



**The Boston Foundation City of Boston Poll**  
 Topline Results  
 Survey of 301 residents of the City of Boston  
 Field Dates: July 12 – 13, 2016

I'm going to read you the names of several people and groups and ask if you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable view of them. If you have never heard of the person or if you are undecided, please just say so. **READ FIRST NAME.** How about **READ NEXT NAME?**

**REPEAT QUESTION TEXT ONLY IF NECESSARY, PROBE IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DON'T KNOW".** Have you heard of **READ NAME** and are undecided about (him/her)? Or **PAUSE** have you never heard of (him/her)?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Heard of / Undecided	Never heard of	Refused
Mayor Marty Walsh	56%	18%	19%	6%	2%
The Boston Police	73%	8%	16%	1%	3%

Overall, how fairly would you say the Boston Police treat black and Hispanic residents—very fairly, fairly, unfairly, or very unfairly?

Very fairly	15%
Somewhat fairly	45%
Somewhat unfairly	17%
Very unfairly	5%
Don't Know / Refused	19%

Which statement do you agree with more? **READ AND ROTATE**

Tension between police and minority residents is not really a problem in Boston	38%
Boston has the same kinds of problems as other cities when it comes to the police and minority residents	48%
Don't Know / Refused	13%

In the last year, have you felt as though you were treated fairly or unfairly in your dealings with any Boston Police Officers you may have encountered? If you have not encountered any police officers in the last year, please just say so.

Treated fairly	32%
Treated unfairly	7%
Have not encountered any police	59%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

How serious of a problem do you think racism is in the city of Boston - very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

Very serious	21%
Somewhat serious	40%
Not too serious	24%
Not at all serious	10%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

Would you say race relations in Boston have gotten better or worse in the last ten years, or would you say they have stayed the same?

Gotten better	42%
Gotten worse	13%
Stayed the same	36%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Would you say Boston residents of different racial and ethnic backgrounds have equal access to **READ FIRST** or not? How about **READ NEXT**?

<i>Order rotated.</i>	Yes they do	Not they do not	Don't Know / Refused
Good quality schools	45%	47%	9%
Good housing choices	40%	47%	13%
Quality health care	60%	28%	12%
Good paying jobs	38%	50%	12%
Reliable public transportation	69%	25%	6%

How much do you think each of the following organizations could do to improve race relations in Boston? First, **READ FIRST**? How about **READ NEXT**? **REPEAT QUESTION STEM AND SCALE ONLY AS NEEDED.**

<i>Order rotated.</i>	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Nothing at all	Don't Know / Refused
Non-profits dedicated to improving the city	41%	33%	13%	3%	9%
Boston police leaders	52%	28%	10%	6%	5%
Mayor Marty Walsh	43%	25%	10%	10%	11%
Everyday residents of the city	54%	28%	10%	2%	6%
Local media outlets	45%	32%	9%	6%	7%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

### Age

18 to 29	32%
30 to 44	29%
45 to 59	21%
60+	18%

### Race

White / Caucasian	47%
African American / Black	22%
Hispanic	17%
Asian or Pacific Islander	8%
All other	3%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

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### About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 301 residents of The City of Boston. Interviews were conducted July 12-13, 2016 by live telephone interviews via both landline and cell phone. The results were weighted to match the demographic of the City of Boston using figures from the US Census Bureau. The margin of sampling error is +/- 5.7 percentage points with a 95 percent level of confidence. The poll was sponsored by The Boston Foundation.