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After looking at a number of sites we were not able to find a lot of demographic information that directly ties to Massachusetts question 4. We were able to find one article that is attached in a PDF, that show 81% of voters 18 to 39 support legalization. There is a breakdown by City/Town and another one by County (links/PDF).

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/elections/2016/MA/Question/4%20-%20Legalize%20Marijuana> State map by City/ Town

http://electionstats.state.ma.us/ballot_questions/view/2742/ Secretary of State by County

There is a lot of national polling that we can draw information from which indicate-

- On a national scale 61% of Americans think marijuana should be legal.
- Americans 65 and over are the most opposed to legalization.
- Americans under 35 show strong support for the legalization.
- 6 in 10 Americans 35 to 64 support the legalization.
- Party affiliation that support legalization Republicans 63%, Democrats 76% and Independents 72%
- Recently Male and Female support has become about equal on a national level.

While the above information relates to national data, it would appear to be representative of the results of Massachusetts ballot initiative.

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Summary of Question 4

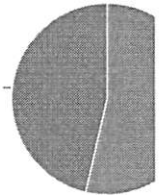
The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items. The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing. The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments. The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records. The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments. The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law. Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child. The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be

Question 4:

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?



1,528,219



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County	Yes	No	Blank Votes	Total Votes Cast
BARNSTABLE More »	65,151	70,174	2,587	137,912
BERKSHIRE More »	37,955	26,655	1,898	66,508
BRISTOL More »	135,053	113,555	8,078	256,686
DUKES More »	7,585	3,950	316	11,851
ESSEX More »	195,886	188,452	8,451	392,789
FRANKLIN More »	23,703	14,909	919	39,531
HAMPDEN More »	107,541	96,054	5,741	209,336
HAMPSHIRE More »	52,317	31,499	1,808	85,624
MIDDLESEX More »	431,211	358,686	18,733	808,630
NANTUCKET More »	4,084	2,320	179	6,583
NORFOLK More »	181,883	185,433	7,226	374,542
PLYMOUTH More »	135,939	134,279	5,288	275,506
SUFFOLK More »	185,887	118,276	13,044	317,207
WORCESTER More »	205,133	183,977	6,986	396,096
TOTALS	1,769,328	1,528,219	81,254	3,378,801



Massachusetts Ballot questions, 4 - Legalize Marijuana

All results in

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Yes

53.6% 1,745,945 votes

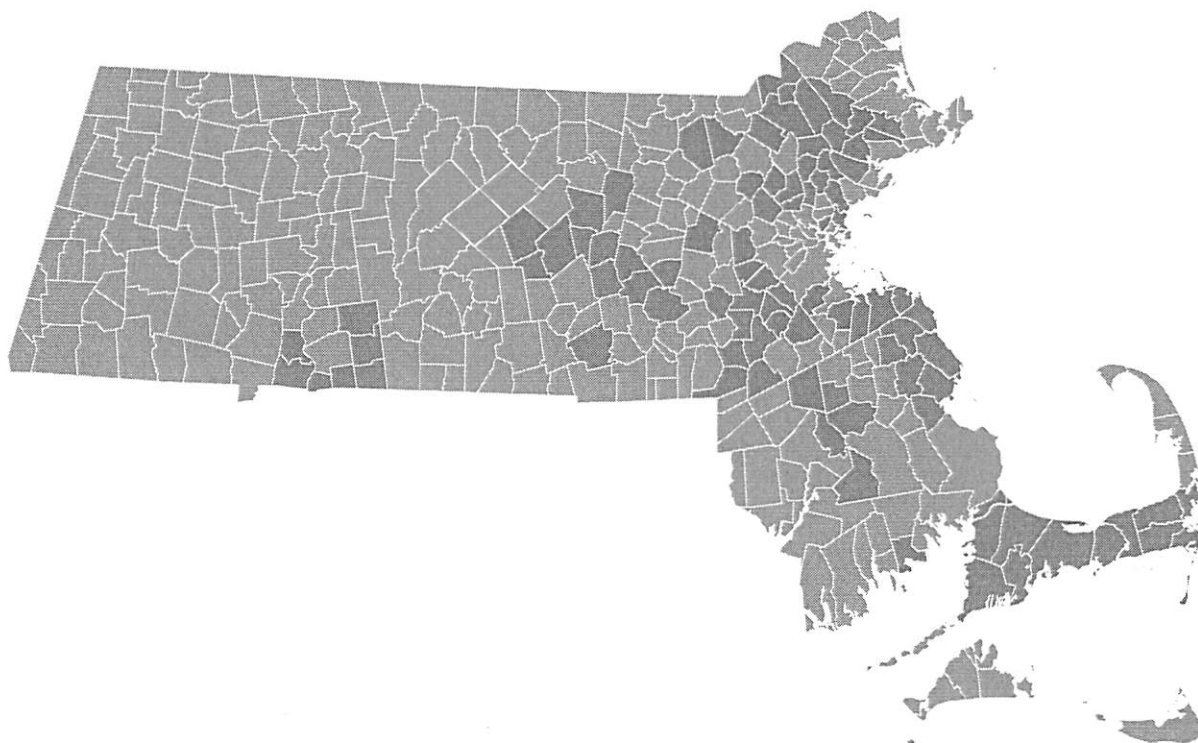
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Town results

Town	Yes	No
Precincts reporting	Votes	
Abington	52.7%	47.3%
5 of 5	4,590	4,127
Acton	51.9%	48.1%
6 of 6	6,552	6,072
Acushnet	51.1%	48.9%
3 of 3	2,768	2,648
Adams	57.2%	42.9%
5 of 5	2,286	1,714
Agawam	49.2%	50.8%

Town	Yes	No
Precincts reporting	Votes	
8 of 8	7,197	7,435

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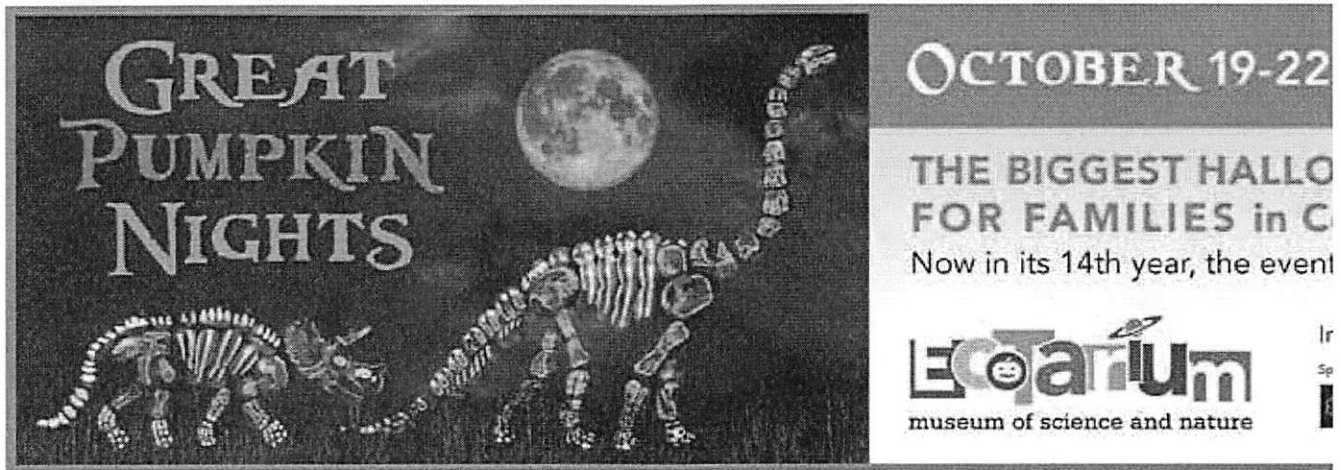
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WNEU poll: Majority of voters back marijuana legalization in Massachusetts

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By **Shira Schoenberg**

A majority of Massachusetts voters support legalizing recreational marijuana, according to a poll released Wednesday by the Western New England University Polling Institute.

The poll found that 52 percent of likely voters said they support legalizing recreational marijuana use for adults, while 42 percent were opposed. Among all registered voters, 55 percent support legalization and 39 percent were opposed.

The level of support, while high, is down six points from the last poll WNEU did, in April.

Tim Vercellotti, director of the Polling Institute and a professor of political science at Western New England University, said voters have strong opinions on marijuana, which appear less likely to change than opinions on some of the other statewide ballot questions, such as charter schools. "The marijuana numbers are not that far off from what we've seen in the past," Vercellotti said. "That's an issue that's been around for a long time, and it may take more to move those numbers."

Vercellotti said the demographic trends he is seeing on marijuana legalization are similar to the trends he saw when Massachusetts voted to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana and allow medical marijuana. Younger voters, Democrats and men are all more likely to vote for loosening marijuana restrictions. Among voters ages 18 to 39, the poll found that 81 percent support legalization.

The poll also looked at the other ballot questions.

It found the strongest support for a question that would ban farms in Massachusetts from confining hens, calves and pigs that are used for eggs and meat. It would also ban the sale of products from confined animals. Only one Massachusetts farm today sells eggs from caged hens, so the biggest impact would be on banning the sale of products from other states, which could result in higher food prices.

The poll found that 61 percent of likely voters support the proposed ban, which is being pushed by animal rights activists, and only 26 percent oppose it.

On a question about whether to allow a second slots parlor in Massachusetts, 48 percent of likely voters oppose the question, while 30 percent support it. Vercellotti said anecdotally, a lot of respondents had questions for pollsters about the second slots parlor, so there appears to be a lack of clarity about that ballot question.

The Western New England University poll of 467 registered voters and 403 likely voters was conducted Sept. 24 to Oct. 3 and has a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points.

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