



**The Boston Foundation, Preservation of Affordable Housing,
The Community Builders, Trinity Financial, Beacon Communities
& WinnCompanies Housing Survey**

Topline Results

Statewide Survey of 1,531 Massachusetts Residents

Field Dates: May 20 – 25, 2020

Would you favor or oppose increasing the amount of state funding for each of the following?

| ROTATE ORDER | Strongly Favor | Somewhat Favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know / Refused |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Building more affordable housing | 42% | 34% | 11% | 5% | 8% |
| K-12 public education | 50% | 32% | 7% | 4% | 6% |
| Public transportation | 36% | 38% | 12% | 6% | 8% |
| Helping renters avoid eviction | 34% | 34% | 15% | 5% | 11% |
| Helping homeowners avoid foreclosure | 35% | 37% | 13% | 5% | 10% |
| Unemployment benefits | 35% | 38% | 14% | 5% | 8% |

Do you think the threat posed to Massachusetts by coronavirus is getting more serious, less serious, or staying about the same?

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|------------------------|-----|
| More serious | 30% |
| Less serious | 26% |
| Staying about the same | 39% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 6% |

From everything you understand, how much longer do you think daily life in Massachusetts will be disrupted by coronavirus and the precautions being taken to prevent its spread?

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|----------------------|-----|
| Less than 2 weeks | 3% |
| 2 weeks to a month | 7% |
| 1 or 2 months | 13% |
| 2 to 4 months | 17% |
| 4 to 12 months | 26% |
| 12 to 18 months | 15% |
| More than 18 months | 11% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 7% |

Have you had symptoms associated with COVID 19?

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|----------------------|-----|
| Yes I have | 7% |
| No I have not | 87% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 6% |

Has anyone else in your immediate household had the symptoms associated with COVID-19?

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| Yes | 8% |
| No | 88% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 4% |

Have you received a swab test for COVID-19?

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| Yes I have | 11% |
| No I have not | 88% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 2% |

Have you received a blood test for coronavirus antibodies?

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| Yes I have | 4% |
| No I have not | 94% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 2% |

Did any of the tests you have received come back positive for COVID-19?

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| Yes | 3% |
| No | 9% |
| Not tested | 86% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 2% |

Has anyone in your immediate household tested positive for COVID-19?

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|----------------------|-----|
| Yes | 5% |
| No | 93% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 2% |

Which one of the following best describes your work situation?

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|------------------------|-----|
| Employed full time | 43% |
| Employed part time | 15% |
| Not currently employed | 39% |
| Don't know / Refused | 3% |

ASK THOSE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED

How long have you been employed at your current job? If you have more than one job, please answer for the job you have held the longest.

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|----------------------|-----|
| Less than 6 months | 9% |
| 6 to 11 months | 12% |
| 1 to 3 years | 20% |
| 4 to 6 years | 13% |
| More than 6 years | 45% |
| Don't know / Refused | 1% |

Are you a salaried employee or paid an hourly wage?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Salaried employee | 44% |
| Paid an hourly wage | 49% |
| Both (work multiple jobs) | 4% |
| Don't know / Refused | 4% |

Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you...?

| ROTATE ORDER | Yes | No | Don't know / Refused |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| Worked remotely | 60% | 39% | 1% |
| Lost some portion of your paycheck | 36% | 61% | 3% |

ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED

You mentioned you are not currently employed. Which of the following best describes your situation?

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Furloughed, or on temporary leave by my employer | 10% |
| Unemployed and looking for work | 15% |
| Unemployed and not looking for work | 11% |
| Stay-at-home parent or caregiver | 9% |
| Retired | 46% |
| Full-time student | 7% |
| Don't Know / Refused | 2% |

Employment Status – Total

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Employed full-time | 43% |
| Employed part-time | 15% |
| Furloughed | 4% |
| Not employed, looking for work | 6% |
| Not employed, not looking for work | 4% |
| Other | 24% |
| Prefer not to say | 4% |

ASK IF FURLOUGHED OR UNEMPLOYED

Have you applied for unemployment benefits since the coronavirus crisis began? / Have you received the unemployment benefits you applied for?

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, received benefits | 36% |
| Yes, did not receive benefits | 10% |
| Did not apply | 53% |
| Unsure | 2% |

ASK ALL

Since the coronavirus crisis began, have you...

| ROTATE ORDER | Yes | No | Don't know / Refused |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| Gotten food for yourself from a food bank or other food donation organization | 13% | 85% | 2% |
| Struggled to provide enough food for your family | 18% | 80% | 2% |

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

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| Own | 57% |
| Rent | 31% |
| Another arrangement | 9% |
| Unsure | 4% |

ASK IF RENTER

Do you live in an apartment where the rent you pay is based on your income?

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|-------------|-----|
| Yes I do | 33% |
| No I do not | 65% |
| Unsure | 3% |

The coronavirus crisis began in mid-March. Thinking back to April rent, did you pay all of it, some of it, or none of it?

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|------------|-----|
| All of it | 81% |
| Some of it | 14% |
| None of it | 3% |
| Unsure | 3% |

How about May rent, did you pay all of it, some of it, or none of it?

| | |
|------------|-----|
| All of it | 77% |
| Some of it | 16% |
| None of it | 4% |
| Unsure | 2% |

Looking ahead to June rent, do you anticipate you will be able to pay all of it, some of it, or none of it?

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|------------|-----|
| All of it | 73% |
| Some of it | 18% |
| None of it | 4% |
| Unsure | 6% |

ASK IF ANTICIPATE PAYING ALL OF JUNE RENT

How much longer do you anticipate being able to pay your rent if the current situation continues?

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1-2 months | 8% |
| 3-4 months | 14% |
| 5-6 months | 6% |
| More than 6 months | 55% |
| Unsure | 17% |

ASK ALL RENTERS

Have your rental terms been modified since the crisis began or are they the same as they were?

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| Have been modified | 15% |
| Same as they were | 79% |
| Unsure | 6% |

Have you discussed your rental terms with your landlord since the crisis began or not?

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| Yes I have | 28% |
| No I have not | 69% |
| Unsure | 2% |

How much have you heard or read about the eviction moratorium in place through the end of August?

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|----------------|-----|
| A great deal | 9% |
| A fair amount | 29% |
| Not very much | 31% |
| Nothing at all | 25% |
| Unsure | 6% |

ASK IF MISSED ANY RENTAL PAYMENTS

How likely is it you will be able to catch up on rent by the time the eviction moratorium ends in August?

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|-------------------|-----|
| Very likely | 21% |
| Somewhat likely | 58% |
| Somewhat unlikely | 13% |
| Very unlikely | 5% |
| Unsure | 2% |

Which of the following best describes the home you currently rent?

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| A detached, single family home | 17% |
| An apartment in a two or three family home | 40% |
| An apartment in a larger complex | 38% |
| Something else | 4% |
| Unsure | 3% |

ASK HOMEOWNERS

The coronavirus crisis began in mid-March. Thinking back to your April mortgage payment, did you pay all of it, some of it, or none of it?

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|------------------------|-----|
| All of it | 60% |
| Some of it | 6% |
| None of it | 2% |
| Do not have a mortgage | 31% |
| Unsure | 1% |

ASK IF HAVE A MORTGAGE

How about your May mortgage payment, did you pay all of it, some of it, or none of it?

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|----------------------|-----|
| All of it | 58% |
| Some of it | 6% |
| None of it | 3% |
| Do not have mortgage | 31% |
| Unsure | 1% |

Looking ahead to your June mortgage payment, do you anticipate you will be able to pay all of it, some of it, or none of it?

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| All of it | 58% |
| Some of it | 8% |
| None of it | 1% |
| Do not have mortgage | 31% |
| Unsure | 2% |

ASK IF RESPONDENT WAS UNABLE TO PAY MORTGAGE IN LAST FEW MONTHS

Has your bank worked with you to find an arrangement, or have they insisted on full payment on the original schedule?

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| Worked to find an arrangement | 53% |
| Insisted on full payment | 31% |
| Unsure | 16% |

ASK ALL HOMEOWNERS

At this point, have your mortgage terms been modified since the crisis began or are they the same as they were?

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Have been modified | 10% |
| Same as they were | 53% |
| Do not have a mortgage | 33% |
| Unsure | 3% |

ASK IF ANTICIPATE PAYING ALL OF JUNE MORTGAGE

How much longer do you anticipate being able to pay your mortgage if the current situation continues?

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1-2 months | 5% |
| 3-4 months | 8% |
| 5-6 months | 5% |
| More than 6 months | 71% |
| Unsure | 11% |

Which of the following best describes the home you currently own?

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| A detached, single family home | 80% |
| A condo unit in a two or three family home | 7% |
| A condo unit in a larger complex | 9% |
| Something else | 4% |
| Unsure | 1% |

Summary: Missed any rental or mortgage payment, among all residents

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Made all rent / mortgage payments | 51% |
| Missed any rent / mortgage payments | 16% |
| Do not have mortgage | 18% |
| Other arrangement / prefer not to say | 12% |
| Unsure on payments | 3% |

ASK ALL

How many people live in your home, including yourself?

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|----|-----|
| 1 | 21% |
| 2 | 36% |
| 3 | 17% |
| 4 | 15% |
| 5+ | 11% |

How many bedrooms are in your home?

| | |
|--------|-----|
| 1 | 14% |
| 2 | 23% |
| 3 | 38% |
| 4 | 23% |
| Unsure | 1% |

How much should state government do to help renters stay in their current homes if they want to?

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|---------------|-----|
| A great deal | 32% |
| A fair amount | 50% |
| Not very much | 13% |
| Not at all | 5% |

Here are some things the Massachusetts state government could do in response to the coronavirus crisis. Would you support or oppose each of the following?

| ROTATE ORDER | Strongly Support | Somewhat Support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know / Refused |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Government funding for programs to temporarily help renters pay their rent who have lost jobs and income due to the crisis | 46% | 38% | 7% | 3% | 6% |
| Extending the state moratorium on evictions through the end of 2020 | 44% | 31% | 10% | 5% | 9% |
| The state government requiring mortgage lenders to modify the terms of home loans for those who have lost jobs and income due to the crisis | 49% | 34% | 8% | 3% | 6% |
| State government providing more funds to construct new affordable housing | 36% | 35% | 14% | 6% | 9% |
| State government providing more funds to rehab and renovate existing affordable housing | 36% | 37% | 12% | 5% | 9% |

Below are some terms describing different types of housing. Please rate how you would feel about more of each kind being developed in your community.

| | Strongly Support | Somewhat Support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know / Refused |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| ROTATE ORDER | | | | | |
| Affordable housing | 44% | 33% | 10% | 7% | 7% |
| Housing for people in low-wage jobs | 38% | 36% | 12% | 6% | 8% |
| Mixed income housing | 29% | 40% | 13% | 6% | 12% |

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 18 to 29 | 22% |
| 30 to 44 | 24% |
| 45 to 59 | 27% |
| 60 or older | 27% |
| Prefer not to say | 1% |

Gender

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Male | 47% |
| Female | 51% |
| Other | <1% |
| Prefer not to say | 1% |

Race

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| White | 72% |
| Non-white | 24% |
| Prefer not to say | 4% |

Education

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| High school or less | 34% |
| Some college, no degree | 26% |
| College degree | 23% |
| Advanced degree | 17% |
| Prefer not to say | 1% |

Party

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Democrat | 34% |
| Republican | 14% |
| Independent / Other | 46% |
| Prefer not to say | 6% |

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 1,531 residents of Massachusetts. This survey was conducted via online survey interviewing May 20 - 25, 2020. The final data was weighted to known and estimated parameters by age, gender, race, education, party, and geography. The poll was sponsored by The Boston Foundation, The Community Builders, Preservation of Affordable Housing, Trinity Financial, & WinnCompanies.