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## **Patrick with low approval**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Massachusetts could have a highly competitive three way race for Governor next year, as every candidate is currently polling in the 20s.

Incumbent Deval Patrick leads whether the Republican nominee is Charlie Baker or Christy Mihos, but the margins are small. In a contest with Baker, Patrick leads 29-27 with independent Tim Cahill picking up 21% of the vote. With Mihos as the Republican nominee Patrick gets 28% with Cahill actually in second at 25% and Mihos at 21%.

Patrick's approval rating is at just 22%, with 59% of voters in the state expressing disapproval of his job performance. It's no surprise that he gets approval from just 8% of Republicans but perhaps more troubling for his reelection prospects is the 12/71 spread with independents and the fact that there are more Democrats (40%) who disapprove than approve (36%) of how he's doing.

None of the other candidates are all that well known. Mihos is the most prominent of Patrick's trio of challengers but it's not a good thing with 35% of voters viewing him unfavorably to just 20% with a positive opinion. Cahill is next with 24% holding a favorable opinion of him to 22% unfavorable. Baker is pretty anonymous at this juncture with 17% seeing him positively and 13% negatively.

"Tim Cahill is Deval Patrick's best friend right now," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "His presence in the race is splitting the anti-Patrick vote. But it's really hard for an incumbent to get reelected with these kinds of numbers."

PPP will have a new Massachusetts Senate poll next weekend.

PPP surveyed 744 likely Massachusetts voters from January 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error is +/-3.6%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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## Massachusetts Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Deval Patrick's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve*..... 22% *Not Sure*..... 19%  
*Disapprove*..... 59%

**Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Charlie Baker? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 17%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 13%  
*Not Sure*..... 70%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Cahill? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable* ..... 24% *Not Sure*..... 54%  
*Unfavorable*..... 22%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of William Galvin? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*.....36% *Not Sure*.....46%  
*Unfavorable* .....18%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Christy Mihos? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 20%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 35%  
*Not Sure*..... 45%

**Q6** If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Deval Patrick, Republican Charlie Baker, and independent Tim Cahill who would you vote for? If Deval Patrick, press 1. If Charlie Baker, press 2. If Tim Cahill, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

*Patrick*..... 29%  
*Baker* ..... 27%  
*Cahill*..... 21%  
*Undecided*..... 23%

**Q7** If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat Deval Patrick, Republican Christy Mihos, and independent Tim Cahill who would you vote for? If Deval Patrick, press 1. If Christy Mihos, press 2. If Tim Cahill, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

*Patrick*..... 28%  
*Mihos*..... 21%  
*Cahill*..... 25%  
*Undecided*..... 26%

**Q8** If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat William Galvin, Republican Christy Mihos, and independent Tim Cahill who would you vote for? If William Galvin, press 1. If Christy Mihos, press 2. If Tim Cahill, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

*Galvin* ..... 26%  
*Mihos* ..... 20%  
*Cahill*..... 22%  
*Undecided*..... 31%





**Q9** If the candidates for Governor this fall were Democrat William Galvin, Republican Charlie Baker, and independent Tim Cahill who would you vote for? If William Galvin, press 1. If Charlie Baker, press 2. If Tim Cahill, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Galvin .....	26%
Baker .....	26%
Cahill.....	18%
Undecided.....	30%

**Q10** Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain.....	38%
Obama.....	54%
Someone Else/Don't Remember.....	7%

**Q11** If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal.....	26%
Moderate.....	47%
Conservative.....	27%

**Q12** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman .....	52%
Man.....	48%

**Q13** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat.....	44%
Republican.....	17%
Independent/Other.....	39%

**Q14** If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If Hispanic, press 3. If other, press 4.

White .....	83%
African American .....	9%
Hispanic.....	5%
Other.....	4%

**Q15** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29.....	11%
30 to 45.....	18%
46 to 65.....	48%
Older than 65.....	23%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Patrick Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	22%	4%	36%	12%
<b>Disapprove</b>	59%	85%	41%	61%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	11%	24%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Baker Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	21%	13%	17%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	13%	11%	16%	7%
<b>Not Sure</b>	70%	68%	71%	76%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Cahill Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	28%	22%	17%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	22%	23%	23%	11%
<b>Not Sure</b>	54%	49%	55%	72%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Galvin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	29%	43%	26%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	26%	12%	11%
<b>Not Sure</b>	46%	45%	44%	63%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Mihos Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	24%	17%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	34%	36%	26%
<b>Not Sure</b>	45%	42%	46%	56%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill</b>				
<b>Patrick</b>	29%	3%	50%	12%
<b>Baker</b>	27%	50%	10%	27%
<b>Cahill</b>	21%	28%	15%	28%
<b>Undecided</b>	23%	19%	25%	33%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Patrick/Mihos/Cahill</b>				
<b>Patrick</b>	28%	2%	50%	12%
<b>Mihos</b>	21%	37%	9%	19%
<b>Cahill</b>	25%	37%	15%	35%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	24%	27%	33%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Galvin/Mihos/Cahill</b>				
<b>Galvin</b>	26%	9%	41%	11%
<b>Mihos</b>	20%	35%	9%	20%
<b>Cahill</b>	22%	31%	14%	34%
<b>Undecided</b>	31%	25%	35%	35%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Galvin/Baker/Cahill</b>				
Galvin	26%	7%	42%	12%
Baker	26%	44%	11%	30%
Cahill	18%	24%	14%	16%
Undecided	30%	25%	33%	42%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Patrick Approval</b>				
Approve	22%	41%	19%	8%
Disapprove	59%	34%	64%	77%
Not Sure	19%	25%	17%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Baker Favorability</b>				
Favorable	17%	10%	20%	17%
Unfavorable	13%	19%	13%	8%
Not Sure	70%	71%	67%	75%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Cahill Favorability</b>				
Favorable	24%	22%	28%	20%
Unfavorable	22%	19%	25%	20%
Not Sure	54%	59%	47%	60%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Galvin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>36%</b>	43%	40%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>18%</b>	12%	18%	23%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>46%</b>	46%	42%	54%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Mihos Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>20%</b>	12%	23%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>35%</b>	38%	33%	35%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>45%</b>	50%	45%	41%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill</b>				
<b>Patrick</b>	<b>29%</b>	66%	19%	11%
<b>Baker</b>	<b>27%</b>	8%	25%	48%
<b>Cahill</b>	<b>21%</b>	13%	28%	16%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>23%</b>	13%	28%	24%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Patrick/Mihos/Cahill</b>				
<b>Patrick</b>	<b>28%</b>	64%	20%	7%
<b>Mihos</b>	<b>21%</b>	8%	18%	39%
<b>Cahill</b>	<b>25%</b>	14%	32%	23%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>26%</b>	15%	30%	30%





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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Galvin/Mihos/Cahill</b>				
Galvin	26%	45%	27%	7%
Mihos	20%	10%	15%	40%
Cahill	22%	12%	28%	22%
Undecided	31%	33%	30%	31%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Galvin/Baker/Cahill</b>				
Galvin	26%	45%	26%	6%
Baker	26%	10%	24%	45%
Cahill	18%	13%	22%	16%
Undecided	30%	32%	28%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Patrick Approval</b>			
Approve	22%	21%	23%
Disapprove	59%	54%	65%
Not Sure	19%	26%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Baker Favorability</b>			
Favorable	17%	15%	18%
Unfavorable	13%	11%	16%
Not Sure	70%	74%	66%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Cahill Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	22%	26%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	22%	19%	25%
<b>Not Sure</b>	54%	59%	49%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Galvin Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	33%	39%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	15%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	46%	51%	41%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Mihos Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	16%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	29%	40%
<b>Not Sure</b>	45%	55%	35%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill</b>			
<b>Patrick</b>	29%	30%	28%
<b>Baker</b>	27%	22%	31%
<b>Cahill</b>	21%	24%	18%
<b>Undecided</b>	23%	24%	22%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Patrick/Mihos/Cahill</b>			
<b>Patrick</b>	<b>28%</b>	28%	29%
<b>Mihos</b>	<b>21%</b>	15%	27%
<b>Cahill</b>	<b>25%</b>	26%	24%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>26%</b>	31%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Galvin/Mihos/Cahill</b>			
<b>Galvin</b>	<b>26%</b>	25%	28%
<b>Mihos</b>	<b>20%</b>	16%	24%
<b>Cahill</b>	<b>22%</b>	21%	23%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>31%</b>	37%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Galvin/Baker/Cahill</b>			
<b>Galvin</b>	<b>26%</b>	26%	26%
<b>Baker</b>	<b>26%</b>	22%	29%
<b>Cahill</b>	<b>18%</b>	17%	19%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>30%</b>	35%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Patrick Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>22%</b>	36%	8%	12%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>59%</b>	40%	80%	71%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	24%	12%	16%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Baker Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	14%	21%	17%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	13%	18%	10%	9%
<b>Not Sure</b>	70%	68%	69%	73%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Cahill Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	24%	20%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	22%	23%	24%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	54%	54%	56%	53%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Galvin Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	44%	23%	34%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	12%	30%	18%
<b>Not Sure</b>	46%	45%	47%	47%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Mihos Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	17%	19%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	36%	37%	31%
<b>Not Sure</b>	45%	46%	44%	45%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill</b>				
Patrick	29%	52%	4%	14%
Baker	27%	11%	58%	31%
Cahill	21%	17%	18%	27%
Undecided	23%	20%	20%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Patrick/Mihos/Cahill</b>				
Patrick	28%	51%	2%	15%
Mihos	21%	8%	43%	26%
Cahill	25%	18%	30%	30%
Undecided	26%	24%	25%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Galvin/Mihos/Cahill</b>				
Galvin	26%	43%	5%	18%
Mihos	20%	9%	43%	22%
Cahill	22%	14%	30%	28%
Undecided	31%	33%	22%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Galvin/Baker/Cahill</b>				
Galvin	26%	41%	6%	19%
Baker	26%	12%	57%	26%
Cahill	18%	15%	16%	22%
Undecided	30%	32%	21%	33%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Patrick Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	22%	18%	57%	33%	21%
<b>Disapprove</b>	59%	62%	29%	56%	59%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	20%	14%	11%	21%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Baker Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	16%	21%	11%	19%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	13%	14%	7%	11%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	70%	70%	71%	78%	59%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Cahill Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	26%	21%	11%	19%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	22%	22%	36%	-	19%
<b>Not Sure</b>	54%	52%	43%	89%	62%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Galvin Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	36%	43%	33%	41%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	17%	21%	11%	19%
<b>Not Sure</b>	46%	47%	36%	56%	41%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Mihos Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	20%	14%	22%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	36%	29%	33%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	45%	44%	57%	44%	44%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill</b>					
<b>Patrick</b>	29%	24%	71%	44%	25%
<b>Baker</b>	27%	30%	7%	11%	22%
<b>Cahill</b>	21%	23%	7%	11%	25%
<b>Undecided</b>	23%	23%	14%	33%	28%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Patrick/Mihos/Cahill</b>					
<b>Patrick</b>	28%	23%	71%	33%	31%
<b>Mihos</b>	21%	23%	7%	11%	17%
<b>Cahill</b>	25%	28%	7%	11%	19%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	26%	14%	44%	33%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Galvin/Mihos/Cahill</b>					
<b>Galvin</b>	26%	25%	36%	33%	24%
<b>Mihos</b>	20%	22%	14%	11%	12%
<b>Cahill</b>	22%	25%	14%	-	24%
<b>Undecided</b>	31%	28%	36%	56%	41%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
<b>Galvin/Baker/Cahill</b>					
<b>Galvin</b>	26%	25%	31%	38%	13%
<b>Baker</b>	26%	27%	8%	25%	34%
<b>Cahill</b>	18%	20%	15%	-	16%
<b>Undecided</b>	30%	28%	46%	38%	38%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Patrick Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	22%	31%	17%	20%	27%
<b>Disapprove</b>	59%	55%	66%	62%	50%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	14%	17%	19%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Baker Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	10%	17%	17%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	13%	23%	12%	12%	14%
<b>Not Sure</b>	70%	67%	71%	71%	69%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Cahill Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	24%	11%	32%	24%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	22%	38%	16%	21%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	54%	50%	51%	55%	55%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Galvin Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	28%	28%	36%	48%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	30%	21%	17%	11%
<b>Not Sure</b>	46%	41%	51%	47%	41%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Mihos Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	20%	15%	25%	22%	14%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	38%	35%	33%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	45%	46%	40%	45%	50%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Patrick/Baker/Cahill</b>					
<b>Patrick</b>	29%	34%	23%	30%	30%
<b>Baker</b>	27%	23%	27%	27%	27%
<b>Cahill</b>	21%	21%	29%	16%	24%
<b>Undecided</b>	23%	22%	20%	27%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Patrick/Mihos/Cahill</b>					
<b>Patrick</b>	28%	31%	25%	29%	30%
<b>Mihos</b>	21%	20%	19%	22%	21%
<b>Cahill</b>	25%	21%	33%	22%	26%
<b>Undecided</b>	26%	28%	23%	28%	23%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Galvin/Mihos/Cahill</b>					
<b>Galvin</b>	<b>26%</b>	27%	23%	26%	30%
<b>Mihos</b>	<b>20%</b>	21%	22%	20%	20%
<b>Cahill</b>	<b>22%</b>	20%	28%	20%	23%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>31%</b>	32%	26%	34%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Galvin/Baker/Cahill</b>					
<b>Galvin</b>	<b>26%</b>	29%	23%	25%	29%
<b>Baker</b>	<b>26%</b>	16%	33%	26%	23%
<b>Cahill</b>	<b>18%</b>	21%	24%	16%	15%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>30%</b>	33%	20%	33%	32%

