

# MASSACHUSETTS Election Statistics

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Department of the State Secretary  
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**Question No. 10**

Shall the Senator from this District be instructed to vote to approve the passage of a bill requiring the reduction and limitation of local property taxes by substituting revenue from state taxes, and providing that all state and local taxes combined shall not take a larger percentage of the total personal income in Massachusetts than the average percentage taken in the three year period immediately preceding approval?

**CAPE & ISLANDS DISTRICT**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bourne.....	2,433	786	1,186	4,405
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>2,433</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>4,405</b>

**THIRD ESSEX DISTRICT**

Amesbury.....	2,111	897	1,202	4,210
NEWBURYPORT.....	3,122	882	1,894	5,898
Salisbury.....	1,006	377	523	1,906
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>6,239</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>12,014</b>

**SECOND HAMPDEN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**

SPRINGFIELD				
Ward 4.....	510	194	841	1,545
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>510</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>1,545</b>

**THIRD MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**

MELROSE.....	7,456	1,891	3,042	12,389
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>7,456</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>12,389</b>

**Question No. 8**

Shall the Senator from this District be instructed to support and vote in favor of legislation providing for a mandatory deposit on containers in which malt beverages or soft drinks are sold?

**In the 2nd Worcester & Middlesex Senatorial District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Ashburnham.....	732	451	121	1,304
Ashby.....	416	289	68	773
Belton.....	709	228	94	1,031
FITCHBURG.....	5,486	4,466	2,389	12,341
GARDNER.....	2,914	2,481	1,071	6,466
Holden.....	3,545	1,435	925	5,905
Lancaster.....	1,056	428	272	1,756
LEOMINSTER.....	4,871	4,066	1,932	10,869
Lunenburg.....	1,736	985	195	2,916
Princeton.....	577	577	84	912
Sterling.....	1,167	533	175	1,875
Townsend.....	989	663	186	1,838
Westminster.....	1,067	732	171	1,970
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>25,265</b>	<b>17,008</b>	<b>7,683</b>	<b>49,956</b>

**Question No. 8**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote in favor of legislation which would require the democratic selection of all legislative leaders, committee chairpersons and committee members within the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the taking of an open vote on every bill, and the fixing of legislative salaries on recommendations by a citizen panel?

**7th Essex Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
SALEM .....	8,616	2,763	5,287	16,666
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>8,616</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>5,287</b>	<b>16,666</b>

**9th Middlesex Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
WALTHAM Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, & 7 .....	6,232	1,945	4,332	12,509
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>6,232</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>4,332</b>	<b>12,509</b>

**SUFFOLK & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**

CAMBRIDGE				
Ward 3, Precincts 3, 4, 5, Ward 4 .....			3,301	11,006
Ward 5, Precincts 3, 4, 5, Ward 6, Precincts 2, 4, 5, Ward 7 .....	5,334	2,371	3,301	11,006
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>5,334</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>11,006</b>

**Question No. 11**

Shall the Senator from this District be instructed to vote to approve the passage of a bill requiring the reduction and limitation of local property taxes by substituting revenue from state taxes, and providing that all state and local taxes combined shall not take a larger percentage of the total personal income in Massachusetts than the average percentage taken in the three year period immediately preceding approval?

**FIRST BRISTOL DISTRICT**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
TAUNTON .....	8,066	1,556	4,302	13,924
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>8,066</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>4,302</b>	<b>13,924</b>

**SECOND HAMPDEN & HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**

SPRINGFIELD				
Wards 1, 3, 6 .....	3,811	1,008	3,081	7,900
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>7,900</b>

**Question No. 9**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote for the passage of legislation which would assure citizens clear air by restricting smoking by the general public to separate and clearly posted areas and which would provide for fines in the event of non-compliance?

**16th Essex Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
LAWRENCE				
Wards 1, 2, 3, 4,				
Ward 5, Precincts 1, 3,	4,008	3,073	3,621	10,702
6, 7	4,008	3,073	3,621	10,702
<b>TOTALS</b>				

**27th Middlesex Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
CAMBRIDGE				
Ward 6, Precinct 3	7,901	3,366	2,314	13,581
Wards 8, 9, 10, 11	7,901	3,366	2,314	13,581
<b>TOTALS</b>				

**28th Middlesex Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
CAMBRIDGE				
Ward 3, Precincts 3, 4, 5				
Ward 4,				
Ward 5, Precincts 3, 4, 5,				
Ward 6, Precincts 2, 4, 5,	6,597	2,427	1,982	11,006
Ward 7	6,597	2,427	1,982	11,006
<b>TOTALS</b>				

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Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote in favor of legislation which would require the democratic selection of all legislative leadership, committee chairpersons and committee members within the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the taking of an open vote on every bill, and the fixing of legislative salaries on recommendations by a citizen panel?

**11th Essex Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
LYNN				
Wards 5, 6, 7	5,922	2,070	3,627	11,619
Nahant	1,169	311	475	1,955
<b>TOTALS</b>	7,091	2,381	4,102	13,574

**Question No. 8**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote for the passage of legislation which would assure citizens clear air by restricting smoking by the general public to separate and clearly posted areas and which would provide for fines in the event of non-compliance?

**7th Middlesex Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Ashland				
Precincts 1, 2	906	907	212	2,025

**Question No. 10**

*Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote for the passage of legislation which would assure citizens clear air by restricting smoking by the general public to separate and clearly posted areas and which would provide for fines in the event of non-compliance?*

**9th Hampden Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
SPRINGFIELD				
Wards 1, 2	3,480	2,794	2,299	8,573
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>8,573</b>

**10th Hampden Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
SPRINGFIELD				
Wards 3, 6, Ward 7, Precincts B, C	3,662	1,889	2,248	7,799
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>2,248</b>	<b>7,799</b>

Framingham				
Precincts 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	3,858	2,991	1,442	8,291
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,764</b>	<b>3,898</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>10,316</b>

**25th Middlesex Representative District**

Arlington				
Precincts 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21	10,335	5,382	2,463	18,180
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,335</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>18,180</b>

**6th Norfolk Representative District**

Canton	3,492	3,409	884	7,785
Randolph	3,669	3,175	1,265	8,109
Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4	7,161	6,584	2,149	15,894
<b>TOTALS</b>				

**11th Suffolk Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
BOSTON				
Ward 11, Precincts 9, 10, Ward 19, Precincts 2, 8, 9, Ward 20, Brookline	2,912	1,655	2,346	6,913
Precincts 1, 2, 4, 6				
Precincts 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	3,894	1,966	1,707	7,567
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,806</b>	<b>3,621</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>14,480</b>

**17th Suffolk Representative District**

BOSTON				
Ward 4, Precinct 10, Ward 10, Ward 19, Precincts 1, 3, 4, 5	2,615	1,002	2,276	5,893
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,615</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>5,893</b>

**Question No. 8**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote for the passage of a bill which makes youth employment, with affirmative action concentrating on low income youth, a top priority for immediate state action with the creation of 10,000 new, productive jobs for youth by the end of 1979, through the use of a three percent increase in the corporate profits tax and through all available federal resources, and with the development of a plan and timetable for achieving full employment for youth within five years?

28th Middlesex Representative District				
Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
CAMBRIDGE				
Ward 3, Precincts 3, 4, 5,				
Ward 4,				
Ward 5, Precincts 3, 4, 5,				
Ward 6, Precincts 2, 4, 5,	6,291	2,284	2,431	11,006
Ward 7	6,291	2,284	2,431	11,006
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>6,291</b>	<b>2,284</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>11,006</b>

**Question No. 8**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote for the passage of a bill requiring that before an elementary school is closed, a Neighborhood Impact Statement describing all alternatives to the closing and the impact of the closing on the affected neighborhood must be prepared?

12th Middlesex Representative District				
Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
NEWTON				
Ward 2, Precinct 4,				
Ward 3, Precinct 2,				
Ward 4, Precincts 1, 2, 3,				
Ward 5, Precincts 1, 2, 4,				
Ward 6, Precincts 2, 3,				
Ward 8,				
Precincts 3, 4	7,636	3,287	3,174	14,097
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>7,636</b>	<b>3,287</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>14,097</b>

**Question No. 8**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote to approve the passage of a bill which: (a) sets a property tax limit of two and one half percent (2½%) of the full cash value as the maximum property tax; (b) limits the authority of the state to impose and assess costs on municipalities, including educational assessments, unless full state funding is provided; (c) limits the fiscal autonomy of schools by allowing the reduction or deletion of increases in school budgets upon a two-thirds vote of the town meeting or city council; (d) establishes a maximum yearly limit on state tax revenue and provides that the percentage increase in such revenue be limited to the percentage increase in the total personal income of Massachusetts?

**Question No. 8**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote in favor of the passage of a measure which would require a moratorium on the construction of nuclear power plants until safe methods of waste disposal are devised?

27th Middlesex Representative District				
Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
CAMBRIDGE				
Ward 6, Precinct 3,	8,388	2,828	2,365	13,581
Wards 8, 9, 10, 11	8,388	2,828	2,365	13,581
<b>TOTALS</b>				

**2nd Essex Representative District**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Georgetown	1,342	442	568	2,352
Groveland	1,317	359	440	2,116
HAVERHILL				
Ward 3	1,809	568	1,292	3,669
Merrimac	869	322	346	1,537
Newbury	1,107	373	451	1,931
Rowley	751	282	339	1,372
West Newbury	618	258	287	1,163
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,813</b>	<b>2,604</b>	<b>3,723</b>	<b>14,140</b>

**Question No. 8**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote for the passage of a measure which would allow a landfill (dump) in Amesbury larger than that needed to dispose of the town's solid waste?

First Essex Representative District				
Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Amesbury .....	1,068	2,619	523	4,210
NEWBURYPORT .....	2,129	1,818	1,951	5,898
Salisbury .....	730	664	512	1,906
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>3,927</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>2,986</b>	<b>12,014</b>

**Question No. 9**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote for the passage of a measure which would allow a resource recovery plant (trash incinerator) to be built in the town of Amesbury?

First Essex Representative District				
Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Amesbury .....	655	2,980	575	4,210
NEWBURYPORT .....	1,682	2,523	1,693	5,898
Salisbury .....	580	871	455	1,906
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>2,917</b>	<b>6,374</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>12,014</b>

**Question No. 10**

Shall the Representative from this District be instructed to vote in support of the passage of a measure requiring a moratorium on the MBTA-Red Line Extension through Cambridge pending further study of the environmental impact of a terminus at Alewife, the need to use Russell Field as a staging area and the effects of noise, dust and air pollution?

27th Middlesex Representative District				
Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
CAMBRIDGE Ward 6, Precinct 3, Wards 8, 9, 10, 11 .....	6,885	4,693	2,003	13,581
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>4,693</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>13,581</b>



## Total Number of People Who Voted

Cities and Towns	Cities and Towns
Abington .....	4,855
Acton .....	6,505
Acushnet .....	3,404
Adams .....	4,507
Agawam .....	7,752
Alford .....	152
Amesbury .....	4,210
Amherst .....	6,719
Andover .....	11,076
Arlington .....	23,014
Ashburnham .....	1,304
Ashby .....	773
Ashfield .....	534
Ashland .....	3,265
Athol .....	3,690
ATTLEBORO .....	8,838
Auburn .....	5,976
Avon .....	2,041
Ayer .....	1,628
Barnstable .....	12,144
Barre .....	1,521
Becket .....	288
Bedford .....	4,894
Belchertown .....	2,024
Bellingham .....	5,374
Belmont .....	13,493
Berkley .....	739
Berlin .....	887
Bernardston .....	652
BEVERLY .....	15,901
Billerica .....	11,045
Blackstone .....	2,068
Blandford .....	363
Bolton .....	1,031
BOSTON .....	160,384
Bourne .....	4,405
Boxborough .....	849
Boxford .....	2,194
Boylston .....	1,354
Braintree .....	15,169
Brewster .....	2,200
Bridgewater .....	4,829
Brimfield .....	793
BROCKTON .....	26,273
Brookfield .....	755
Brookline .....	22,590
Buckland .....	703
Burlington .....	8,422
CAMBRIDGE .....	31,814
Canton .....	7,785
Carlisle .....	1,521
Carver .....	1,687
Charlemont .....	357
Charlton .....	1,859
Chatham .....	3,226
Chelmsford .....	12,292
CHELSEA .....	9,596
Cheshire .....	1,183
Chester .....	307
Chesterfield .....	278
CHICOPEE .....	20,095
Chilmark .....	305
Clarksburg .....	617
Clinton .....	5,053
Cohasset .....	3,433
Colran .....	599
Concord .....	7,144
Conway .....	497
Cummington .....	296
Dalton .....	2,614
Danvers .....	10,137
Dartmouth .....	7,236
Deerham .....	11,499
Deerfield .....	1,667
Dennis .....	5,482
Dighton .....	1,680
Douglas .....	1,273
Dover .....	2,345
Dracut .....	8,409
Dudley .....	3,122
Dunstable .....	578
Duxbury .....	4,640
East Bridgewater .....	2,986
East Brookfield .....	706
East Longmeadow .....	4,749
Eastham .....	1,637
Easthampton .....	6,026
Easton .....	5,537
Edgartown .....	1,115
Egremont .....	442
Erving .....	518
Essex .....	1,241
EVERETT .....	16,184
Fairhaven .....	5,480
FALL RIVER .....	30,655
Falmouth .....	9,142
FITCHBURG .....	12,341
Florida .....	204
Foxborough .....	4,611
Frammingham .....	22,424
Franklin .....	5,817
Freetown .....	1,868
GARDNER .....	6,466
Gay Head .....	112
Georgetown .....	2,352
Gill .....	487
GLOUCESTER .....	9,500
Goshen .....	203
Gosnold .....	48
Grafton .....	4,079
Granby .....	1,685
Granville .....	436
Great Barrington .....	2,223
Greenfield .....	6,710
Groton .....	2,092
Groveland .....	2,116
Hadley .....	1,867
Halifax .....	1,960
Hamilton .....	2,967
Hampden .....	1,491
Hancock .....	205
Hanover .....	4,169
Hanson .....	2,504
Hardwick .....	797
Harvard .....	1,735
Harwich .....	3,941
Hatfield .....	1,286
HAVERHILL .....	16,801
Hawley .....	86
Heath .....	154
Hingham .....	8,912
Hinsdale .....	471
Holbrook .....	4,484
Holden .....	5,905
Holland .....	453
Holliston .....	4,783
HOLYOKE .....	14,534
Hopedale .....	1,740
Hopkinton .....	2,579
Hubbardston .....	644

## Total Number of People Who Voted

Cities and Towns	Cities and Towns		
Hudson .....	4,771	North Attleborough.....	5,862
Hull .....	3,671	North Brookfield.....	1,565
Huntington .....	522	North Reading.....	4,414
Ipswich .....	4,856	NORTHAMPTON .....	9,902
Kingston .....	2,534	Northborough .....	3,701
Lakeville.....	1,872	Northbridge .....	4,183
Lancaster .....	1,756	Northfield .....	942
Lanesborough.....	1,017	Norton .....	3,140
LAWRENCE .....	21,425	Norwell .....	3,597
Lee .....	1,921	Norwood .....	12,133
Leicester .....	3,337	Oak Bluffs.....	954
Lenox .....	2,219	Oakham .....	406
LEOMINSTER .....	10,869	Orange .....	1,866
Leverett .....	519	Orleans .....	2,607
Lexington .....	14,480	Otis.....	268
Leyden .....	178	Oxford .....	3,165
Lincoln .....	2,434	Palmer .....	4,134
Littleton .....	2,508	Paxton .....	1,554
Longmeadow.....	6,799	PEABODY .....	20,426
LOWELL .....	29,790	Pelham .....	447
Ludlow .....	6,448	Pembroke .....	4,121
Lunenburg .....	2,916	Pepperell .....	2,286
LYNN .....	28,433	Peru .....	191
Lynnfield.....	5,560	Petersham .....	475
MALDEN .....	20,521	Phillipston.....	315
Manchester .....	2,638	PITTSFIELD.....	19,067
Mansfield .....	3,753	Plainfield .....	134
Marblehead.....	10,708	Plainville .....	1,838
Marion .....	1,546	Plymouth .....	10,388
MARLBOROUGH .....	9,924	Plympton .....	653
Marshfield.....	7,209	Princeton .....	912
Mashpee .....	1,420	Provincetown .....	1,311
Mattapoisett.....	2,108	QUINCY .....	36,770
Maynard .....	3,501	Randolph .....	11,442
Medfield.....	4,102	Raynham .....	3,047
MEDFORD .....	24,288	Reading .....	9,889
Medway .....	3,137	Rehoboth .....	2,221
MELROSE .....	12,389	REVERE .....	17,986
Mendon .....	1,150	Richmond .....	644
Merrimac .....	1,537	Rochester .....	869
Methuen .....	14,810	Rockland .....	4,860
Middleborough.....	4,568	Rockport .....	3,045
Middlefield.....	109	Rowe .....	147
Middleton .....	1,524	Rowley .....	1,372
Milford .....	9,907	Royalston.....	303
Millbury .....	4,474	Russell .....	446
Millis .....	2,568	Rutland .....	1,489
Millville .....	608	SALEM .....	16,666
Milton .....	13,533	Salisbury .....	1,906
Monroe .....	65	Sandisfield.....	169
Monson .....	2,120	Sandwich .....	3,280
Montague .....	3,294	Saugus .....	10,057
Monterey .....	288	Savoy .....	152
Montgomery.....	244	Scituate .....	7,058
Mount Washington.....	49	Seekonk .....	3,470
Nahant .....	1,955	Sharon .....	6,001
Nantucket .....	1,839	Sheffield .....	943
Natick .....	11,330	Shelburne .....	691
Needham .....	14,161	Sherborn .....	1,873
New Ashford .....	69	Shirley .....	1,133
NEW BEDFORD .....	30,643	Shrewsbury .....	8,764
New Braintree .....	242	Shutesbury.....	324
New Marlborough.....	352	Somerset .....	7,598
New Salem .....	262	SOMERVILLE .....	25,395
Newbury .....	1,931	South Hadley.....	6,375
NEWBURYPORT .....	8,898	Southampton .....	1,350
NEWTON .....	37,291	Southborough.....	2,525
Norfolk .....	1,886	Southbridge .....	5,749
NORTH ADAMS .....	5,964	Southwick .....	1,995
North Andover.....	7,691	Spencer .....	3,708

## Total Number of People Who Voted

Cities and Towns	Cities and Towns		
SPRINGFIELD .....	38,962	Wellesley .....	12,436
Sterling .....	1,875	Welfleet .....	1,066
Stockbridge .....	1,057	Wendell .....	226
Stoneham .....	8,281	Wenham .....	1,684
Stoughton .....	8,875	West Boylston .....	2,631
Stow .....	1,850	West Bridgewater .....	2,535
Sturbridge .....	2,020	West Brookfield .....	1,003
Sudbury .....	5,969	West Newbury .....	1,163
Sunderland .....	739	West Springfield .....	9,440
Sutton .....	1,881	West Stockbridge .....	522
Swampscott .....	6,667	West Tisbury .....	453
Swansea .....	5,111	Westborough .....	5,152
TAUNTON .....	13,924	WESTFIELD .....	11,450
Templeton .....	1,812	Westford .....	5,166
Tewksbury .....	8,289	Westhampton .....	391
Tisbury .....	1,229	Westminster .....	1,970
Tolland .....	100	Weston .....	5,275
Topsfield .....	2,621	Westport .....	4,566
Townsend .....	1,838	Westwood .....	6,467
Truro .....	620	Weymouth .....	21,038
Tyngsborough .....	1,781	Whately .....	521
Tyringham .....	135	Whitman .....	4,552
Upton .....	1,587	Wilbraham .....	4,974
Uxbridge .....	2,976	Williamsburg .....	860
Wakefield .....	10,832	Williamstown .....	2,580
Wales .....	350	Wilmington .....	6,143
Walpole .....	7,335	Winchendon .....	1,803
WALTHAM .....	17,629	Winchester .....	9,143
Ware .....	3,281	Windsor .....	223
Wareham .....	4,868	Winthrop .....	8,670
Warren .....	1,242	WOBURN .....	13,754
Warwick .....	226	WORCESTER .....	53,833
Washington .....	193	Worthington .....	312
Watertown .....	14,717	Wrentham .....	2,177
Wayland .....	5,809	Yarmouth .....	8,226
Webster .....	5,007	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>2,044,076</b>













