MassINC Polling Group

Statute of Limitations for Child Sexual Abuse / Amendment 110 Poll
Survey of 802 Massachusetts registered voters
Field Dates: September 14 - 19, 2026

Which of the following do you think is **most** important to a child's well-being? **ROTATE ORDER.**

Safety from sexual abuse	44%
Medical care	12%
Education	20%
Childcare	9%
Financial stability	9%
Unsure	6%

How common do you think child sexual abuse is in the state of Massachusetts?

Very common	21%
Somewhat common	38%
Not too common	24%
Not common at all	3%
Unsure	14%

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People who are sexually abused as children may need many years before they are ready to come forward about what happened to them.

Strongly agree	60%
Somewhat agree	31%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	2%
Unsure	3%

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Organizations such as schools, religious organizations, or youth programs that knowingly enabled sexual abuse to occur and failed to protect children from sexual abuse should be held accountable.

Strongly agree	76%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	2%
Strongly disagree	1%
Unsure	4%

Massachusetts law currently has a time limit in place for child sexual abuse survivors to file a civil lawsuit. A proposed Massachusetts law would eliminate the time limit for filing civil lawsuits related to child sexual abuse. This would allow survivors whose claims are currently barred because too much time has passed to file civil lawsuits. Would you support or oppose this change to Massachusetts law?

Strongly support	60%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	4%
Unsure	7%

If these proposed changes were before the Massachusetts Legislature, would you want your state legislator to vote for it or against it?

Vote for it	79%
Vote against it	8%
Unsure	13%

How much of a priority do you think these changes to childhood sexual abuse law should be?

High priority	67%
Medium priority	26%
Not a priority	3%
Unsure	4%

To the best of your knowledge, have you or someone you know ever been sexually abused as a child? You may select “Prefer not to say” if you do not want to answer.

Yes	36%
No	45%
Prefer not to say	11%
Unsure	8%

Demographics:

Gender:		
	Men	47%
	Women	53%
	Some other way	0%
	Prefer not to say	<1%
Age:		
	18-29	17%
	30-44	24%
	45-59	25%
	60+	35%
Race:		
	White	75%
	Black	8%
	Latino	9%
	AAPI	5%
	Other / multiple	3%
	Prefer not to say	<1%
Party ID with Leaners:		
	Democrat	53%
	Republican	31%
	Independent / other	13%
	Prefer not to say	2%
Education:		
	High School or less	31%
	Some college, no degree	25%
	College graduate (BA/BS)	26%
	Advanced degree	18%

About the poll

These results are based on a survey of 802 Massachusetts registered voters. Responses were collected via online survey interviewing September 14 - 19, 2026. Results were weighted by race, age, gender, education, political party, and county to reflect known and estimated population parameters for Massachusetts registered voters. The credibility interval for this survey is +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, inclusive of the design effect. This project was conducted by The MassINC Polling Group and commissioned by Herman Law.