially or fully remote learning in K-12 public schools for the time being. Others say that the risks of the COVID pandemic are manageable, and that in-person schooling is needed now for the educational and social well-being of children. What about you?

There should be partially or fully remote learning in K-12 public schools for the time being	43%
In-person schooling for K-12 students is needed now	41%
Don't know	16%

**Decide Return To School (N=788)**

In response to the pandemic, some K-12 public schools are being held in-person, while others have adopted a hybrid schedule, and others are being held fully remote. Of the following, who do you think should be most responsible for deciding whether schools should return to full time in-person learning?

Governor Charlie Baker	10%
State Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley	5%
Health Officials (Center for Disease Control, MA Department of Public Health, Etc.)	33%
Local School Boards and Committees	18%
Teachers/Teacher Unions	11%
Parents	17%
President Joe Biden	2%
Other	3%