



Fiscal Alliance Foundation
Governor Baker Tax Proposal Survey
1,000 Voters in House and Senate Leadership Districts – Weighted Results
January 30-31, 2019

A new report was released by the Tax Foundation that shows Massachusetts has the fifth highest state and local tax collections per capita in the country, only behind NY, NJ, ND, and CT. Do you think a Republican Governor should be proposing new and higher taxes or should he be holding the line on taxes and spending?

	Overall	Senate		House	
		1 st Essex / Middlesex	2 nd Middlesex / Norfolk	19 th Suffolk	20 th Middlesex
Propose new and higher taxes	10.59%	12.29%	12.89%	8.19%	8.89%
Hold the line on taxes and spending	70.77%	66.73%	65.90%	76.43%	74.16%
Undecided/Not sure	18.64%	20.98%	21.21%	15.38%	16.95%

Would you have a more favorable or less favorable opinion of your lawmaker if they supported a 50% tax increase to the real estate excise tax, which would drive up the cost of housing by \$1B over the next 10 years?

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Strongly more favorable	5.78%	3.33%	8.65%	4.17%	6.70%
Somewhat more favorable	3.21%	4.13%	3.35%	3.44 %	1.91%
Neither more nor less favorable	16.32%	18.24%	18.79%	13.17%	15.01%
Somewhat less favorable	14.57%	11.59%	14.60%	17.28%	14.58%
Strongly less favorable	60.11%	62.71%	54.61%	61.93%	59.35%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Party registration

Democrat	33.08%
Republican	10.24%
Independent / No Affiliation / Other	56.69%

Age Range

18-44	17.00%
45-64	44.00%
65+	39.00%

Gender

Male	50.25%
Female	49.75%

Results based on a survey of 1,000 voters in leadership districts (1st Essex and Middlesex senate; 2nd Middlesex and Norfolk senate; 19th Suffolk house; and 20th Middlesex house) fielded January 30-31, 2019. Results were weighted for demographics. Interviews were conducted by live operators via both landline and mobile telephone. The margin of error is +/- 3.3% overall (6.6% in each district) with a 95% confidence level. The poll was sponsored by the Fiscal Alliance Foundation and conducted by Advantage, Inc.