



**The Boston Foundation
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Boston General Election Poll
Survey of 501 Likely Voters
Field Dates: October 6-12, 2021**

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of **READ FIRST?** How about **READ NEXT?**

ROTATE ORDER	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Michelle Wu	61%	15%	15%	5%	4%
Annissa Essaibi George	37%	25%	20%	14%	5%
Charlie Baker	56%	22%	14%	4%	4%
The Boston Police	56%	21%	18%	2%	3%

As you may know, there is an election for Mayor of Boston in November. If the choices were **READ AND ROTATE CANDIDATE CHOICES**, who would you be most likely to support? **IF UNDECIDED** Even though you say you are undecided – which candidate for Mayor of Boston are you leaning toward supporting as of now?

Michelle Wu	57%
Annissa Essaibi George	25%
Don't Know / Undecided	16%
Refused	2%

Did you happen to vote in the preliminary election for Mayor of Boston that took place in September?

Yes	71%
No	28%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Asked of preliminary voters:

Which candidate did you vote for in the preliminary election for Mayor?

Michelle Wu	29%
Andrea Campbell	17%
Kim Janey	17%
Annissa Essaibi George	20%
John Barros	3%
Another candidate	1%
Don't Know	5%
Refused	8%

As you may know, there is an election for At Large City Councilors in Boston in November and you may vote for up to 4 candidates. If the candidates were **READ AND ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES**, who would you be most likely to support?

Michael Flaherty	20%
Julia Mejia	21%
Althea Garrison	8%
David Halbert	12%
Ruthzee Louijeune	16%
Carla Monteiro	13%
Erin Murphy	16%
Bridget Nee-Walsh	11%
Don't Know / Undecided	45%
Refused	2%

There will be a measure on the November ballot dealing with the Boston Public Schools. It will read as follows: "Should the current appointed school committee structure be changed to a school committee elected by the residents of Boston?" If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no in this measure?

Yes	65%
No	14%
Don't Know / Refused	21%

Do you think **READ FIRST** should be a major priority, a minor priority, or not a priority for the next Mayor of Boston?

ROTATE ORDER	Major priority	Minor priority	Not a priority	Don't Know / Refused
Reforming the Boston Police	50%	27%	16%	7%
Improving the Boston public schools	82%	9%	4%	4%
Controlling housing costs	74%	15%	6%	5%
Dealing with the situation at Mass & Cass	56%	10%	6%	28%
Getting tougher on crime	59%	25%	11%	6%
Improving the traffic situation	61%	26%	8%	5%
Improving the public transportation system	69%	19%	7%	4%

Would you support or oppose each of the following proposals? First, **READ FIRST**. And is that strongly (support / oppose) or just somewhat? How about **READ NEXT**?

ROTATE ORDER	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't Know / Refused
Hiring more police officers	41%	15%	21%	16%	7%
Reducing police funding	20%	17%	16%	34%	12%
Redirecting some 911 calls to other agencies	36%	19%	12%	20%	12%

Do you think the Boston Police **READ AND ROTATE**?

Treat everybody equally regardless of their race	31%
Treat some people differently because of their race	57%
Don't Know / Refused	12%

Do you think the MBTA system is safe to ride in terms of the condition of the system?

Very safe	19%
Somewhat safe	53%
Not too safe	14%
Not at all safe	6%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

Do you think the MBTA system is safe to ride in terms of the risk of COVID-19?

Very safe	21%
Somewhat safe	44%
Not too safe	15%
Not at all safe	8%
Don't Know / Refused	12%

Thinking back to before the COVID-19 pandemic how often did you ride the MBTA?

4 or more days a week	28%
2-3 days a week	14%
A few days a month	14%
Once a month or less	23%
Never	20%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

How often do you ride the MBTA these days?

4 or more days a week	13%
2-3 days a week	10%
A few days a month	12%
Once a month or less	21%
Never	44%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Which of the following do you think schools should emphasize more during the current academic year?

Helping children catch up academically	31%
Helping children deal with the impacts of the pandemic	10%
Both equally	55%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

Do you own or rent your home, or do you have another arrangement like living with family members or student housing?

Own	55%
Rent	36%
Another arrangement	8%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Do you think you could afford to purchase a home in your current neighborhood in the next 5 years or would you have to move somewhere else to purchase a home?

Could purchase in neighborhood	25%
Would have to move elsewhere	52%
Both / neither / depends (not read)	10%
Don't Know / Refused	14%

Do you have any children in your household attending K-12 schools? **IF YES:** What type of school do they attend? **SELECT ALL THAT APPLY IF RESPONDENT HAS KIDS IN MULTIPLE TYPES OF SCHOOLS.**

Yes, in a district public school	12%
Yes, in a public charter school	9%
Yes, in a private school	5%
Yes, in another format	1%
No, don't have children in K-12 schools	74%
Prefer not to say	1%

Demographics

Party Registration

Democrat	51%
Republican	5%
Unenrolled	44%

Race

White / Caucasian	51%
Black / African American	22%
Hispanic / Latino	12%
Asian American	9%
All others	5%
Don't know / Refused	2%

Age

18 to 29	11%
30 to 44	28%
45 to 59	29%
60+	32%
Don't know / Refused	<1%

Gender

Male	47%
Female	53%
None of the above / Don't know / Refused	<1%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 501 likely voters in the November 2021 general election for Boston Mayor, City Council, and other offices. Interviews were conducted October 6-12, 2021 in English and Spanish by live telephone interviews via both landline and cell phone using conventional registration based sampling procedures. Oversamples of Black, Latino and Asian voters were obtained to increase the total number of responses from each group. Results within race and ethnicity were weighted by age, gender, and party for each group. Groups were then combined and weighted to the population parameters for Boston registered voters as a whole by preliminary election vote choice, age, gender, party, race, education, and geography. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 4.9 percent with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by WBUR, The Dorchester Reporter, and The Boston Foundation.