



**The MassINC Polling Group
 Massachusetts Nonprofit Network
 The Boston Foundation**

Topline Results

Survey of 523 nonprofit staff in Massachusetts
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Thank you for your interest in this survey! The Massachusetts Nonprofit Network (MNN), in partnership with The Boston Foundation and The MassINC Polling Group, is surveying Massachusetts non-profits about how the Trump administration in Washington will affect them and the communities they serve. Your responses on behalf of your organization will be kept confidential and not identified with you personally or your organization. Collectively, the responses will help MNN better represent the needs of nonprofits in Massachusetts in the coming years.

If you would prefer to take this survey in a language other than English (Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Haitian Creole, or Vietnamese), you can select a translation using the dropdown menu in the upper-right corner of this screen.

Thank you. Now we'd like to ask you about the Trump administration in Washington, D.C. In a few words, how do you think the work of your organization will be affected by the new administration?

Anticipated funding cuts	58%
Impact on populations served	31%
Policy conflicting with mission / values (DEI, etc)	16%
Closure, program cuts, layoffs, loss of capacity	12%
Fear / anxiety / low morale	11%
Uncertainty	10%
General negative impact	8%
Already lost funding	8%
Increased demand for services	7%
Loss of donations / fundraising	3%
No impact / no change	2%
Other	1%
Unsure	2%

Overall, do you think Massachusetts will be better off or worse off under the new administration, or will it be about the same as before?

Much better off	1%
A little better off	1%
About the same	2%
A little worse off	14%
Much worse off	77%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

Which three of the following do you think should be top priorities for Massachusetts over the next four years?
Please select up to three. RANDOMIZE ORDER

Housing	47%
Education	31%
Health care	30%
Civil rights	29%
Human services	27%
Immigration	20%
Racial justice	18%
Food and nutrition	16%
Workforce development	15%
Environmental quality	14%
Clean energy	9%
Community development	9%
Income support	9%
Transportation	7%
Public safety	3%
Some other issue :	10%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Overall, do you think the populations your organization serves will be better off or worse off under the Trump administration, or will they be about the same as before?

Much better off	<1%
A little better off	1%
About the same	5%
A little worse off	14%
Much worse off	78%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

IF WORSE OFF ASK FOLLOWING QUESTION.

In a few words, in what ways do you think the populations you serve will be worse off under the Trump administration?

Loss of funding / services	42%
Impacts on vulnerable populations	34%
Economic impacts	25%
Mental health impacts (fear / stress)	24%
Health impacts	22%
Education / youth impacts	18%
Food security / agriculture	17%
Housing / homelessness	16%
Discrimination (racial, LGBTQ+, DEI)	15%
Deportation / family separation	15%
Environmental impacts	7%
Safety	6%
Other	9%

ASK ALL

Do you anticipate an increased demand for your nonprofit’s programs or services under the Trump administration?

Yes	64%
No	7%
Don’t Know / Refused	29%

And do you think that the Trump administration will make it harder or easier for your organization to do its work, or will it not make much of a difference?

Much harder	65%
A little harder	26%
Not much of a difference	4%
A little easier	1%
Much easier	<1%
Don’t Know / Refused	4%

The next few questions are about your organization’s internal finances and operations. If your role in your organization does not touch on these issues and you are not sure about a question, please feel free to use the “Unsure” option provided for each question.

Does your organization receive any funding from the federal government?

Yes	58%
No	35%
Don’t Know / Refused	6%

IF YES TO FEDERAL FUNDS ASK FOLLOWING QUESTION.

Do you think that the amount of funding you receive from the federal government is likely to increase, decrease, or stay about the same under the Trump administration? **ROTATE ORDER OF INCREASE AND DECREASE.**

Increase	0%
Stay about the same	2%
Decrease	89%
Don’t Know / Refused	9%

IF DECREASE ASK FOLLOWING QUESTION.

What specific types of federal funding that your organization receives do you think might decrease under the Trump administration?

Health and Services (NIH, CDC, ACL, VA)	25%
Housing / Economic / Community Development (HUD, CDBG, CDFI, SBA)	22%
Education / workforce development (Depts of Ed, Labor)	17%
Food / agriculture (USDA / SNAP / WIC, etc)	16%
Climate / environment (EPA, NOAA, Dept of Energy)	14%
Arts / culture (NEA/NEH/IMLS etc)	11%
General grant funding	9%
Public safety (DOJ, Domestic Violence)	8%
AmeriCorps	5%
International (State Dept, USAID)	2%
Other	7%
Unsure	<1%

ASK ALL

Do you think your organization's financial condition a year from now will be better or worse than it is currently, or will it stay about the same?

Much better off	1%
A little better off	5%
About the same	18%
A little worse off	32%
Much worse off	27%
Don't Know / Refused	17%

How important are donations from individuals to your organization's budget?

Very important	63%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	7%
Not important at all	2%
We do not receive donations from individuals	3%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Has your organization done any contingency planning regarding the effect the Trump administration will have on your operations and the communities you serve?

Yes	40%
Not yet, but planning to	44%
No and not planning to	6%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Over the next four years, does your organization anticipate an increased need in any of the following areas?
Please select all that apply. Rotate order.

Fundraising	86%
Staffing levels	47%
Legal counsel	36%
Direct services	42%
Advocacy	60%
Marketing	30%
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) initiatives	37%
Physical security	19%
Something else:	4%
None of the above	1%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

The next few questions are about advocacy and lobbying. Does your organization do any of the following?
Select all that apply.

Engage in advocacy on issues we work on	55%
Have registered lobbyists on staff	11%
Hire a registered lobbyist to lobby on our behalf	9%
Participate in advocacy coalitions	50%
Belong to associations that engage in advocacy on behalf of their members	54%
None of the above	19%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

ASK FOLLOWING QUESTION IF NO LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.

You mentioned your organization does not work with a registered lobbyist. What are the reasons your organization does not do this? **Select all that apply. ROTATE ORDER**

Don't want to jeopardize our nonprofit 501c3 status	45%
Don't want to appear too political	20%
Don't have enough staff capacity	38%
Don't have enough financial resources	46%
Don't know how to engage in lobbying	15%
Some other reason:	18%
None of the above	6%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

ASK ALL

Does your organization have any contact or relationship with your state representative or state senator?

Yes	75%
No	16%
Don't Know / Refused	10%

Does your organization have any contact or relationship with your federal Representatives or Senators?

Yes	55%
No	30%
Don't Know / Refused	15%

The Massachusetts Nonprofit Network is a statewide organization dedicated to uniting and strengthening the entire nonprofit sector through advocacy, public awareness, and capacity-building.

Is your organization a member or affiliate of the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network (MNN)?

Member	33%
Affiliate	4%
Neither	28%
Don't Know / Refused	35%

Which of the following MNN resources related to policy and funding would your organization benefit from?
Select all that apply. RANDOMIZE ORDER

Webinars on policy issues	51%
Lobbying the government	31%
Newsletters about policy issues	47%
In-person forums	26%
Calls to action around specific policy changes or legislation	55%
Networking opportunities through MNN events	48%
Information about grants and other funding opportunities for nonprofits	78%
Instruction on how to engage in lobbying or advocacy	23%
Something else:	2%
None of the above	2%
Don't Know / Refused	9%

We're almost done! The last few questions are about your organization, to help us analyze your responses alongside others.

Which of the following best describes your role within your organization? **Select all that apply.**

Executive Director / President / CEO	51%
Senior leadership	28%
Manager	13%
Frontline work (work with clients, etc)	5%
Support staff	5%
Some other role:	7%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

Which of the following best describes the primary focus of your organization?

Animal welfare	1%
Arts & culture	11%
Community development	6%
Education	11%
Environment	7%
Grantmaking or philanthropy	<1%
Health	6%
Housing	5%
Human services	21%
Immigration	1%
International development	<1%
Legal services	2%
Professional or business association	1%
Religious organization	1%
Social justice and equity	6%
Something else:	19%
None of the above	<1%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

And which of the following populations, if any, does your organization serve? **Select all that apply.**

People of color	72%
LGBTQIA+ community	54%
Immigrants or undocumented populations	58%
Youth / teens	57%
Individuals with disabilities	50%
Low-income individuals	74%
Public transportation riders	30%
Seniors	43%
Currently or formerly incarcerated individuals	26%
Some other group:	17%
None of these / serve the general population	11%
Don't Know / Refused	<1%

Including yourself, how many people are currently employed (full or part time) by your organization?

1 employee	5%
2 to 5	19%
6 to 10	15%
11 to 25	23%
26 to 100	21%
101 to 250	7%
251 to 500	4%
More than 500	5%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

Which of the following describes your organization's annual budget?

Under \$250,000	13%
\$250,000 - \$749,999	16%
\$750,000 - \$2.4 million	26%
\$2.5 million - \$9.9 million	20%
\$10 million - \$24.9 million	7%
\$25 million - \$49.9 million	4%
\$50 million - \$99.9 million	3%
\$100 million - \$249.9 million	2%
\$250 million or more	1%
Don't Know / Refused	7%

Please estimate how long your organization would be able to maintain operations if you stopped receiving revenue.

Less than a month	2%
One to less than three months	10%
Three months to less than six months	23%
Six months to less than a year	25%
One year or longer	18%
Don't Know / Refused	21%

Which parts of Massachusetts does your organization serve? **Select all that apply.**

Statewide	29%
City of Boston	33%
Inner core cities near Boston	25%
South Shore	10%
North Shore	11%
MetroWest	13%
Merrimack Valley	7%
Central Massachusetts	8%
South Coast	4%
Cape Cod and the Islands	4%
Pioneer Valley	7%
The Berkshires	10%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Do you identify as any of the following? **Select all that apply.**

A woman	72%
Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC)	20%
LGBTQ+	16%
A veteran	1%
Having a health impairment or disability	13%
None of the above	13%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

And do at least 51% of any of the following in your organization identify as BIPOC?

Our senior leadership	26%
Our board of directors	25%
Our paid staff	35%
Our volunteers	13%
None of the above	41%
Don't Know / Refused	14%

About the Poll

These results are based on a survey of 523 staff members of nonprofits operating in Massachusetts. Survey links were distributed to nonprofits by The Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, The Boston Foundation, and other partner organizations. The survey and outreach language was translated into Chinese (simplified), Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Responses were collected between February 25 and March 24, 2025. The poll was sponsored by the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network and The Boston Foundation.