

**Democrats for Education Reform  
Statewide Registered Voter Poll**

Survey of 600 voters in the 2020 or 2022 general election  
Field dates: March 23-27, 2023

To the best of your knowledge, is it legal or illegal for public school teachers in Massachusetts to go on strike? **ROTATE ORDER.**

Legal	33%
Illegal	45%
Don't know / refused	22%

Right now, it is illegal for public sector employees, including public school teachers, to go on strike in Massachusetts. Teachers' unions who do go on strike are subject to fines. There is proposed legislation that would make it legal for teachers to go on strike. Do you think that teacher strikes should become legal in Massachusetts, or should they remain illegal? **ROTATE ORDER.**

Legal	45%
Illegal	40%
Don't know / refused	15%

Which of the following statements do you agree with more? **ROTATE ORDER.**

Teachers should be able to go on strike, even if it means students miss time learning in school.	41%
Students should be in school and learning as much as possible, even if it means teachers cannot go on strike.	48%
Don't know / refused	11%

Governor Maura Healey has said that she does not support giving teachers the right to strike, saying that after years of remote learning during COVID it's "paramount that our kids be in school." Hearing this, do you think that teacher strikes should become legal in Massachusetts, or should they remain illegal? **ROTATE ORDER.**

Legal	42%
Illegal	48%
Don't know / refused	10%

Earlier this year teachers in Woburn went on a week-long strike, which cost the town \$270,000. The teachers union there agreed to pay most of these costs, along with fines for having gone on strike illegally. Do you think that teachers' unions that go on strike should reimburse their cities or towns for costs incurred during the strikes? **ROTATE ORDER.**

Yes	59%
No	29%
Don't know / refused	12%

## Demographics

### Gender:

Man	46%
Woman	54%
Non-binary	0%
Some other way:	0%
Don't know / refused	<1%

### Age:

18-29	14%
30-44	24%
45-59	24%
60+	38%

### Race:

White	83%
Black	4%
Latino	7%
Asian	4%
All other	2%
Don't know / refused	<1%

### Party Registration:

Democrat	31%
Republican	9%
Unenrolled / other	60%

### Education:

High School or less	23%
Some college, no degree	24%
College graduate (BA/BS)	29%
Advanced degree	23%
Don't know / refused	2%

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## About the poll

These results are based on a survey of 600 Massachusetts voters who voted in either the 2020 or 2022 general elections, or who registered to vote since December 1, 2020. The sample includes an oversample of 122 Boston voters. Responses were collected via online survey interviewing between March 23 and March 27, 2023, using conventional registration-based sampling procedures. The data were weighted to reflect known and estimated population parameters for voters statewide and in Boston. Groups were then combined and weighted to the population parameters by race, age and gender, education, geography, and party registration for voters statewide. The margin of error for the entire sample is +/- 4.8 percentage points for the entire sample, including the design effect. This project was sponsored by Democrats for Education Reform.